

Year end 2022-2023

1st Rathfriland Scout Group have had another successful year. We have been happily building on the foundation we built last year when we focus on our scout values and promise and invested time in getting to know one another as we do year on year.

We've seen another increase in numbers across all sections, however we struggle to recruit new leaders.

We had some great campfire sessions and plenty of marshmallows have been consumed. We have also learned that it is much easier to master using a compass when the compass is work and almost impossible when half of them are slightly dodgy.

As a group we explored cultural heritage with our first burns night celebration complete with a local piper highland dancing and a feast of haggis neeps and tatties.

We held our first Scout Camp in August 2022 at Crawfordsburn Scout Centre with 4 young people attended as we joined 1st Poyntzpass Scout Group to enable 2x leaders to obtain their Nights Away Permits. Activities included crate climbing, canoeing, zip lining, caving activities, campfire songs.

Scouts hiked up Slievenaslatt in February 2023 and planted trees in March 2023.

Section	Number of young people	Increase/ decrease
Squirrels	5	150%
Beavers	11	10%
Cubs	18	63%
Scouts	15	200%

Squirrel Badges Awarded

Badge	Quantity
All About Adventure	2
All Together	5
Be Active	2
Brilliant Builder	5
Exciting Experiments	2
Feel Good	2
Let it Grow	2
Story Time	4
Air Activities Level 1	2
Musician Level 1	2
Swimmer Level 1	1

Beavers Badges Awarded

Badge	Quantity
Chief Scout Bronze	1
Adventure Challenge	1
Outdoors Challenge	1
Personal Challenge	1
Skills Challenge	1

Teamwork Challenge	1
World Challenge	1
Animal Friend	11
Builder	5
Communicator	7
Creative	1
Disability Awareness	10
Experiment	10
Explore	1
Global Issues	11
Air Activities Level 1	9
Musician Level 1	9
Swimmer Level 1	1
Joining In Level 1	1
Joining In Level 3	1

Cubs Badges Awarded

Badge	Quantity
Chief Scout Silver	1
Adventure Challenge	1
Outdoors Challenge	1
Personal Challenge	1
Team Lead Challenge	14
Teamwork Challenge	14
World Challenge	1
Book Reader	1
Collector	4
Disability Awareness	7
Entertainer	7
Equestrian	2
Local Knowledge	8
Martial Arts	2
Pioneer	1
Musician Level 1	6
Navigator Level 1	8
Joining In Level 1	1
Joining In Level 2	1
Joining In Level 3	1

Scouts Badges Awarded

Badge	Quantity
Entertainer	4
Local Knowledge	4
Martial Arts	1
Hikes Level 1	5
Musician Level 1	4
Navigator Level 1	4

Nautical Skills Level 1	3
Nights Away Level 1	1
Nights Away Level 2	1
Swimmer Level 1	1
Joining In Level 4	1