

45th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107358

Details

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| Status | Received |
| Registered | 2019-04-15 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register |

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: Promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

What the charity does: The advancement of education, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Cross-border/cross-community, Cultural, Disability, Education/training, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, Gender, Heritage/historical, Human rights/equality, Research/evaluation, Sport/recreation, Urban development, Volunteer development, Youth development

Who the charity helps: Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, Interface communities, Learning disabilities, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-04-08 | £8,911 | £8,495 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------|------|-----------|
| Amanda | | |
| Liz | | |
| Mrs Tracy Clifford | | |
| Scott | | |

45th Belfast Scout Group

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Accounts

45th Belfast Scout Group NIC107358 Income and Expenditure Account 01/04/24 - 31/03/25

| Income | unrestricted £ | restricted £ | totals £ |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| EA Grant general | | 2,427.76 | 2,427.76 |
| BCG Grant | 1,600.00 | | 1,600.00 |
| Attendance Dues | 1,983.60 | | 1,983.60 |
| Refund for Group camp | 2,900.00 | | 2,900.00 |
| totals | <u>6,483.60</u> | <u>2,427.76</u> | <u>8,911.36</u> |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Hall hire | 1,050.00 | | 1,050.00 |
| Insurance | 227.74 | | 227.74 |
| Membership Fees | 4,525.50 | | 4,525.50 |
| Camping equipment & food | 75.76 | | 75.76 |
| General Equipment | 447.91 | | 447.91 |
| Activities/Parties | 641.23 | | 641.23 |
| Badges/Uniforms | 1,052.65 | | 1,052.65 |
| Grant underspend | | 474.32 | 474.32 |
| Sundries | | | - |
| totals | <u>8,020.79</u> | <u>474.32</u> | <u>8,495.11</u> |

Annual surplus

Reconciliation

Bank balance 1/4/24

£8,909.54

Annual Surplus

£416.25

Balance 31/3/25

£9,325.79

statement of assets 31/03/24

| | unrestricted | restricted | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Bank acc Barclays | £ 9,325.79 | £ - | £9,325.79 |
| Liabilities | £ - | £ - | £ - |
| totals | £ 9,325.79 | £ - | £ 9,325.79 |

Chairperson

Scott Clifford

Treasurer

Liz Wallace

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|---|--|--|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------|--|------------------|
| Income | | | | unrestricted | restricted | totals | | |
| | | | | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Bank Interest | | | | - | | | | 0 |
| EA Grant general | | | | - | 2,400.00 | | | 2,400.00 |
| Donations | | | | 46.60 | | | | 46.60 |
| Attendance Dues | | | | 3,008.38 | | | | 3,008.38 |
| Transfer in from Grants accounts | | | | 5,330.03 | | | | 5,330.03 |
| totals | | | | 8,385.01 | 2,400.00 | | | 10,785.01 |
| Expenditure | | | | £ | £ | £ | | |
| Hall hire | | | | - | - | | | - |
| Bus hire | | | | | 410.00 | | | 410.00 |
| Insurance | | | | | 214.80 | | | 214.80 |
| Membership Fees | | | | - | | | | - |
| Camps | | | | 3,000.00 | | | | 3,000.00 |
| Camping equipment & food | | | | 152.36 | 1,095.41 | | | 1,247.77 |
| General Equipment | | | | 3.95 | 354.76 | | | 358.71 |
| Activities/Parties | | | | 352.35 | 325.03 | | | 677.38 |
| Badges/Uniforms | | | | 287.62 | | | | 287.62 |

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| Grant underspend | | | | | | 2,024.90 | | 2,024.90 |
| Sundries | | | | 281.79 | | | | 281.79 |
| Totals | | | | 4,078.07 | | 4,424.90 | | 8,502.97 |
| Annual surplus | | | | | | | | £ 2,282.04 |
| Reconciliation | | | | | | | | |
| Bank balance 1/4/23 | | | | £ 6,627.50 | | | | |
| Annual Surplus | | | | £ 2,282.04 | | | | |
| Balance 31/3/24 | | | | £ 8,909.54 | | | | |
| Statement of assets 31/03/24 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | unrestricted | | restricted | | Total | |
| Bank acc Barclays | | | £ 8,909.54 | | £ - | | £ 8,909.54 | |
| Liabilities | | | £ - | | £ - | | £ - | |
| totals | | | £ 8,909.54 | | £ - | | £ 8,909.54 | |
| Scott Hamilton Chairperson | | | | | Liz Wallace Treasurer | | | |

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Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

Policies and procedures adopted for:

- a) the induction and training of trustees;
- b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Group is managed by the Group Executive Committee, the members of which are the 'Charity Trustees' of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As charity trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities. This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 6 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parent's representation and meets every 3 months.

