

1st Newcastle Scout Group

Charity registration number – 104098

Trustees Annual Report for year ending March 2023

Our organisation is based at 23A Valentia Place, Newcastle County Down

Address for correspondence – Mr Stephen Calvert 4 The Quay, Dundrum Co. Down

Trustees- Peter Law (Group Leader)
Julie Murray (Chairperson)
Stephen Calvert (Treasurer)
Erica Torney (Secretary)

THE TRUSTEES HAVE HAD REGARD TO THE CHARITY COMMISSIONS PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT STATUTORY GUIDANCE

OUR ORGANIZATION:

PURPOSES AND BENEFITS

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. The beneficiaries of first Newcastle Scout Group are children and young people in the Newcastle and wider South East Down area and the communities to which they belong. They do this by gaining awards and badges set up by the Scout Association. They learn knowledge and skills which will be useful to them throughout their lives.

GOVERNANCE/STRUCTURE

Our governing document is based on the Royal Charter of the Scout Association, which in turn gives authority to the By Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association.

The group is a trust established under rules which are common to all Scouts. Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and rules of the Scout Association.

OVERVIEW OF GROUP

1st Newcastle Scout Group is one of the longest existing cross community organisations and one of the oldest existing scout groups in N.I. It celebrated its 110th anniversary in 2018. We meet in our own premises in Valentia Place. We have an ongoing varied programme of activities for all sections of the Group, which is reviewed on an annual basis. We regularly make use of the wonderful local natural facilities we have in Newcastle for outdoor activities e.g. beach litter picks, forest runs. We also have a campsite at Tipperary Woods within walking distance from the scout hall. All sections use this for outdoor badge work and

overnight camps throughout the year. We have good links with local organisations such as the RNLI and Fire Service and have several educational visits during the year.

ANNUAL REVIEW (to end of March 2023)

Membership numbers of both Scouts and Cubs remain healthy, with both groups near full capacity. This is particularly impressive with regard to the Cubs because of the lack of a Beaver group providing a natural feeder group. It has required a lot of additional effort from the Cub leaders to promote the group in the community in order to build up numbers over the past year.

Both groups have had an enjoyable, successful year working towards their badges. Good community links have been built on and new ones started in order to help with some of these badges.

Tipperary Wood campsite continues to be well used for outdoor skills. A trip to the Isle of Man is planned for Summer 2023.

Repairs to the Scout hall roof were completed prior to restarting in September 2022 and this along with repainting have made the hall a much more pleasant environment for weekly activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Details as per attached accounts.

The largest expenditure this year was the roof repair cost. The cost of this was met by the Lottery fund grant which had been awarded the previous year.

There are currently no outstanding debts for the group. There is over £9000 in the bank, a good contingency fund if any further repairs required.

REPORT AGREED BY TRUSTEES

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES

Name: ERICA TORNEY

Signature: 

Position: SECRETARY

Date: 18/12/23

Name: STEPHEN CALVERT

Signature: 

Position: TREASURER

Date: 20.12.23