

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.

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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	<p>Beavers - We held our annual Sleepover at the end April 2023 at Lorne Guide Centre and completed a number of outdoor activities which counted towards the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge Awards. Before we finished at end of May we were able to award 4 Chief Scout's Bronze Awards. Resuming in September 2023 we held a nature walk for the Explore badge and also completed the Teamwork Challenge and Health and Fitness badge. In October we held a Halloween party with the Cubs and in November we had a visit from Kidz farm and completed the Faith badge and Experiment badge. December saw our Christmas party and our usual visit to the Panto. In January the PSNI helped us with the Safety badge, we learned about Chinese New Year and worked on more Challenge Awards before the Easter break.</p> <p>Cubs - The Cub scouts over the year 2023 to 2024 have carried out work on a number of badges, we also had a night hike at Hazelbank and a sleep over which followed a trip to Belfast Zoo. The Cubs all have had a great time and worked hard on badges as well as having lots of fun.</p> <p>Scouts - This year, our Scout Group delivered a diverse and engaging programme that supported young people in achieving various badges across The Scout Association's activity and challenge framework, including skills-based, outdoor, and community-focused awards. Highlights of the year included participating in exciting camps held in Newcastle, Bangor, and Belfast, where young people developed teamwork, resilience, and independence. These experiences provided opportunities for personal growth, new friendships, and the chance to live out the core Scouting values of adventure, inclusivity, and community engagement.</p>

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.

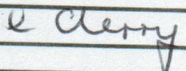
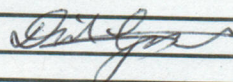
Section F Other Optional Information

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)	David Garland
Position (eg Secretary, Chair)	Trustee	Trustee
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