

1st Dromore Scout Group

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – NIC 103922

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for year-end 31st March 2023

Charity's Principal Address:

Scout Hall

Mossvale Road

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TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at 31st March 2023:

Robbie Masters	Chairperson
Joanne Graham	Treasurer
John Bradshaw	Group Scout Leader
Glenda Galloway	Beaver Scout Leader
Paul Graham	Assistant Cub Scout Leader
Angus McComb	Scout Leader
Rhonda Beck	Assistant Beaver Scout Leader
Jonathan Crawford	Assistant Scout Leader

The Trustees have studied the N.I Charity Commission's statutory guidance on the Public benefit requirement and consider that they have complied with it in full.

Independent Examiner appointed – Mr Jeff Glass, 115 Dromara Road, Dromore.

Structure and Management

1st Dromore Scout Group is an organisation for youth in the wider Dromore area consisting of Squirrel Scouts, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Adult Leaders. They are a feeder group for Crozier Unit District Explorer Scouts.

1st Dromore Squirrels meet on a Wednesday, Beavers meet on a Tuesday evening and the Cubs meet on a Monday with Scouts meeting on a Thursday evening between the months September and June. With some activities over the Summer months.

The Group's governing documents are those of 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. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Organisation. 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 three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader, individual section leaders and parent's representatives and meets at least twice a year.

Members of the Executive Committee complete 'Essential Information for Executive Committee' training within five months of joining the committee. 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.

Risks and Internal Control

The Group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss, these include two signatories for all payments and a comprehensive insurance policy to ensure that risks are covered. Also, an independent Examiner checks accounts.

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document:

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.

The Values of Scouting

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

1. **Integrity** – We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
2. **Respect** - We have self-respect, and respect for others.
3. **Care** - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
4. **Belief** – We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
5. **Co-operation** – We make a positive difference, we co-operate with others and make friends.

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.

Scout Group Main Activities

During the year 1st Dromore Scout Group enjoyed a varied programme of events – investing new members to all sections and making or renewing promises, we had evenings of different sports/games, cooking/baking, compass and map reading, Scouting skills such as knots/lashings and fire lighting, cultural evenings, guest visitors from outside organisations and environmental projects. All sections had outings to educational and entertainment venues and participated in District, County and NI events where applicable. Both Cub and Scout sections also had a weekend Camp in Tipperary Wood Scout campsite in Newcastle taking part in bushcraft, hiking, wide games and a trip to the amusements.

They increased their awareness of being active/healthy eating, of thinking of the environment and having a greater awareness of caring for and helping others. Charitable donations were made at the annual Remembrance Sunday parade collection. Also ongoing fundraising to help subsidise all sections.

Sections

Squirrel Scouts

Leaders

Squirrel Leader – Sarah Pollock

Assistant Leader – Jayne Lutton and Lynsey Foster

Young Leader (Explorer Scouts) – Toby Cooper

Training: All Scouting mandatory training up to date.

Membership

As per census 31st January 2023

	Age 4	Age 5	Age 6	Total
Male	10	6	0	16
Female	1	3	0	4
Total	11	9	0	20

Badges: Active, exciting experiments, explore outdoors, get creative, let it grow, lets celebrate, story time & feel good.

Beaver Scouts

Leaders

Beaver Leader – Glenda Galloway

Assistant Leader – Rhonda Beck

Sectional Assistants – Julie Scott

Sue Philips left September 2022.

Training: All Scouting mandatory training up to date.

Membership

As per census 31st January 2023

	Age 6	Age 7	Age 8	Total
Male	7	5	1	13
Female	0	0	0	0
Total	7	5	1	13

Badges: Activity Badges – Pet, Faith, Computers, Music and Swimming.

Cub Scouts

Leaders

Cub Scout Leader – John Bradshaw

Assistant Leader – Paul Graham

Assistant Leader – Nicky Galloway

Young Leaders (Explorer Scouts) – Elliot Bradshaw, Patrick Leech and Joshua Martin

Training: All Scouting mandatory training up to date.

Membership

As per census 31st January 2023

	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Total
Male	13	7	4	24
Female	0	0	0	0
Total	13	7	4	24

Badges: Challenge badges – Personal, Skills and Teamwork

Activity badges – Hobbies, Athletics and Emergency Aid level 1, Collector.

Staged badges – Emergency stage 2, Nights away and Hiking.

Scouts

Leaders

Scout Leader – Angus McComb

Assistant Scout Leader – Jonathan Crawford

Assistant Scout Leader – Karl Wilson

Training: All Scouting mandatory training up to date.

Membership

As per census 31st January 2023

	Age 10	Age 11	Age 12	Age 13	Age14	Total
Male	4	2	5	1	0	12
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	2	5	1	0	12

Badges: Challenge badges – Personal, Skills and Teamwork



Activity badges – Local Knowledge, Mechanic, Martial arts, Fire Safety, DIY.

Staged badges – Emergency stage 2, Snow sports stage 2.

Group Finance: The Charitable activities are funded by member subscriptions, fundraising and an Education Grant. The current policy is to keep reserves to one year's activities and upkeep of our hall to the value of £3000. Funds are retained in a bank account. Scout account balance reviewed annually and where necessary subscriptions raised.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	JOHN BRADSHAW	J. GRAHAM
Position	GROUP SCOUT LEADER	Treasurer

Date	25/1/24	28/1/24
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