Members of the Executive Committee complete '*Essential Information for Executive Committee*' training within the first 5 months of joining the committee.

This Group Executive Committee exists to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Group property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Group finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Group public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Group Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk and Internal Control

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment. The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members. The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising. The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions, grants and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders. The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members. The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Risk and Internal Control

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include 2 signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered. An independant Examiner reviews the accounts.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. **Co-**

operation - We make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices- undertake new and challenging activities - make and live by their Promise.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Weekly meeting for groups

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Ran each section weekly. Enjoyed camping again, outdoor activities and for the younger groups, enjoyed days out at Christmas and end of scouting year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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| Section E | Financial Review |
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Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short. The Group Executive Committee considers that the group should hold a sum equivalent to £2000.

Quantify and explain any designations
Details of any funds materially in deficit
(circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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- the charity's principal sources of funds
(including any fundraising);

- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;

- investment policy and objectives;

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F

Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

| | |
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| Liz Wallace | |
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Full name(s)

| | |
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| Elizabeth A Wallace | |
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

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| Treasure | |
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Date

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45th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107358

Annual return

45th Belfast Scout Group Charity No 107358

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

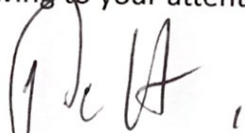
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Signed



Thomas Scott BA ACIS

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACIS

Address: 8 Dorchester Gardens

Newtownabbey

BT36 5JJ

Date: 2 July 2024

45th Belfast Scout Group

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Accounts

45th Belfast Scout Group NIC107358 Income and Expenditure Account 01/04/22 - 31/03/23

| Income | unrestricted £ | restricted £ | totals £ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bank Interest | 19.93 | | 19.93 |
| EA Grant general | | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 |
| BCC Intervention Grant | | 3,448.00 | 3,448.00 |
| Scout association Hardship grant | 274.56 | | 274.56 |
| Scout association Early year grant | 500.00 | | 500.00 |
| Scout association Uniform grant | 2,100.00 | | 2,100.00 |
| BCC Grant | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 |
| Donations | 54.44 | | 54.44 |
| Attendance Dues | 3,831.41 | | 3,831.41 |
| totals | 7,980.34 | 5,848.00 | 13,828.34 |

| Expenditure | £ | £ | £ |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Hall hire | | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Bus hire | | 320.00 | 320.00 |
| Insurance | | 177.20 | 177.20 |
| Membership Fees | 2,169.00 | | 2,169.00 |
| Camping equipment | | 1,039.55 | 1,039.55 |
| Camping food | | 295.40 | 295.40 |
| General Equipment | 147.90 | 389.02 | 536.92 |
| Activities | 71.60 | 561.87 | 633.47 |
| Sundries | 681.51 | 574.67 | 1,256.18 |
| totals | 3,070.01 | 3,857.71 | 6,927.72 |

Annual surplus £ 6,900.62

| Reconciliation | £ |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Bank balance 1/4/22 | £ 4,397.69 |
| Annual Surplus | £ 6,900.92 |
| Balance 31/3/23 | £ 11,298.61 |

statement of assets 31/03/23

| | unrestricted £ | restricted £ | Total £ |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Bank acc Barclays | £ 9,308.32 | £ 1,990.29 | £ 11,298.61 |
| Liabilities | -£ 1,200.00 | -£ 1,990.29 | -£ 3,190.29 |
| totals | £ 8,108.32 | £ - | £ 8,108.32 |

Note - liability to be paid back to EA and BCC from 23-24 Accounting period

Liz Wallace Chairperson

Tracy Clifford Treasurer

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Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

The Group's governing documents are those of the The Scout Association. They consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and The Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted

The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts.

(e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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The Group held reserves of approximately £2000 against this at year end. This is above the level required for operating expenses. However this can be explained by

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

| | |
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| Liz Wallace | |
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Full name(s)

| | |
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| Elizabeth A Wallace | |
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

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| Chair | |
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Date

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45th Belfast Scout Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107358

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of 45th Belfast Scout Group NI107358

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

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Name: Tom Scott

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACIS

Address: 8 Dorchester Gardens

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BT36 5JJ

Signed



Date: 13 November 2023