

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2019

The trustees present the annual report and statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for 1st Inch Scout Group for the year ended 31st August 2019

Objectives and Activities

The direct benefit which flows from our purpose is that young people are empowered to make a positive contribution 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 as diverse as the communities in which we operate. These are evidenced by feedback from our beneficiaries and the wider community. In addition benefits are demonstrated by getting feedback from young people and parents, using the Plan, Do, Review Model for assessing programmes and events and from time to time independent evaluations of our activities. There is no harm arising from our purposes as Scouting operates within a framework of safety to enable young people to take part in adventurous activities safely. Scouting's beneficiaries are children and young people and 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.

Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit

Against a backdrop of limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has continued to be difficult to plan or develop services. Nevertheless the Group, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of its volunteers generated a satisfactory year.

Financial Review

- The principal funding sources for the Group continue to be the Subscriptions, associated gift aid and Grants from the Education Authority.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the The 1st Inch Scout Group can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2019 can be signed off as a going concern.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity

The 1st Inch Scout Group's governing documents are those of the Scout Association which consist of a Royal Charter, which in turn gives authority to the Bye Laws of the Association and the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association. The Group is a trust established under its rules which are common to all Scouts. 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. The Committee consists of three independent representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary together with the Group Scout Leaders, individual section leaders (if opted to take on the responsibility) and parents representation and meets throughout the year

Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)

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

Pay and remuneration

The Group does not pay or remunerate any Trustee or member of the Committee.

Organisational Structure

The governance, strategy, management and administration of The Group is the responsibility of the Group Executive Committee. The Committee meet annually and on any other occasion deemed necessary.

Compliance with Public Benefit

The Group has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve The Group's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.


The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income of less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Chairperson

Mr Ben Bayley

 19/2/2020

Secretary

Mr Philip Gallagher

 19/2/2020