



<p><b>7. A summary description of the purposes of the charity</b></p> <p><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></p> <p><b>The Charity's purposes are:</b>  <i>The advancement of education</i>  <i>The advancement of citizenship or community development</i></p>	
<p><b>*8. 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</b></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<p><b>*9. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</b>  <i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>

## **10. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.**

### **Group Particulars:**

58 adults and 107 youths were registered as members of 29th Belfast (Carryduff) Scout Group. The youth member break down was as follows:

One Beaver Scout Section with 16 Beaver Scouts;  
Two Cub Scout Sections with 39 Cubs Scouts;  
One Scout Section with 29 Scouts;  
One Venture Scout Section with 23 Venture Scouts;  
Five Rover Scouts.

All Sections delivered a programme of activities centered upon the outdoors and mindful of age-appropriate opportunities for the Youth Members to design and deliver their own events as well as developing leadership skills. Activities concentrated on camping, pioneering, backwoods survival and hillwalking skills; achievement, personal development and contribution to the team by the Youth Members were recognised in the award of badges. The highlight of the year was the Group Camp in Ardnally Scout Centre in April, which was a fantastic success at bringing all strands of the Group together to both challenge and develop our youth members.

### **Beavers Scouts Section**

The Beavers Scouts learnt and practiced a wide range of scouting skills, for example, building (paper) bridge activities, a catapult exercise using pop-sticks & elastics, and creating basic pioneering structures (A-frame, tripod structures, etc) with bamboo sticks. They made excellent attempts at overhand, figure-of-eight, reef & basic hitch knots, and there was an introduction to pioneering equipment and terminology.

The Beavers thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas pantomime at the Waterfront Hall as part of the wider Scout Group. They took part in a Beaver overnight camp in Ardnally Scout Centre, working through a range of activities that the older Scouts had designed and set up.

### **Cub Scouts**

The Cubs learnt and utilised a range of skills over the year, for example, using Square, Norwegian and Tourniquet lashings to build a giant Chair. Cubs worked on Air Skills badges making paper airplanes, and First Aid techniques as well as lots of backwoods cooking. They also had lots of fun making pancakes on Pancake Tuesday, practicing map reading.

The youth members took part in a nighttime hike in Belvoir Forest, and a Mourne hike through Tollymore Forest and up Luke's Mountain, making improvised stretchers and building shelters en route. They finished the year with a weekend camp in Crawfordsburn Scout Centre.

### **Scouts Section**

The Scout programme consisted of pioneering and backwoods skills, with an emphasis on teamwork and leadership development within their Patrols, especially on hikes and camps. They practiced their culinary skills by cooking a range of typical camp food and also healthy alternatives. As with other years, the Scouts prepared for and participated in the Columbanus Shield competition. The programme of the Columbanus Shield competition takes place during a weekend camp with only arms-length supervision, when the Scouts construct a traditional standing camp, creating all camp gadgets and cooking over fires within an eight-person patrol. Scouts also organized and took part in the County Mountain Pursuit Challenge, a weekend's hillwalking and wild camping in the Mourne Mountains in June, open to all Scout Groups in the Down & Connor Scout County.

### **Venture Scouts**

Throughout the year the Ventures have completed a variety of outdoor activities, including orienteering, hikes (Cave Hill, Mournes, Black Mountain), overnight and weekend wild camps in the Mournes. Several Ventures attended the 29th Belfast Panto in the Waterfront event, and also the County Venture Ball.

The majority of the Venture Scouts are registered to complete the DofE Silver Award. Our programme is designed to allow the Ventures to gain experience in the different aspects of the award, including map work, camp craft and first aid as well as public service volunteering. Indoor hall activities this year have focused on developing these skills.

### **Postamble**

2022 - 2023 was another successful year for the 29th Belfast (Carryduff) Scout Group, only made possible by the dedication of our volunteers to help over 100 young people grow in confidence and develop life skills that will surely help them on their journey into adulthood.

### 11. How is the Group doing financially?

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

<b>29th Belfast Scout Group SI</b>			
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account year to 31 August 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	£	£	£
Income from membership fees	13,253	14,513	(1,261)
Gift Aid received	-	-	-
SEELB Grants received	2,400	5,000	(2,600)
Bank interest received		4	(4)
Other	1,506	344	1,162
Income from activities	10,713	16,662	(5,948)
	<u>27,871</u>	<u>36,523</u>	<u>(8,651)</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Membership fees to Scouting Ireland	10,020	11,847	(1,827)
Costs of activities	13,453	19,504	(6,051)
Uniforms/badges	120	-	120
Hall Rent & Insurance	5,411	4,650	761
Equipment repairs/replacements	1,407	-	1,407
Training costs	699	348	351
Minibus insurance/running costs	1,122	1,297	(175)
Bank Fees	220	237	(17)
Other Misc Expenses	192	50	142
Depreciation	2,360	2,360	-
	<u>35,004</u>	<u>40,293</u>	<u>(5,289)</u>
<b>Surplus (Loss) for the Year</b>	<u>(7,133)</u>	<u>(3,771)</u>	<u>(3,363)</u>

**29th Belfast Scout Group SI**  
**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023**

	Current	August 22
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment & Minibus	7,574	9,934
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank and on hand	632	6,765
Minibus Cash Reserve	10,880	9,520
Sundry Debtor	-	-
	11,512	16,285
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		-
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	11,512	16,285
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>19,085</b>	<b>26,219</b>
<b>Retained Surplus:</b>		
Surplus retained at end of last year	26,219	29,989
Surplus for the year	(7,133)	(3,771)
<b>Retained Surplus</b>	<b>19,085</b>	<b>26,219</b>

**12. 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.*

**13. 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.*

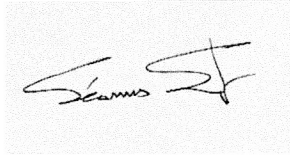
**14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNIs guidance on Public Benefit.**

*We the Trustees of 29th Belfast (Carrduff) 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.*

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

**Date:** 30th June 2024

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



**Trustee 1:**

**(Napier)**

**Date:** 10/07/2024

**Trustee 2:** Michael Glen **Date:** 10/07/2024