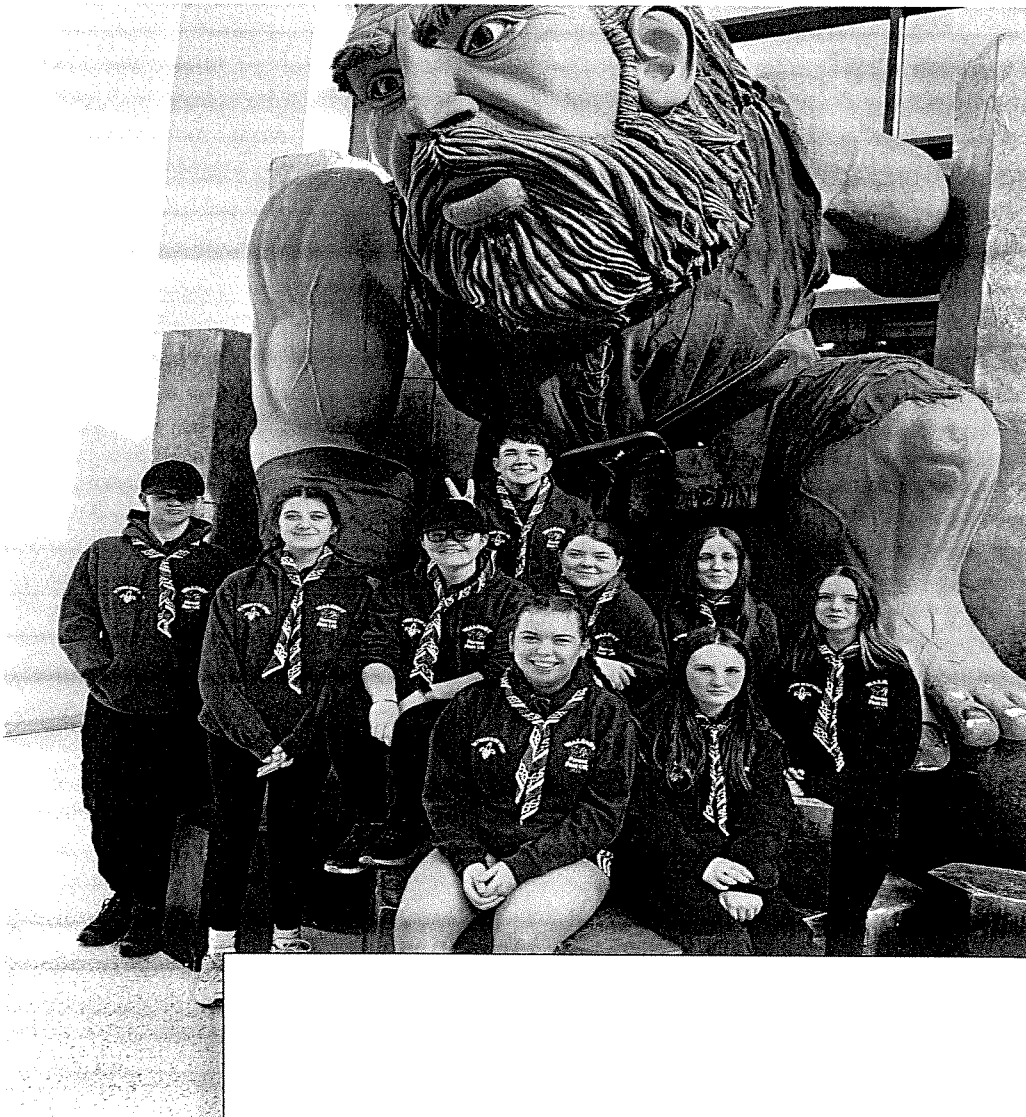


SCOUTING IRELAND GROUP COUNCIL (CHARITY TRUSTEES)
ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND



1st Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon
Charity Trustee annual Report for the period
1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

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 st Tyrone Scout Group Dungannon Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC105995
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	<u>38A Charlemont Street</u> <u>Dungannon Co Tyrone</u> <u>BT70 1HE</u> <u>Correspondence C/O Donna Grew 17</u> <u>Castle Road Castlecaulfield</u> <u>_____</u> <u>_____</u>
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 <u>Lisa Toner</u> <u>Donna Grew</u> <u>Noreen Donnelly</u> <u>Eamonn Goodwin</u> <u>Maggie Ferran</u> <u>_____</u> <u>_____</u> Trustees who stepped down <u>n/a</u> <u>_____</u> <u>_____</u>
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: <i>The advancement of education</i>	

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 2022 to 31 August 2023.

The group continued to run four youth sections (including combined scout/venture meetings) with weekly meetings and events for the reporting period.

For the year, the Group had 15 adult volunteers (which included 1 rover scout) and 58 youth members, Weekly attendance at section meetings was consistent throughout the year with meeting activities and badgework planned with youth input and One Programme.

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 was 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 2022 – Group Council meeting (GCM) 6 September. Three leaders attended Brian Boru County Skills weekend 23/24 September. Weekly section meetings recommenced week commencing 12 September for all sections.

October 2022 – Beaver and Cub sections took part Jambowleree Bowling event 9 and 16 October, this was a free event for members. Long Service Awards presented to adult volunteers Lisa Toner, Eamonn Goodwin, Maggie Ferran Noreen Donnelly and Donna Grew. Beaver sleepover night 21 October. Education Authority framework completed. GCM 25/10 & Extraordinary General Meeting held to adapt Scouting Ireland Governance Charter, copy signed by Charity Trustees in attendance. Committee affirmed that they have accepted and are working to the SI Group Charter via Scout Foundation NI (SFNI)

November 2022 – AGM took place 25 November, three leaders invested, Ben, Laura, and Niamh. Award presentation also took place. Sections meetings focused on adventure skills of pioneering and emergencies across the sections.

December 2022- Kids Christmas Bingo 11 December and 17 December Peace light highlights of the month. Backwoods adventure skills including Christmas log competition.

January 2023- Scouting Ireland Census completed. GCM 11 Jan. Beaver and Cub sections attended local pantomime Craic Theatre Coalisland 26 January February 2023.

February 2023 - Scout quiz at Dungannon Rugby club 16 February 2023.

March 2023 - GCM 14 March Group Development Plan agreed. St Patrick's day Group took part in Community Parade. Beavers represented the group in county challenge. Start of hillwalking adventure skill with local area hikes from cubs and scouts. First aid skill project for ventures and scouts.

April 2023 - GCM 18 April, Scout Shield weekend, training team participated bringing home Novice Shield. Attended Cub Challenge. Group Leader training.

May 23 – Group participated Tyrone Fleadh 28 May, GCM 17 May, Cub Peatlands Hike, Beaver Space theme overnight.

June 2023- Churchgate collection. GCM 19 June. Forest Fest Risk Assessment completed. Venture Hike 11 June Oxford Island. Cub overnight 22 June.

July 2023 – GCM 18 July. Scout Group attended Forest Fest Jamboree in Nottingham 28 July to 2 August 2023

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 as they 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 £18,772.48

The group income for the year amounted to £31,419.47 which included £6003.97 registration fees and dues, £0 grant, £21448.00 fundraising/donations including use of premises. Group expenditure amounted to £31,965.34.

This left the group with a closing balance of £18,226.61 as at 31 August 2023.

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 took place with both families and in the community, donations were 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. Group Risk Assessment and Development Plan completed and agreed by Group Council.

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 1st 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 19 June 2024

Date: _____

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

Trustee 1: Lisa Toner Date: 19 June 2024

Trustee 2: Donna Grew Date: 19th June 2024

