



SCOUTING IRELAND GROUP COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES)

ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND



This form should be completed and submitted to CCNI as part of your annual return.

Please read the note at the end before completing.

Should you need further help contact your support officer or Scout foundation Northern Ireland.

Please read the notes at the end when filling in this form. When complete the form should be signed and scanned then uploaded up on to the CCNI website when completing your annual report.

1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	7 <sup>th</sup> Antrim Whiteabbey Scout Group Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2024
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC106213
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	463 Shore Road, Whiteabbey, Newtownabbey, BT370AE
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<p><b>Current Trustees</b> Ciaran McAuley Michael O'Hara Kate Weir Cara McAleer</p> <p><b>Trustees who stepped down</b>  Francis Lennon</p>
6. A summary description of the purposes of the charity	
<p><i>The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the physical, intellectual, character, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society.</i></p>	

<p><b><i>The Charity's purposes are:</i></b>  <i>The advancement of education</i>  <i>The advancement of citizenship or community development</i></p>	
<p><b>*7. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</b></p> <p><i>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</i></p>	N/A
<p><b>*8. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</b>  <i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	N/A
<p><b>9. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.</b></p> <p>The group continued to work on a programme of adventure skills during the year including backwoods, hillwalking, first aid, pioneering and camping. In addition to group activities, the venture section took part in a number of activities at a County level.</p> <p>The group staged a visit to the Adventure Centre on the Isle of Man in August 2024. Other camps were held in Tipperary Wood, Newcastle and Crawfordsburn Scout Centre.</p> <p>Both volunteer and child membership increased in the year.</p>	
<p><b>10. How is the Group doing financially?</b></p> <p>Group income increased significantly in the year due to increasing membership numbers and managed to invest much of it back into group activities, producing a small deficit in the year. .</p> <p>The net deficit for the year is £876 leaving total reserves of £5,880.</p>	

11. How has the Group ensured members have not come to harm?

*All volunteers receive training in Safeguarding, Programme (youth work) skills and adventure skills. There is oversight of all activity by the Group Leader and the Group Council. Parents are regularly communicated with. All activities are carefully planned, and the appropriate equipment used. Safeguarding is a standing item on the Group Council agenda.*

*All volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding training every three years and renew their Access NI every three years.*

12. How has your Group ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work?

*Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills, but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.*

13. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNI's guidance on Public Benefit.

*We the Trustees of 7<sup>th</sup> Antrim, Whiteabbey Scout Group, Scouting Ireland can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.*

14. This report was approved by the Trustees (Group Council) on

Date: 26th November 2024

15. Signature of Trustees. (This should be signed by 2 Trustees approved by the Group Council)

Trustee 1: Kate Weir      Date 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Trustee 2: Ciaran McAuley      Date 26th November 2024