

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period

From (start date) to end date

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

HQ registration number

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Stuart	Chairperson	
2	Garry Clarke	Group Scout Leader	
3	Gloria Rodgers	Treasurer	
4	Derek Wilson	Secretary	
5	Roger Clarke	Scout Leader	
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Names and addresses of advisers (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
 (e.g. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
 (e.g. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(e.g. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Additional governance issues (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

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.

Policies and procedures adopted for:
a) the induction and training of trustees;
b) trustee' consideration of major risks and the systems and procedures to manage them

The Committee consists of 3 independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leader and Scout section leader meets every 3 months.

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.

Section B

Structure, governance and management (continued)

Risk and Internal Control

General

The group has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Group Executive Committee has identified the major risks to which they believe the Group is exposed, these have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Damage to the building, property and equipment.

The Group would request the use of buildings, property and equipment from neighbouring organisations such as the church, community centre and other Scout Groups. Similar reciprocal arrangements exist with these organisations. The Group has sufficient buildings and contents insurance in place to mitigate against permanent loss.

Injury to leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Group through the capitation fees contributes to the Scout Associations national accident insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before all activities.

Reduced income from fund raising.

The Group is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The group does hold a reserve to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the group on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of leaders.

The group is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular section or the group as a whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of the Group.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Group provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 18. If there was a reduction in membership in a particular section or the group as whole then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of a section. In the worst case scenario the complete closure of **the Group**.

Section C	Objectives and activities
Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>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.</p> <p>The Values of Scouting As Scouts we are guided by these values: Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal. Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others. Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live. Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes. Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.</p> <p>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.</p>

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Beavers

The beaver colony at Rossorry has seen a very busy year with our 23 Beavers involved in numerous badgework activities, events and activities. Some of the main activities throughout the year have been:

- Health and fitness activities and promotion of healthy eating.
- Pioneering – building of various structures and games
- Navigation – map reading and compass points
- Castlecoole map reading challenge
- Police road safety night
- Camp craft – including tent pitching
- Scavenger hunt
- Gardening activity including volunteering at Florencecourt
- Florencecourt exploration evening
- Emergency first aid
- Share centre multi activity visit
- Eire Safety evening at Fire Station
- Canoeing around Enniskillen
- Visit to Oakland Bushcraft
- Sports Day
- Eermanagh farm visit
- Eort building and hammocks in Ely Lodge
- RNLi visit
- Beaver hike
- Campfire cooking and fire lighting
- Halloween activities including pumpkin carving
- Sign language – taught by qualified SL teacher
- Fishing with Extern at Garvary lake
- Christmas gifts and card making for Rossorry Wednesday club

Cubs

In our Cub pack we have 23 cubs with another few hoping to join us. Throughout the past year we have been a very active pack involved in the following activities.

- Athletic (running, jumping, throwing and lots of noise in the hall) badge
- Naturalist badges (including making bird feeders)
- Communication badge, kicking off with the Cubs learning sign language.
- Hiking in Florencecourt, put up hammocks and used the survival shelters.
- Halloween party with everyone dressing up, decorated biscuits, made ghost lanterns and games.
- Camp at Cladagh, Backwoods cooking badge on camp (highlight was the nettle cookies!)
- Night walk in Castlecoole.
- Blue Green Yonder for paddle boarding,
- Cycling at Florencecourt
- Organized and run County Cub football tournament.
- Volunteering at Florencecourt
- Investiture night with parents invited
- Oakwood Bushcraft (archery, den building),
- Canoeing on Lough Erne.
- Athletics badge
- My Faith badge.
- Cooking badge (pizza and apple tart)
- DIY (made bird houses with lots of parental support)
- Fishing with Extern at Garvary lake
- A fantastic Caving and abseiling experience with Ulster Speleological Society and Caving Club
- Visit to the fire station a how could we forget the soaking!!
- Visit to police station
- First aid badge, taught by local nurse

Scouts

Rossorry Scouts have had a particularly busy year with our troop continuing to grow up to 23 Scouts and a few young people on our waiting list.
 Some of the activities we have been up to over the past year are:

- Fishing on a number of occasions at Garvary lake with Extern
- Hiking including a full traverse of Cuilcagh ridge.
- Canoeing around Enniskillen
- Caving and abseiling experience with the Ulster Speleological Society and Caving Club
- 2 camps at Cladagh Glen Scout centre including pioneering project.
- Backwards cooking at Cladagh
- Trip to Giants Ice hockey game
- Mountain biking
- Badge work including navigator, hiking, caving, hobbies, my faith badge to name a few
- DIY project - Building bird boxes for Cladagh Glen and presenting an owl box to the church
- Indoor shooting
- Wood turning (bowl making)
- Yule log, Christmas snowmen and Scout coaster making night.
- Community service in form of Church Hall grounds tidy up
- Learning sign language from a certified sign language teacher.
- Halloween night of games and activities.
- Mechanics badge in the form of getting to know our way around a tractor and lorry.
- Volunteering at Florencecourt

Additional details of the objectives and activities (optional information but encouraged as best practice)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- contribution made by volunteers;
- policy on investments.

Public benefit statement

The Group meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Section D
Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- All Scouting sections back up and running at Rossorry with a healthy leadership team.
- More of the younger sections getting outdoors more and enjoying outdoor activities and interesting visits to places of interest.
- The older Scout section got more of an opportunity to try out new skills in the form of conservation and construction projects and were able to give more back to the local community.
- Scouting has also been able to provide a lot to some of our more disadvantaged youth this year.
- We have formed a good friendship with the Ulster Speleological Society and Caving Club.
- Providing kids with travel opportunities and experiences that they normally wouldn't get.

Section E
Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves Policy

The Group's policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

The Group raises money through two main routes, namely a termly subscription by the young people who are members of the group or through participating in fundraising events such as bag-packing.

Subscriptions are collected by each section, and currently amount to £45 per term. We actively encourage our parents to

Quantify and explain any designations

Details of any funds materially in deficit (circumstances plus steps to eliminate)

Further financial review details (optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);

Investment Policy

The Group's Income and Expenditure is very small and as a consequence does not have sufficient funds to invest in longer-term investments such as stocks and shares. The Group has therefore adopted a low risk strategy to the investment of its funds. All funds are held in cash using only mainstream banks or building societies or The Scout Association's Short Term Investment Service.

The Group Executive regularly monitors the levels of bank balances and the interest rates received to ensure the group obtains maximum value and income from its banking arrangements. Occasionally this may involve using an account that requires a period of notice before funds may be withdrawn, before doing so the Group Executive considers the cash flow requirements.

Section F Other Optional Information

Plans for future periods (details of any significant activities planned to achieve them)

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

G Clarke

Full name(s)

Garry Clarke

Position (eg Secretary, Chair)

Group Scout Leader

Date

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