



1st Moira Scout Group

Charity No. 104097

**Annual Report 2023-2024,
Financial Year End of March 2024**



About us

We're Scouts and everyone's welcome here. All genders, races and backgrounds. Every week we give almost half a million people aged 6-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

At a time when communities are becoming more divided, we bring people together. When many young people are struggling to find purpose and belonging, Scouts helps them develop skills, confidence and a sense of hope. We inspire positive futures and help young people find their place in the world by developing the character, employability and practical skills they need to succeed.

'Scouts made me a do-er and a give it a go-er. Made me question and listen and have a wide-open mind. Scouts made me take a deep breath and speak up. Made me think on my feet, made me see the big picture, made me ignore the butterflies and go for it. Scouts made me get back up and try again. Made me think about what's next, and plan for it. Made me jump in, get muddy, give back and get set.'



What do Scouts do?

Scouts take part in a wide range of activities as diverse as kayaking, abseiling, expeditions overseas, photography, climbing and zorbing. As a Scout you can learn survival skills, first aid, computer programming or even how to fly a plane. There's something for everyone. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express your creativity and experience the wider world.

What do volunteers do?

Helping young people develop skills for life is only possible thanks to our team of adult volunteers, who support Scouts in a wide range of roles from working directly with young people, to helping manage a local community-based Group, to being a charity Trustee. We help volunteers get the most out of their experiences at Scouts by providing opportunities for adventure, training, fun and friendship.



'I believe that Scouts empowers young people. It gives them skills to achieve the remarkable, and opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the rapidly changing world.'

Carl Hankinson, UK Chief Volunteer

Our values

Integrity

We say what we mean and when we make a promise, we keep it.

Respect

We listen to others, explore our differences and work to find common ground.

Care

Scouts are friends to all and think of others before themselves.

Belief

We believe passionately in improving the lives and life chances of young people and helping them explore and develop their beliefs and attitudes.

Cooperation

Scouting is about teamwork. We believe that when we work together we achieve more than we can on our own.

Our key policies

All members follow our key policies. The policies cover:

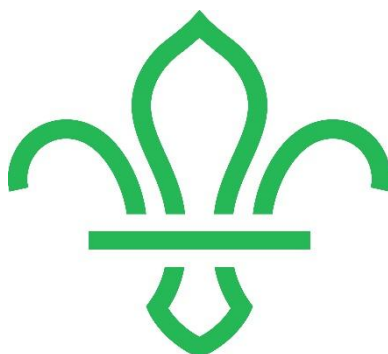
Child Protection

Equal Opportunities

Religion

Safety

These policies are fully explained on our website at <http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/key-policies/>



1st Moira Scout Group – Year Review

This submission to the Charity Commission and to Armagh District Trustee Board is later than usual and it is due to the Scout Group's inactivity in operational and governance matters. In September 2024, South Region (of Scouts NI) and Armagh District Trustee Board took a proactive approach in meeting with the established leadership team of 1st Moira to review the Scout Group and assist with mandatory compliance to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and the Scouting policy.

From a Scouting perspective, 1st Moira Scout Group continued to provide key opportunities and experiences to young people, with the 2024 census figures showcasing a total of 62 youth membership across the four sections of Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

My personal thanks go to St. John's Parish for their allowance of the Scout Group meeting in the fantastic premises, located in the centre of Moira. To the parents, guardians and family members, thank you for continuing to support the Scout Group in every way, it truly means a lot to the leaders to know they have your support. Finally, to the leaders, who give countless hours to programme planning, actioning and all the background activities required to allow for Scouting to happen – it truly makes a difference.

Scott Robinson, Regional Lead Volunteer

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1st Moira: Finances

Financial Overview

No two years are ever the same in Scouting!

Income this year totalled £4,096.84. This was higher than the 2023 total and showcased through the increase of membership subscriptions (£3,942.84).

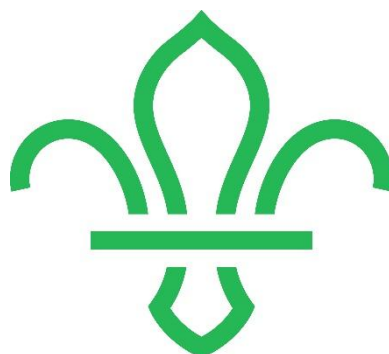
- Upon noting when the intake of most of the subscriptions were processed for the previous year, this resulted in a batch from the previous year end of March 2023 and also those included within the March 2024 processing.
- There was no EA contribution within this financial year.

Expenditure totalled £3,099.86 within the financial year, in comparison to £1,602.64 in the 2023 financial year. This is due to when capitation was paid to the UK Scout Association (£1,332.00), increase costs towards activities (£1,019.22).

The (planned) surplus for the year was £996.98, while our funds on 31 March totalled £6,105.07 – still a very healthy total.

Financial Accounts – Year Ended March 2024

1st Moira Scout Group					
Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland (NIC 104097)					
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024					
	2024	2024	2023	2023	
	£	£	£	£	
INCOME					
Subs - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts	£ 3,942.84		£ 1,946.96		
EA Grant	£ -		£ 412.50		
District Grant	£ -		£ -		
Other Income	£ 154.00		£ 1,440.00		
Total		£4,096.84		£3,799.46	
EXPENSES					
Capitation - Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts	£ 1,332.00		£ 1,085.00		
Group Activities	£ 1,019.22		£ 174.36		
Badges and Scarves	£ 199.21		£ 200.00		
Miscellaneous	£ 275.75		£ 43.28		
Equipment	£ 273.68		£ 100.00		
Total		£3,099.86		£1,602.64	
Income surplus over expenditure	£ 996.98		£ 2,196.82		
Opening Balance at 1 April	£ 5,108.09		£ 2,911.27		
Closing Balance at 31 March (Year-end)	£ 6,105.07		£ 5,108.09		
Cash at Bank on 31st March	£ 2,434.04		£ 2,702.21		
Cash in Floats on 31st March	£ 3,671.03		£ 2,405.88		
Prepared by S Robinson, Interim Treasurer Date 18 May 2025					
Reviewed by Jeanette Allen, Examiner Date 05 June 2025					



Independent Examiner's Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of 1st Moira Scout Group

I report on the accounts of the 1st Moira Scout Group for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65(2) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2008 have not been met or,

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name:

John

Date:

5/6/25

1st Moira: Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report which has been signed by the Chair of the Trustee Board and Group Lead Volunteer on their behalf at the Annual General Meeting in June 2025.

Scott Robinson
Group Lead Volunteer

Joy Minish
Armagh District Trustee Board

26/06/2025

06/06/2025

Date

Date