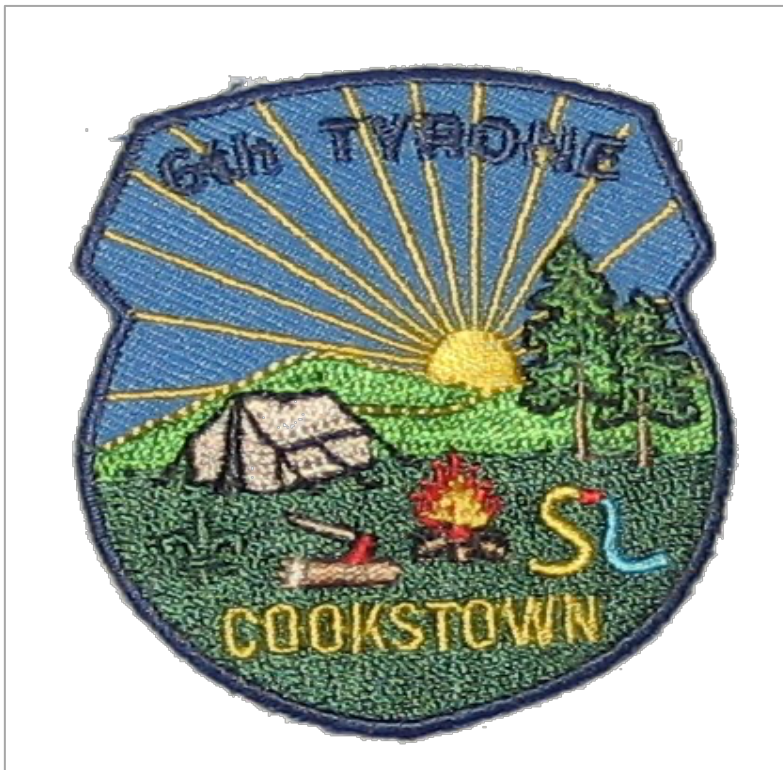




SCOUTING IRELAND 6TH TYRONE COOKSTOWN GROUP COUNCIL
CHARITY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR NORTHERN IRELAND



Annual Report for the Year 2024-2025

Please read the notes at the end when filling in this form. When complete the form should be signed and scanned then uploaded up on to the CCNI website when completing your annual report.

1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register	<i>6th Tyrone Cookstown Scouting Ireland</i>
2. Financial year the report is for	<i>2024-2025</i>
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	<i>NIC105993</i>
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout Hall)	<hr/> <i>7 Chapel Street</i> <hr/> <i>Cookstown</i> <hr/> <i>Co Tyrone</i> <hr/> <i>BT80 8QB</i> <hr/>
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	Current Trustees <hr/> <i>Mary Hogg</i> <hr/> <i>Jacqueline O'Neill</i> <hr/> <i>Brenda Buchanan</i> <hr/> <i>Adrian Devlin</i> <hr/> <i>Kayleigh O'Neill</i> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> Trustees who stepped down

6. A summary description of the purposes of the charity

The aim of Scouting Ireland is to encourage the physical, intellectual, character, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may achieve their full potential and as responsible citizens, to improve society.

The Charity's purposes are:

The advancement of education

The advancement of citizenship or community development

***7. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments**

If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.

N/A

***8. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee**

This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.

N/A

9. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 where group reports and financial accounts were on the agenda. Registration for the new scouting year took place with an excellent signing up for all youth sections. Group Assembly meetings took place throughout the year on the following dates:

- 1. 14th October 2024*
- 2. 27th November 2024*
- 3. 13th January 2025*
- 4. 24th February 2025*
- 5. 7th April 2025*

Members attended the SI AGM on the 14th September 2024 and a Scout Skills training day on 9th February. Scouters completed a weekend of First Aid training over the 18-20th October. Group have completed their 3 year plan for the 22-25 and will be working on a new 3 year plan this term. Leaders were brought up to date with incident reporting using the SIF 10 – 05 Accident and Incident Report Form. Leaders are all compliant with Access NI and have completed their Safeguarding Refresher Course.

