



**SCOUTING IRELAND GROUP COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES)  
ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**



**1<sup>st</sup> Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon  
Charity Trustee annual Report for the period  
1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022**

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	1 <sup>st</sup> Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC105995
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	38A Charlemont Street _____ Dungannon Co Tyrone _____ BT70 1HE _____ Correspondence C/O Donna Grew 17 Castle Road Castlecaulfield _____ _____
5. The names of all our Trustees at the date of this report plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year	<b>Current Trustees</b> Lisa Toner _____ Donna Grew _____ Noreen Donnelly _____ Eamonn Goodwin _____ Maggie Ferran _____ _____ _____  <b>Trustees who stepped down</b> _____ n/a _____ _____ _____
6. A summary description of the purposes of the charity  <i>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.</i>	

**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.

The reporting period is for 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. Following the pandemic lockdown and the easing of restrictions the Group returned to normal section weekly meetings, using covid telephone app to safeguard membership. Cleaning protocols for the Scout Hall were refreshed and circulated to users. Group Risk Assessment was reviewed. From September 2021 the group continued to run four youth sections (including combined scout/venture meetings) with weekly meetings and events.

In person weekly meetings took place from September 2021 and continued to summer break June 2022. For the year the Group had 13 adult volunteers and 41 youth members, attendance varied due to shielding, isolating and illness but has reached pre-pandemic levels. The Group had closed registration event this year due to the level of current returning membership and placing from the existing waiting lists. Our numbers are maximized to leader/child ratios and leaders' availability. Leader recruitment is continuing. Three leaders were invested this year and one volunteer is pending awaiting Scouting Ireland training. Leader recruitment is the main challenge for the group. We continue to seek support from current and former members, parish bulletin and local press.

September 2021 – Scout Venture Camp 2-5 September at Share Centre Lisnaskea. Registration night 9 September. Adult volunteer complete refresher safeguarding training 14 September.

October 2021 – Group Leader and Secretary attended online governance training. Group Council and governance meetings held.

November 2021 – Group Leader attended trustee training. Community First Responders attended and gave demonstrations first aid at beaver and cub section meetings. The uniform handover system now in place with two parents volunteering to manage this.

December 2021 - Gift aid registration application completed. Fire Safety training was held on 7 December. Group Council meeting held.

January 2022 – Adult volunteering planning night held 7 January. Group council meeting held 19 January. Scouting Ireland census completed.

February 2022 – Beaver and Cub sections attended Pantomime at Craic Theatre Coalisland. The Scout section held a hike at Peatlands Park. Group council and governance meeting held.

March 2022 – Group participated in local community St Patrick's day parade. Group secretary attended Mid Ulster Council Grant Aid Virtual Workshop. Group council meeting held.

April 2022 – Attended County Beaver Day 3 April Navan Centre Armagh, Kids Easter Bingo fun event held 10 April Attended County Cub event Benburb Priory. Group council meeting held.

May 2022 - AGM held 5 May 2022 Group council meeting held.

June 2022 – Group council meeting held. End of year BBQ held 17<sup>th</sup> June all section and families attending. CCNI report complete for Sept 2020 – August 2021 scouting year.

July 2022 – Group council meeting held 24 July.

August 2022 – Scout Venture camp 19-21 August Share Centre Lisnaskea

Our programme throughout the year saw our youth learn and develop their abilities across a range of adventure skills, from pioneering, emergency response and first aid, camping and camp craft skills including safe fire lighting and cooking on fire and while on the move. Our older scouts added to this with their paddling skills and staying safe on the water, improved their hill walking and map reading skills. The range of activities across each section also promoted the development of personal and interpersonal skills and gave the opportunity to contribute to their local community

**10. How is the Group doing financially?**

At the start of the financial year the group held an opening balance of £11,658.80  
The group income for the year amounted to £27940.07 which included £5410.50 registration fees and dues, £2400.00 grant, £18901.32 fundraising/donations including use of premises. Group expenditure amounted to £20826.39.  
This left the group with a closing balance of £18772.48 as at 31 August 2022.

The Group remains in a solvent financial position with most parents signing up to the standing order method of payment for registration fee and weekly dues. This enables families to spread the cost throughout the year. Camp, trips, and uniform costs are also spread out to ensure scouting remains affordable for all, although with restrictions during the period these costs were minimal. Fundraising activities were curtailed due to Covid pandemic restrictions; however income was stable due to regular hall use.

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

All adult volunteers receive training in Safeguarding, volunteer Scouters receive Programme (youth work) skills and adventure skills training. There is oversight of all planned activity by the Group Leader and the Group Council. There is regular communication with parents, all activities are carefully planned, risk assessment documents are regularly reviewed, and the appropriate equipment used.

**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 CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

*We the Trustees of 1<sup>st</sup> Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon, 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 20 June 2023**

Date: 20/6/2023

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

Trustee 1: Lisa Torr Date: 20 June 2023

Trustee 2: Mary G Date: 20 June 2023

