

1st Kilbride Scout Group

Registered with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland - NIC104188

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31 March 2024

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TRUSTEES and MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE at 31 March 2024

Simon Charlton (Chairman)

Robert Robinson

Martin Adams

The Trustees have studied the N.I. Commission's statutory guidance on the Public benefit requirement and consider that they have complied with it in full.

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

The 1st Kilbride Scout group comprises 4 sections of the scouting organisation; Squirrels aged 4 to 6 years, Beavers aged 6 years to 8 1/2 years, Cubs Scouts aged approx. 8 to 10 years 3 months and Scouts aged 10 years 3 months to approx. 14 years. 1st Kilbride Scout group is registered member of the scouting family within South East Antrim District.

Squirrels and Beavers meet on Wednesday evenings while cubs and scouts meet on Monday evenings, weekly between the months of Sept and June. At present 1st Kilbride has no Explorer aged members. The management team meet at least two times each year, and additionally at other times within the year to discuss matters of planning activities if necessary.

Leaders are as follows

Squirrel Leaders	Beavers Leaders	Cub Scouts	Scouts	Explorers
Simon Charlton Plus support	Simon Charlton Patrick Donnellan	Simon Charlton Jonathan Doyle Simon Gardner	Martin Adams Raymond Hanna Patrick Donnellan Geoff Baird	Simon Charlton Jonathan Doyle

Purposes

1st Kilbride Scout group exists to promote learning and development of individuals from an early age (4 years) through to young adults (14 years) through physical activities, programmed learning activities (badge work) and external events where applicable. From Sept 2018, an Explorers Section has been added to the group – this covers young adults to 17 years of age.

MEMBERSHIP RETURN FOR 2022/23

Age Groups	Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
4-6 Years	11	12 Boys	18 Boys	11 Boys	0 Boys
6-8 Years					
8 – 10 Years					
10 – 15 Years					
15 years & over					

ACHIEVEMENTS

Squirrels

Squirrels group is growing with the help of new volunteers and extra support for junior group leaders. For continued growth and support, additional helpers are needed. Group is to review plans to recruit, grow adult helper support.

Beavers

We are encouraged by the growth in Beaver numbers. This has allowed us to complete a full programme for the year, with overnight stays returning and badgework being complete as individuals and as a group. This growth will aid the section as a whole, as they move on from Beavers to Cubs.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout Section continues to retain healthy numbers. Silver Scout awards were completed by 6 members who moved on the Scouts. – A Camp at Crawfordsburn was completed as well as an overnight stay in the Church Hall.

Scouts

The Scout Section with the aid of Cubs moving on and through the addition of new members to scouting continues to focus on fun and personal development – through team games, badge work and with the aim to complete a camp later in the year. With The Scout Group benefiting from the EA grant this presented great opportunity for the groups to provide an excellent camping experience

Explorer Scouts

No members of explorer age during this period, driven by a gap in age group as a result of drop off during covid – it is anticipate this can be returned to normal in the coming year with 4 scouts eligible to move on to Explorers.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

1st Kilbride offer a full and balance programme, including indoor and outdoor games appropriate to the age groups, physical and education challenges, life skills and development of character through challenging experiences and outdoor camping. 1st Kilbride maintains healthy numbers throughout the year and has seen stable intake over the past number of years. Parents report that this group provides a valuable input into children's development and that all those that attend are keen and happy throughout the year. Support to the local community is encouraged through local visits, supporting worthwhile charities and supporting the Church at Kilbride. There is excellent attendance at our St Georges Day Parade from all sections.

The group supported the development of children who were undertaking Duke of Edinburgh they were completing via local schools allowing them to learn leadership skills through their volunteering duties.

The Group also maintains a healthy connection with the local Kilbride Church, supporting their fund raising activities.

KEY ACTIVITIES

September - Intake

October – Investment

December – Overnight stay and Christmas party

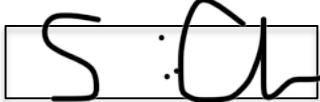

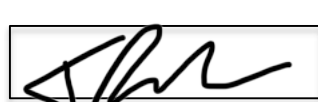
June - Summer camp

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year totalled £6180.42 (which included £1377 of prior year capitation fee returned) expenses totalled £7458.73 leaving a balance of £3648.40 for all sections.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed			
Full Names	Simon Charlton	Martin Adams	Robert Robinson
Position	Chairman	Trustee	Trustee
Date	31 Jan 2025	31 Jan 2025	31 Jan 2025