

Trustee Annual Report 2022/23

Name of Charity	109 th Belfast Scout Group (Lowe Memorial) Finaghy Lowe Memorial Presbyterian Church 191-193 Upper Lisburn Road Belfast BT10 0LL	
Charity Registration Number	107543	
Year Start Date	01.04.2022	
Year End Date	31.03.2023	
Charity Trustees	Alan Cameron Maureen Campbell Lorraine Acheson	Emma Forbes Alison Lozowsky Liz Lunn

Governance

The Group is constituted and governed in accordance with the policy, organisation and rules of the Scout Association, incorporated by the Royal Charter.

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.

Key activities/achievements to further our charitable purposes for the benefit of our beneficiaries

Section meetings took place weekly during term-time, following a structured programme of age-related games and activities, to engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

Annually, our sectional weekly programmes move from Lowe to Ardnally Scout Centre from Easter to June, following an outdoor programme, covering a range of age-related outdoor activities.

All sections attended a number of camps and outdoor events, from Activity Days/Competitions to weekend sleepovers and camps, with all attending a joint Group Camp during the summer at Crawfordburn Scout Activity Centre. In particular, the Scouts attended a Big Sleep Out, the Explorers a Survival camp, with both sections completing Expeditions.

We also attended celebratory events: Platinum Jubilee, Christmas, Hallowe'en.

All sections are now active, with the Squirrels (4-6), Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10), the Scouts (10-14), and the Explorer section (14-18). We have a total membership of over 100. Young people in all sections have been awarded top awards.

The Scout Group appreciates the support of Lowe Memorial Church in the use of their premises, and their unwavering support.

The leadership teams in each section appreciate the work of the Group Executive Committee, who support the work done by the group, both with their time and financially. Funds are allocated to enhance activities and events that encourage our young people to become more independent and self-reliant, developing teamwork and skills for life.

The 109th is also grateful to the EA for their Generic/Non-targeted Funding Grant, and the Fountainville Scout Development Trust; both of which enable us to provide such a variable programme.

The operation of the Scout Group depends on volunteers. Council records their thanks to leaders who give their time weekly to provide a quality Scouting programme for the benefit of our young people.

The trustees named above have had due regard to the Commission's Public Benefit Guidance.

Signed: Alan Cameron (Chair)

Date: 30th January 2024