



20th West Belfast Scout Group NIC 103855

Trustees Annual Report 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Trustees

Mr Jim Neill, Mrs Carole Scott, Mr W Sholdis, Mr Tom Scott OBE, Mrs Isobel Malcolmson

Charity Purpose

The principal function is to help young people to become empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

Main Activities

The Scout Group fulfils its charitable functions and public benefit through a range of activities. Primarily the various sections of the Group follow the Scout Association programme of training and instruction enabling young people to achieve various awards and badges which are structured to deliver the purpose outlined above.

The 23/24 year was a year in which the Group focused on stability following recovery from COVID pandemic restrictions.. Scouting activity returned to normal and a full programme of activities was possible including a range of outdoor activities and learning..New volunteers were attracted to the Group and several Explorer Scouts undertook training as young leaders..

Public Benefit requirement

There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit.

The Trustees are made aware of their and the charities obligations to meet the objectives of the charity and scrutinize the work of all those concerned with the day to day management and leadership of the various sections. Training is carried out through the parent organization, the Scout Association, and has focused this year on child protection and recognizing physical and mental challenges for young people. As with the young people training has been online during restrictions.

Financial Position

The Group had an income sufficient to meet outgoings during the year after taking account of maintenance work drawn from earmarked reserves. The financial position remained stable thanks to funding from the Education Authority Youth Service and through assistance from the UK Scout Association. The Trustees are content that there are no concerns as to the viability of the Group. The Scout Hall in which the Group meets is owned by the Group but is in the trusteeship of the Scout Association Trust Corporation.

Tom Scott Chairman