



**NI Challenge Badge sponsored by NI Museums Council – Museum Participation Form**

1.	Museum Name	Down County Museum
2.	Address	Down County Museum The Mall, English Street, Downpatrick, Co. Down, BT30 6AH
3.	Website	<a href="https://www.visitmournemountains.co.uk/museums/down-county-museum">https://www.visitmournemountains.co.uk/museums/down-county-museum</a>
4.	Museum representative contact details for NIMC/Scouts NI	Michael Arlow <a href="mailto:michael.arlow@nmandd.org">michael.arlow@nmandd.org</a> Direct line: 0330 137 4547 Museum: 0330 137 4049
5.	Opening hours/arrangements	Monday-Saturday 10am-4:30pm
6.	Ticketing	Entrance to the museum for individuals and groups is free. There is a charge for guided tours and workshops.
7.	Can you offer a discounted ticket for NI Scout members completing this Challenge?	<del>Yes/No</del> Not applicable. Further details:  Entry to the museum is free for groups and individuals.
8.	Contacts details for making bookings if necessary.	Michael Arlow <a href="mailto:michael.arlow@nmandd.org">michael.arlow@nmandd.org</a> Direct line: 0330 137 4547 Museum: 0330 137 4049

9.	Would you be available to welcome a group of scouts for a photocall at your museum between 1st and 14th April?	Yes/ <del>No</del> . Further details:
10.	Do you have an existing relationship with any scout groups?	<del>Yes</del> /No. Further details:

11. Please complete the table with suggested activities for each section (age group) that would be available in your museum for participants to complete on an ongoing basis. If there is an age group that you are not sure what activity to suggest, please note this and we can work on this with you to develop something or work around.

Section	Core age range	Minimum age	Maximum age	Suggested Activity e.g. complete the museum's 'Flaxy trail', or 'find the museum's exhibit built out of sugar-design what other local sites you might exhibit in a fantasy display, what other unusual materials could you use?'	Suggested Evidence to Bring to Scout Leader e.g. completed trail sheet, certificate, photo of participant engaged in activity.
Squirrels	4th to 6th birthday	4th birthday	6½ years		
Beavers	6th to 8th birthday	5¾ years	8½ years	"Top 10 Items Trail" Find, and find out about, 10 popular items in the museum.	Find the items in the museum exhibitions and complete worksheet. Perhaps with selfie with the item and child?
Cubs	8th birthday to 10½ years	7½ years	11th birthday	"Top 10 Items Quest" Identify <i>your</i> top 10 items in the museum and find out about them.	Complete worksheet. Perhaps with selfie with the item and child?

Scouts	10½ years to 14th birthday	10th birthday	14½ years	“Top 10 Items Quest” could be adapted and used at this level too.	Complete worksheet. Perhaps with selfie with the item and child?
Explorers	14th to 18th birthday	13½ years	18th birthday	I am interested in working with local Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, or Explorers leaders or groups to develop appropriately challenging and engaging activities which could then be used more widely. Activities could range from trails to simply providing access to structured workshops.	

Please return this form to [eva.lynch@nimc.co.uk](mailto:eva.lynch@nimc.co.uk) by 07.03.2025. Please get in touch if you would like to discuss this opportunity further.