

Trustee Annual Report 2023/24

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	01.04.2023	
Year End Date	31.03.2024	
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

Weekly section meetings during term-time, followed 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, the sectional weekly programmes move from Lowe to Ardnally Scout Centre from Easter to June, following an outdoor programme, and covering a range of age-related outdoor activities.

Sections attended a number of camps and outdoor events, from Activity Days/Competitions to weekend sleepovers and camps, with all attending a District Camp at Ardnally Scout Centre in June. In particular, the Scouts attended a back-to basics camp at Lisburn Woods and sent their Patrol Leaders on a training weekend, the Explorers had 'escape' adventures, and the Cubs held a Space themed Camp and participated in the County Flag competition, demonstrating their scouting skills. The Beavers had a 'discovery' themed Sleepover, and the Squirrels, alongside the Beavers and Cubs, attended outdoor Hallowe'en and Christmas events.

All sections are active: the Squirrels (4-6), Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-10), the Scouts (10-14), and the Explorer section (14-18). We continue to have a total membership of over 100 and young people in all sections have been awarded the top awards of Chief Scout Acorn, Chief Scout Bronze, Chief Scout Silver and Chief Scout Gold Awards.

The Scout Group greatly appreciates the encouragement provided by Lowe Memorial Church in their unwavering support and in the use of their premises.

The leadership teams in each section appreciate the work of the Group Trustee Board, 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 freely on a weekly basis 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: 23/1/2025