

7th Ballymena (ALL SAINTS) SCOUT GROUP
CHARITY REG NUMBER: NIC103861
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2022 - 31st MARCH 2023

- Our organisation is based at:

All Saints Parish Centre, Cushendall Road, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, BT43 6HA

- Our current charity trustees are:

1. Marcus Cooper (Treasurer)
2. Mari O'Hagan (Secretary)
3. James McAuley (Chairman)

- Our governing document is:

The Royal Charter of the Scout Association 4th January 1912, as amended by supplemental charters dated 28/03/1949, 18/02/1959, 05/05/1967 and 19/07/1991

- Purposes of our charity:

Promoting the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities

- Public and Private Benefit of our charity:

THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE CHARITY COMMISSION'S PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT STATUTORY GUIDANCE

1. The benefit which flows from our purpose is that young people are empowered to make a positive contribution to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

2. This benefit is demonstrated through Scouting making a positive impact in our communities; preparing young people to be active citizens; embracing and contributing to social change; being as diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community.

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

4. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people.

5. The only private benefit from this purpose is that Adult Volunteers are trained to deliver the programme, but this is incidental and necessary because it is needed to operate in today's society, when working with young people.

- Main activities to further purposes for public benefit:

Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

- Main achievements in the year: (Leader's Report)

Group Scout Leader's Report

See full report below

- Review of our charity's financial position as at March 31st 2023:

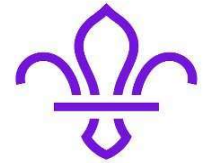
Our funds are in a healthy state and we do not have any debts or funds in material deficit.

We do not currently have a reserves policy but collect subscriptions on a regular basis in order to satisfy contingencies and anticipated regular expenses.

Eugene Neeson - Group Scout Leader

Marcus Cooper - Treasurer

DATE: 24/05/2023



BEAVER COLONY REPORT

A very active year

- At maximum numbers (18) 1 beaver moved to cubs
- District Easter Hike
- Visit to Fire Station
- District Colour Run
- Waterfowl Park
- Pantomime with entire Scout Group
- On target for original 11 beavers to earn Chief Bronze Award before moving to Cubs
- Plans for first outdoor Beaver camp in June and another first is canoeing for our Beavers also in June



CUB PACK REPORT

A very active year

- At maximum numbers (24) the full year, 8 Cubs moved to Scouts
- Participation in all District events – Colour Run, Quiz, District Hike, Football, Archery, Unihockey, Orienteering, District Flag (Scout Skills Competition)
- We won the District Quiz!!! 😊😊😊
- Day trips by train (Cubs favourite transport!) to Ulster Museum and to Derry City
- Cloughmills Community Garden – A fun day out for the all about apples!
- BIG Catch-up on badges, still making up for lost Covid time
- Priority to get everyone the Chief Scout's Silver Award whilst moving to Scouts
- We weren't able to do a Cub Camp 😞 - Fixed this weekend 😊
- Pantomime with the entire Scout Group



SCOUT TROOP REPORT

New section leader, record numbers of young people

- Pioneering - knots and lashings
- Static canoe camp
- Outdoor cooking
- Hiking and orienteering
- Train trip to Ulster Museum
- Mourne weekend trip
- Crebilly environmental project
- Surf night Portstewart
- Canoe expedition - Newferry - Portglenone-Portna- Movanager
- Slemish hike



EXPLORER SCOUT REPORT

Massive Growth!

- 18 Explorer Scouts – largest ever, one of the biggest in the District
- Running a distinct separate section from the Scout section
- Summer Camp – Red Rose Jamboree was a fantastic success
- Laudato Si' project – Kenbaan & Crebilly
- For first time ever, offered the President's Award / Duke of Edinburgh Programme
- Five Explorer Scouts achieved their Bronze DofE 😊 & Chief Scout's Platinum Award 😊
- Ballyhornan weekend – Explorers got a snow hike
- Fermanagh Weekend – Cuilcagh Mountain/Stairway to Heaven & Marble Arch Caves
- Great fun meeting French Scouts at Shane's Castle



GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

Another year of steady growth (April 2022 –March 2023)

