

1st Newcastle Scout Group

Charity registration number – 104098

Trustees Annual Report for year ending March 2024

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)
Ailsa Brown (Secretary)

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

OUR ORGANISATION:

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 Scouts 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 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 the Fire Service and have several educational visits during the year.

ANNUAL REVIEW (to end of March 2024)

Membership numbers of both Scouts and Cubs remain healthy. 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 and successful year working towards their badges. Good community links have been built on and new ones started in order to help some of these badges.

Tipperary Wood campsite continues to be well used for outdoor skills.

Maintenance of the hall in the form of new heaters and fixings were undertaken by Gordons Electrical which has ensured the hall is a more comfortable environment for weekly activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Details as per attached accounts.

The largest expenditure this year was provision and installation of new heaters.

There are currently no outstanding debts for the group. There is over £13,00 in the bank, a good contingency fund if any further repairs are required.

REPORT AGREED BY TRUSTEES

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES

Name: PETER LAW

Signature:



Position: GROUP LEADER

Date: 12.02.25

Name: STEPHEN CALVERT

Signature:



Position: TREASURER

Date: 12.02.25