

1st Banbridge Scout Group

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – NIC103943

CHARITY'S PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

Bannside Presbyterian Church
21 Castlewellan Road
Banbridge
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TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at 31st MARCH 2024

Dennis McLeod	Chairman
Robert Ferris	Secretary / Treasurer
Yvonne Patterson	
Richard Dean	

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 – Jon Houston, Banbridge.

1st Banbridge Scout Group is an organisation for youth in the Banbridge District currently consisting of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Helpers and Adult Leaders.

Cub Scouts meet on Monday, the Squirrels and Beavers on Wednesday and Scouts on Thursdays with all Sections active from September each year to May / June the following year.

SQUIRREL DREY

Leaders

Carolyn Dean
Alison Broderick
Julia McAnespie
Caleb Lindsay

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Squirrels had a busy year working on badges and having fun. Three Squirrels gained the Chief Acorn Badge, highest achievement within Squirrels. During the year we made bird feeders, dinosaurs, bridges from lego and built dens. The Chinese New Year was celebrated, we learned about St. Patrick and had our annual Easter Egg hunt. Putting up a tent and having smores finished off the year. We said goodbye to those moving up to Beavers and welcomed some new Squirrels. Autumn and Christmas crafts were made and packing a rucksac was fun. Everyone enjoyed Movie night especially the snacks.

BEAVER COLONY

Leaders

Yvonne Patterson
Jacqueline Dale
Janice McCafferty

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Beavers participated in a range of activities resulting in Space, Experiment, Faith and Creative badges being awarded. The Colony decorated floral pots, arranged flowers and made cards for Mother's Day. Everyone enjoyed learning about St. Patrick and making Easter crafts, some with moveable parts. A Find and identify the animal hunt and visiting Church kept the Beavers busy. Some themes later included Code of Conduct, Autumn, hibernation, Remembrance Day, Christmas crafts and making sleighs. Finally the Beavers joined the Squirrels for a Movie and snacks night, a great fun night for everyone.

CUB SCOUTS

Leaders

Richard Dean
Kelly Frizell
Amy McLarnon

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The year started with the usual Badge work and then included a litter pick, a celebration of the Olympic Games and later Burns Night with some "new" Highland games, origami was enjoyed by all for Mother's Day. Cubs then camped in the Church Hall after working on their camping skills – erecting tents, making up packing lists, menus and then transia cooking etc. With older Cubs moving on and younger ones coming up from Beavers a major change was made in our average age. The new Cubs were involved in activities to help them become introduced into the Pack with everyone enjoying the usual Christmas fun and activities.

SCOUTS

Leaders

David Neill
Paul Connolly

PUBLIC BENEFIT

After a period of inactivity the Scout year welcomed six enthusiastic youngsters and started with our traditional Map & Compass skills and the "favourite" Knots training. Fitness featured throughout the year in our variety of activities whether indoor or outdoor, including hikes, obstacle courses, and team games – laying the groundwork for a thriving Scout Troop. Our low numbers each week sometimes made programme planning a little difficult for the Scouts and Leaders alike but has been a testament to the resilience and dedication of everyone involved.

PURPOSES

The Scout Group is established to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.

GROUP YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

As per census 31 January 2024:

	Male	Female	Total
Total	50	9	59

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year totalled £ 2978.45. After expenses of £4184.01 there was a loss for the year of £ 1205.56.
Cash at the bank and in hand totalled £ 2218.66.

DECLARATION

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Signature *Yvonne E Patterson*

Full Names *YVONNE PATTERSON*

Position *TRUSTEE*

Date *22.1.25*

RC Ferris

ROBERT FERRIS

TREASURER

26/1/25