

Annual Report for 1st Carryduff Guides

This report is for the financial year from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023 for 1st Carryduff Guides. Our Northern Ireland charity number is 104272.

The 1st Carryduff Guides are a faction of the wider charity, Girlguiding Ulster. We typically hold a meeting every Tuesday night during term time (September to May) at St. Ignatius Church, 700 Saintfield Road, Carryduff, Belfast, BT8 8BU for an hour and 15 minutes.

The aim of Girlguiding Ulster, and 1st Carryduff Guides, is to promote the education of girls and young women, in order to help them develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world and develop their full potential. The wider benefit to the community at large is enhanced social education and responsible citizenship that flows from the purpose.

The charity's beneficiaries are the girls who join Girlguiding and attend the weekly meetings, where activities are carried out in order to achieve the objectives of 1st Carryduff Guides and Girlguiding Ulster. We are a girl-led charity and take direction from the ever-evolving needs of our members. The young people attending the meetings are actively involved in shaping their own programme, and the benefit is increased confidence, new skills including leadership skills, and working as a team.

During the charity's weekly meetings, activities are carried out, chosen by the leader and approved by the girls. A balance is struck for these activities so that they meet the five essentials of Girlguiding: working together in small groups, encouraging self-government and decision making, a balanced and varied programme, caring for the individual, and sharing a commitment to a common standard.

The running of Guides this year was severely impacted by lack of uptake brought on initially by lockdown and subsequently by a lack of Brownies moving their way up to Guides, and therefore Guides went on hiatus this year. However I maintained a presence at Brownie meetings in the hopes that girls who are old enough next year will be interested in joining the Guides. I closed our associated bank account near the start of the year as

there were no incomings to cover the bank charges, but opened a new one towards the end of July in preparation for the new financial year.

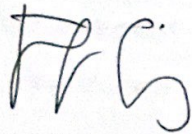
There is no harm flowing from the purpose of 1st Carryduff Guides.

Membership of 1st Carryduff Guides is open to girls in Northern Ireland aged 10-14 from all sections of society, according to Girlguiding Ulster's informal education programme which runs from ages 4 to 25.

There is no private benefit from our charity.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the trustees (Jennifer Fleming and Fiona Ellis) have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Jennifer Fleming



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