

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

1st Cloughfern Scout Group

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

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HQ registration number

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Charity's principal address

19 Abbeyhill Road							
Newtownabbey							
Co. Antrim							
Postcode	B	T	3	7	0	Y	E

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Linda Cherry	BSL	
2	Jane Mackey	ACSL	
3	David Garland	ACSL	
4	Corrina Cully	ABSL	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B**Structure, governance and management**

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(e.g. trust deed, constitution)

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.

How the charity is constituted
(e.g. trust, association, company)

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

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

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

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 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility).

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.

Section B**Structure, governance and management (continued)****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.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>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 co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>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.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	All three sections participated in a balanced programme throughout the year and took part in District, County and NI events.
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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Beavers - From April 2022 until we finished end May 2022 we held most meetings outside and carried out a nature walk and a scavenger hunt and learnt about The Green Cross Code. We did not hold a Sleepover this year but instead a Fun Day was held jointly with the Cubs when a variety of activities linked to badgework were carried out and we finished the event with a BBQ and a Campfire with sketches and songs. 6 Chief Scout Bronze awards were presented at the end of May 2022.

We resumed in September 2022 with 19 members and ran a full programme including visits from The Recycling Officer from Antrim and Newtownabbey Council and Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory. We completed 5 Activity badges and also finished 4 Challenge awards. We visited our local library in October for Halloween crafts and stories and also attended the pantomime in December. We also visited the Mayor of Antrim and Newtownabbey and received a tour of the Civic building.

Cubs - This year the Cubs have participated in a number of exciting activities. Making use of the good weather we honed out Backwoods cooking skills and made smores, built and flew our own kites, enjoyed evening walks in the local area before ending the year with a highly enjoyable Cowboy Fun Day with the Beavers. Activities included pioneering, orienteering, emergency aid, dance, a campfire and some games.

The next Scouting year kicked off with a few Cubs taking part in a tree planting initiative on the Cavehill on a wet Saturday afternoon. Personal challenge badges, the making and use of playdough to craft our solar system followed. Then a visit to the group from the recycling officer of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

Several Cubs then took part in a district night hike at Woodburn Dam. We had our annual Halloween party before breaking up for half term and reconvened for Remembrance Sunday.

The year was seen out with a visit from Aunt Sandra's sweet shop, a noisy drum circle and a district 10 pin bowling competition where the Cubs retained the trophy.

Scouts - This year the Scouts took part in a varied programme including numerous camps. We had two camps in Newcastle, both of these developed backwoods cooking, survival and pioneering skills. Numerous badges were obtained and many were working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award. They also participated in District and Northern Ireland events. Our Scouts made it to the final of the NI dodgeball competition.

Section E Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on **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 review funds on a regular basis to ensure the Group can continue to operate and meet its objectives.

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:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives

Investment Policy
 The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies.


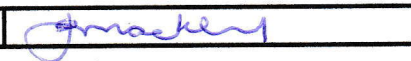
Section F Other Optional Information

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

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)  

Full name(s) Linda Cherry (BSL) Jane Mackey ACSL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair) Trustee Trustee

Date 18/10/23