



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



**This form should be completed and submitted to CCNI as part of your annual return.**

**Please read the note at the end before completing.**

**Should you need further help contact your support officer or Scout foundation Northern Ireland.**

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	8 <sup>th</sup> Armagh Scout Group Scouting Ireland
2. Financial year the report is for	1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 2022- 31 August 2023
3. CCNI Charity Registration Number	NIC_106002_____
4. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Scout hall)	6A Moy Road, Portadown, Co. Armagh <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <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	<p><b>Current Trustees</b></p> Michael Lavery <hr/> Ciaran Preshur <hr/> Owen Roe O'Neill <hr/> Catherine Guy <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p><b>Trustees who stepped down</b></p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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 and 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.

### Beaver scouts

- Attended beaver ramble in Oxford Island.
- Worked on badges – camping stage 1, Orienteering stage 1, Emergencies stage 1
- Major project supporting community – importance of good balanced diet, planned exercise routines – followed by setting up food collection stand - -all food collected went to local food bank.
- Revisited Good Deed agreements drawn up by troops, each beaver had to do a series of charitable deeds per day throughout lent for parents, family, and at home.
- Litter picks around den and local schools.
- Recycling project – collecting food cans for helping cubs made insect hotels.

### Cub scouts

- Worked on badges Camping stage 2 and 3, Backwoods stage 2 and 3, Pioneering stage 2 and 3
- Supported beavers in their food collection.
- Cub outdoor skills day in Oxford Island
- Outdoor orienteering Gosford
- County cub scout skills challenge
- Outdoor survival – pitching tents, lighting cook fire – setting up wash stand.
- Built outdoor wooden structure to support swing.
- Cooking food outdoors - Outdoor cook night.
- Preservation project - Painted equipment shed and outdoor tables-
- Troop on litter picks around local church in preparation for cemetery Sunday.
- Conservation project – wildflower garden at front and back of scout den
  - Prepared ground for two wildflower gardens
  - sowed seeds and planted flowers in planters.
  - Replaced old insect hotels with new ones.

## 10. How is the Group doing financially?

The Group is in a healthy financial position due to grants successfully awarded to the group from the EA and other organisations such as Arnold Clake awarding grants to voluntary organisations, and weekly subs from scouts attending sessions.

Our expenditure last year totaled £5514 this left a closing balance of £9,599.

The Group has no debts and can meet its ongoing running costs through grant support and membership fees/weekly contributions.

## 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.***

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 \_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> Armagh Scout Group 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: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

Trustee 1:  Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Trustee 2:  Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## NOTES

1. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register. E.g. 29<sup>th</sup> Derry, Garvagh, Scouting Ireland
2. This would normally be the Scout Year i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August
3. Enter your Charity Commission NI Registration Number here. If you have forgotten it you can find it out online at <http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-search/> or by contacting Scout Foundation NI.
4. Enter the address that you gave CCNI for your Group. This should be the address of where you meet.
5. List the names of Trustees (Group Council Members) that held the position of trustee at the date this report was approved by your Group Council. **Also list separately any Trustees that stepped down during the year.**
6. This section is pre-filled in for you using an answer previously agreed with CCNI.
7. N/A

8. N/A

9. In this section list the main activities carried out by your Group (Charity) in the last year. Items could include a summary of: The number/type of camps, hikes and outings; environmental projects; cross community work/projects; joint work/projects with other organisations, list efforts to recruit new members, adult and young people, etc. This work is carried out by how many volunteers in your Group.

List the achievements of the Group e.g. the number and type of badges awarded e.g. Special Interest or Adventure skills; the number of Chief Scout Awards; the number of An Gaisce or Duke of Edinburgh Awards; the number of Explorer Belts; any adult awards awarded during the year; have you or people in your Group won any awards as a result of the work the Group undertakes. Have you refurbished your Scout Hall or built a new one?

How have these activities helped young people? You could mention engagement, participation, team work and leadership skills, planning skills, a place to go, a sense of achievement and confidence, a sense of challenge, etc.?

Finally how do you ensure that you are open to all young people?

10. Tell CCNI how the Group is doing financially including all income and expenditure for the reporting year. This should be the same amounts as in your accounts. Tell them about any fundraising that you undertook or grants received. Also list any debts that the Group has and how the Trustees plan to get rid of them.
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13. Enter the name of your Charity here as it is listed on the Charity Commission NI register and the date the report was approved by the Group Council.
14. Enter the date that this report was approved by the Group Council.
15. Two trustees must sign the form.
16. You can use another format for the report e.g. your own Groups annual report, but all questions listed here **MUST** be answered including those marked \* that do not apply to SI Groups.