

2nd Bangor (Abbey) Scout Group Term 2017/2018

Trustees Annual Report

1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

Registered Charity Name: 2nd Bangor (Abbey) Scout Group

Charity Registration Number: NIC104067

The Trustees:

Mrs Pamela Dunseath

Mr David Dunseath

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The Scout Association exists to promote 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 and as a group this purpose underpins everything we do.

As the trustees for 2nd Bangor (Abbey) Scout group we incorporate our benefit statement into our programmes, empowering young people to make positive contributions to society through being engaged and supported in their personal development, including physically, intellectually, socially and spiritually. 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 diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community. 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. Scouting beneficiaries are children young people. 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 working with young people.

The group is sponsored by Bangor Abbey Church of Ireland. We have no liabilities and our assets are limited to a small amount of camping equipment i.e. tents, shelters and cooking equipment and also a trailer which is approaching the end of its life.

Here is a short report from each section:

2nd Bangor (Abbey) Beavers

Beavers have had a great year with approx. 30 Beavers. We are fostering an environment of cooperation and friendship within our Beaver Colony and encouraging the children to help one another and work and play together whilst they learn about the world around them and work towards their badges.

Beavers enjoyed a trip to Armagh Planetarium this year, picked up by coach in the morning they enjoyed a road trip before they were taken on a tour of the planetarium. Beavers made rockets, visited the 3d experience and enjoyed learning some new facts about space.

Beavers completed their World Challenge, teamwork challenge, cook, experiment, faith and space badges and 6 Beavers obtained their bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest award a Beaver can achieve.

Cubs had a fantastic year with approx. 30 cubs in the pack. We spent this year working on a variety of badges including communicator, community impact, navigator, environmental conservation and a variety of water sport badges.

Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a summer camp at The Venture Centre in Isle of Man. The cubs had a fantastic time and a variety of water activities including canoeing, kayaking, coastering and gorge walking. They also enjoyed land based activities like archery, rifle shooting and high ropes.

The Scout section continues to grow and we were delighted to join with the Cubs on a 4 day trip to Isle of Man. This is our second year at the Venture Centre and it has become a firm favourite.

Scouts took part in a number of lightweight camping expeditions and overnight hikes. They attended the county climbing day and achieved their backwoods cooking and survival skills badges. They also took part in the County Climbing day for the first time, this was a great introduction to climbing for the Scouts that took part.

Pamela Dunseath.

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