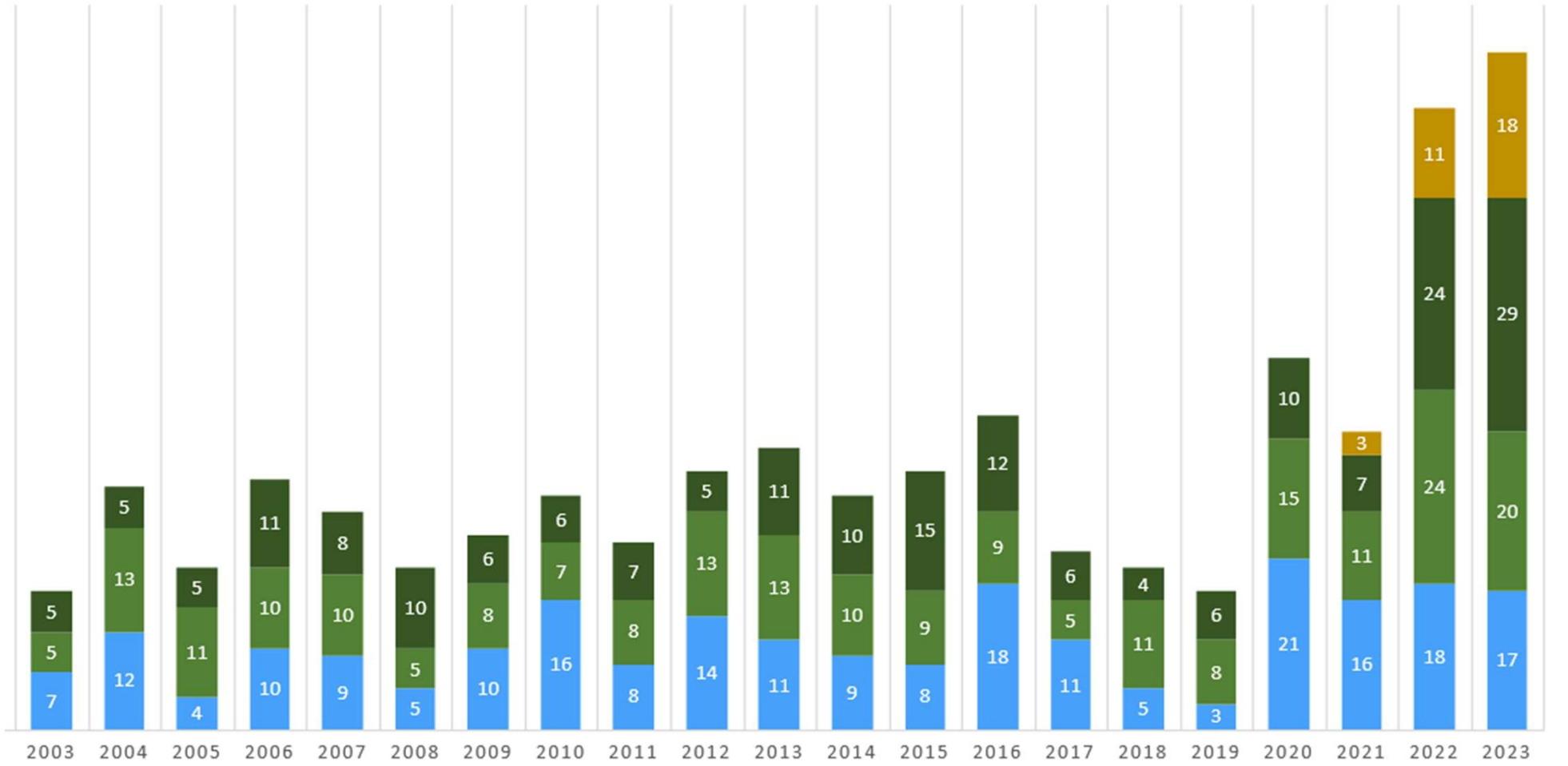
- Very high retention rate, hardly anyone leaving
- EIGHT(!!!) Leaders in Scout section, Two in Explorer Scout Section
- Beaver Section able to expand to 18 children
- Continued success with grant applications
- Despite limited Fundraising, Finances in a healthy state
- Continued support from Parish & Parish Centre
- Continued Support from Slemish District

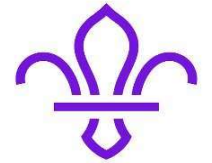
Points for improvement

- 11 Children 6yo+ on the waiting list to join, 7 under 6's "booking" their place
- Demands put on some leaders are still excessive - Several leaders still double/triple jobbing
- Focus on ensuring young people get the badges they've earned

7TH BALLYMENA ALL SAINTS HISTORIC CENSUS

Beavers Cubs Scouts Explorers





GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

Group Scout Leader

Eugene Neeson

Beaver Section Leader

Tina Green

Cub Section Leader

Eugene Neeson

Scout Section Leader

Frances Gribben

Explorer Section Leader

Eugene Neeson

Assistant Leaders

Lauren Taylor
Dana Smolenska
Aedan Loughran
Cormac Butler

Assistant Leaders

Rita Shannon
Oliwia Mlynska
Aleksandra Baczowska
Martin McNeill
Sylvia Clail
Teanna Boyd
Ryan Goodier

Assistant Leaders

Rita Shannon
Martin McNeill
Paul Westwood
Liam Shannon
Cormac Butler
Aedan Loughran
Bartek Delas

Assistant Leaders

Marcus Cooper

Parent Helpers

Stephanie Vajda
Marie Heaney



RUNNING THE GROUP - OCCASIONAL HELPERS

We are not a youth club – everything we do is voluntary

19 Occasional Helpers registered on Compass

- Can help with any activities, or just be in the hall to achieve adult/yp ratios
- Registered on Compass, mandatory AccessNI check
- Online training Modules – Safety & Safeguarding
- WhatsApp Group for our pool of helpers

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- Starting a Squirrel section?
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GROUP SCOUT LEADER REPORT

My Wish List

- Find a person with management, organisational & communication skills to take over as Group Scout Leader
- Find a Leader for our Explorer Scouts (14+) to help deliver a programme appropriate to this age group
- Recruit assistant leaders for all sections so leaders don't have to double job
- Recruit more young leaders (Duke of Ed / President's Award)
- Add more parents to the list of Occasional helpers
- Be able to offer scouting to every young person who wants to join All Saints Scout Group

REMEMBER – All leaders are volunteers, giving up their time freely

THANKS TO ALL PARENTS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT