



## **1<sup>ST</sup> Killymurriss Scout Group**

### **Trustees Annual Report For the period 01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022**

#### **Registered Charity Number**

NIC 103679

#### **Charity's Principal Address**

175 Dunminning Road  
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#### **Charity Trustees**

Trustees for the period were as follows:

Angela Sims	Group Scout Leader
Rev R.J. Watt	Chairperson
Sharon Moore	Treasurer
Vicky Calderwood	Assistant Treasurer
Rebecca Kerr	Secretary

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

Decisions regarding the appointment of Trustees are made by the Committee of 1<sup>st</sup> Killymurriss Scout Group. The Committee consists of the Group Scout Leader, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

#### **Type of governing document**

The Group's governing documents are those of 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.

## **Purpose of the Organisation**

### ***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:

<i>Integrity</i>	We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal
<i>Respect</i>	We have self-respect and respect for others.
<i>Care</i>	We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
<i>Belief</i>	We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
<i>Co-operation</i>	We make a positive difference: we co-operate with others and make new 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.

## **Beneficiaries**

The beneficiaries of Killymurriss Scout Group are children and young people.

The Beavers and Cub Scouts meet on a Thursday evening and the Scouts and Explorers meet on a Friday evening in Killymurriss Presbyterian Church Hall. In 2022 there were 68 boys under the guidance of our leadership team, as follows:

Beavers	14
Cubs	18
Scouts	18
Explorers	18

We had a total of 10 leaders and helpers across the sections.

## **Activities carried out throughout the year**

### ***Beavers/Cubs/Scouts and Explorers***

All sections worked on different badges throughout the year with the Beavers enjoying a Nerf Gun party and a trip to the cinema. Cubs had some new challenges in the way of Ice skating, Stand up Paddle Boarding and swimming. Scouts/Explorers tried out some wall climbing, footgolf and swimming. During the summer break all sections had the opportunity to take part in a camp at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre where they took on lots of challenges across a range of badges.

### ***Benefits of Group Activities***

Throughout the year the activities which have been on offer to the members have allowed them to develop their existing skills, as well as gaining new skills.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The benefit which flows from our purpose is that the young people within 1<sup>st</sup> Killymurrisk Scout Group are empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. This in turn allows our members to make a positive impact by preparing them to be active citizens in our community and beyond.

## **Private Benefits**

The only private benefit that arises from the Group's activities is that the Adult Volunteers are provided with training, in order to carry out their roles. This is incidental, and it is necessary for them to be provided with this training in order for the programmes to be carried out effectively in each Section.

## **Harm flowing from Purposes**

There is no harm arising from the purposes of the Group. Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely.

## **Financial Performance**

### ***Income***

The main income of the Group comes from the fees paid by parents/guardians at the start of each new session. A large proportion of these fees are then paid to Scouts Headquarters for insurance and administration costs, as well as to help with the costs associated with the planning and hosting of events for members. The remainder of the

fees are then given to each Section to be used to pay for the activities which the members participate in each week.

We also received a Grant of £2,800 in 2022 from the local Education Authority, which we were able to use to subsidise the group camp and a group trip to see the Belfast Giants

### ***Expenditure***

The main expenditure for the Group is the fees which are paid to Scout Headquarters. In 2022 this came to a total of £1,917, summer camp £1,332 an afternoon prize giving event £280, Badges £700 The remaining part of the fees received were then given to Section leaders to be used to pay for the weekly activities carried in within the Group.

### ***Assets***

At the year-end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the balance in the current account was £8,723.02

Other assets held by the Group are various items of camping equipment which are used by the older members of the Group for outdoor activities. These have an estimated total value of £3,292.

### **Funds Materially in Deficit**

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 the Group had no funds in material deficit.

### **Support**

It must be noted that many of the leaders and trustees donated considerable time and energy to the Group throughout the year. Without the numerous hours they spent throughout the year planning and running their programmes the Group would not be as successful as it is. In many cases they also made purchases which they did not claim reimbursement for, despite them being legitimate expenses in the course of running their sections, for example printing and postage costs. The trustees wish to express their gratitude and appreciation for all that the leaders and helpers have done throughout the year.

We would like to extend our thanks to the parents who continue to support the Group by bringing their children each week.

Killymurriss Presbyterian Church has provided valuable support to the 1<sup>st</sup> Killymurriss Scout Group as they allow them to use the Church Hall each week at and as well as various events, at no cost to the Group. We are extremely grateful for all the support they have given us.

### **Major Risks**

One of the major risks that the Group faces continues to be the recruitment and retention of leaders, as we current have a waiting list. Despite repeated appeals for new leaders and helpers, we will have difficulty in the next 12 months with meeting the required number of leaders needed within the Group.. As always we will continue to appeal for new volunteers by contacting parents, Killymurriss congregation and the wider local community.

A further risk is the low income within the Group. The Group currently only receives £10 per child for each session. This comes from the yearly fees paid by parents/guardians and is used to pay for activities within the Section during the year. The Group received a Grant from the Education Authority

### **Statement of Compliance**

In setting and planning the activities that were carried out by the Group during the year, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities carried out in each Section have helped to achieve the Scout's purposes and have been of significant benefit to our members.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of 1<sup>st</sup> Killymurriss Scout Group on

Rev. R.J. Watt  
Chairman

Mrs Sharon Moore  
Treasurer