Beavers worked on First Aid, Pioneering, Camping, Backwoods and Air Badge. They completed their investiture in January. They participated in County Days and Events for all the Beavers in the county. Summer camp took place 25th – 27th July in Drum Manor Forest Park.

September 24 saw us back up and running for our new year. We had a much smaller number in Cubs last year with only 20 registering and we are delighted to say we still had the 20 at the end of the year. We got sorted into our small working groups and our Sixers and Seconders were elected by their peers.

October was a busy month with the Sixers and Seconders completing their leadership weekend with the Newry Sixer and Seconders in our scout den. Weekly programme was up and running. All Cubs also had a weekend sleepover in the den where we completed all the challenges in order for the Cubs to earn their Halloween Lone Camp. We finished October with our Halloween party.

During November we invested our new Cubs and brought our Beavers over the Link Rope into Cubs. We welcomed them officially into the worldwide family of Scouting. We also started work on our Christmas crafts in preparation for the season.

December saw us finish our Christmas crafts and we finished the calendar year with our Christmas party.

January saw us back on our weekly programme and we had our schedule of hiking, camping, pioneering and first aid all set up for the rest of the year. Some of our Cub Leaders attended the Provincial Conference in Dromantine and the Special Educational Needs Training.

February saw the Cubs focusing on scouting skills of cooking in trangies, bowling water in Kelly kettles and fire lighting skills. Pancake Tuesday was celebrated with Cubs making and enjoying pancakes. February also saw some of our Cubs leaders attending the Provincial Youth Forum in Crawfordsburn.

In March the Cubs continued with their scouting skills and Cubs leaders took advantage of a training day in the County to brush up on our own knots and lashings skills.

During April our Cubs volunteered in the community completing work on the eco garden in Lissan Primary School. They carried out tremendous work that day and the whole school community were very thankful of the help they received. We also embraced many different cultures, and we thoroughly enjoyed a culture food exchange night. Thank you to all the parents for your contributions towards this night. April saw us starting work on our hikes to improve our physical fitness. We spent Tuesday nights both in Drum Manor and in Cabin Wood. Again Leaders undertook a training course given by Autism NI to help us understand better the different needs our Cubs have.

In May we completed most of our weekly meetings out of doors. We also endured a very wet two-night camp under canvas in Newry, together with our fellow cubs from the Newry group. We completed lots of backwoods activities during the weekend. May also saw Odhrán become a fully-fledged leader when he completed his Welcome to Scouting and Safeguarding training. We are delighted that he is back with us this year.

June again saw us outside for our weekly meetings completing the last of our hikes as well as our town challenge.

The highlight of our year was our 4-day summer camp in Crawfordsburn where we had glorious weather. We stayed under canvas and the Cubs managed incredibly well. We took part in different activities such as swimming at the beach, grass sledging, campsite challenges and rounders. We also had a day out to ourselves in Lisburn where we went to the Leisure Centre, then had lunch out and finished off our day in the cinema.

We would like to thank all our Cubs for their excellent behaviour and the courage to take part in many challenging activities. They showed great resilience and willingness to try and to do their best. We look forward to another great year in Cubs this year.

Scouts and Ventures had a very successful year finishing with a 5 day Provincial Camp in Lockerbie. Ventures also took part in a Charity Trip to Romania to work in two local orphanages in Harman, Brasov and a very poor village in Comana.

10. How is the Group doing financially?

The Group is coping well financially and is able to meet the needs of the different sections within the Group for the coming year. We have deemed ourselves a going concern.

11. How has the Group ensured members have not come to harm?

All volunteers receive training in Safeguarding, Programme (youth work) skills and adventure skills. There is oversight of all activity by the Group Leader and the Group Council. Parents are regularly communicated with. All activities are carefully planned and the appropriate equipment used. All leaders are currently up to date with their Access NI checks.

12. How has your Group ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work?

Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.

13. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNI's guidance on Public Benefit.

We the Trustees of 6th Tyrone Cookstown Scouting Ireland can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we 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.

14. This report was approved by the Trustees (Group Council) on

Date: *7th October 2025*

15. Signature of Trustees. (This should be signed by 2 Trustees approved by the Group Council)

Trustee 1: *Mary Hogg* **Date:** *07/10/25*

Trustee 2: *Jacqueline O'Neill* **Date:** *07/10/25*