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Information, support and resources
for your role in Scouting



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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2nd St. Neots Scout Group

Thank you for recently taking on the role of a leader. This booklet gives you a brief overview of Scouting in our local area, key contacts, and an idea of what you will be doing and what resources and help you should receive.

The 2nd St. Neots scout group aims to offer challenge and adventure to all its members. We believe in helping our young people fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We're working to make Scouting available to all and we're passionate about what we do.

Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they'll never forget. The sort of adventure we offer is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity for young people to discover their potential. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover or a Cub Scout has just got over her fear of heights by completing her first abseil – that's adventure.

All this is made possible by the efforts of our dedicated team of hard working voluntary adults. Our training scheme and one-to-one support ensures that each of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents.

Our adults have a responsibility to make our Programme fun and exciting. They also make sure that it is safe. Our policies, rules, code of behaviour and advice on child protection and safety are there to ensure our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

Thank you once again, and welcome aboard!



Awards night: with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire and the District Commissioner.

EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

The Group meets at The Round House School on School Drive, Loves Farm, St. Neots. The Group was started in 2011 and attract young people mainly from Loves Farm and Eynesbury. There are approximately 30 young people and 11 uniformed adults in the Group and the Group is one of 14 Scout Groups in Hinchingsbrooke District.

The Group is made up of the following:



Beaver Scout Colony 6 – 8 years

The Beaver Scout Colony is led by Philippa B.S.L.

Contactable through the Group website.



Cub Scout Pack 8 – 10 ½ years

The Cub Scout Pack is led by Kirsty (Akela) C.S.L.

Contactable through the Group website.



Scout Troop 10 ½ – 14 years

The Scout Troop is led by Danny (Skip) S.L.

Contactable through the Group website.



The Group is led by the Group Scout Leader (G.S.L.) – Andrew

Tel: 07786148707

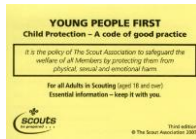
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Our Cubs at the Gilwell Funday

A QUICK CHECKLIST....

Have you received the following resources?



Yellow Card

A small card which contains The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy. All adults working in Scouting must have a copy. This is normally issued with your training pack. When you meet the local training manager.



Welcome Pack

You will be sent this directly from National Headquarters once your Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) clearance has been returned and your provisional appointment is issued, to welcome you into Scouting. It should answer some of your questions about what Scouting is, how it works, and what support is available for you in your role.



Appointment Card

This will be sent to you directly with your copy of Scouting Magazine, once you have completed your 'Getting Started' training and your full appointment has been issued. An appointment certificate will also be presented locally.



Scouting magazine

Scouting magazine is sent to all adult members every other month. You are entitled to receive a supplement with the magazine. The most appropriate supplement for your role is the Beavers supplement.

If you are missing something please contact Andrew the G.S.L.



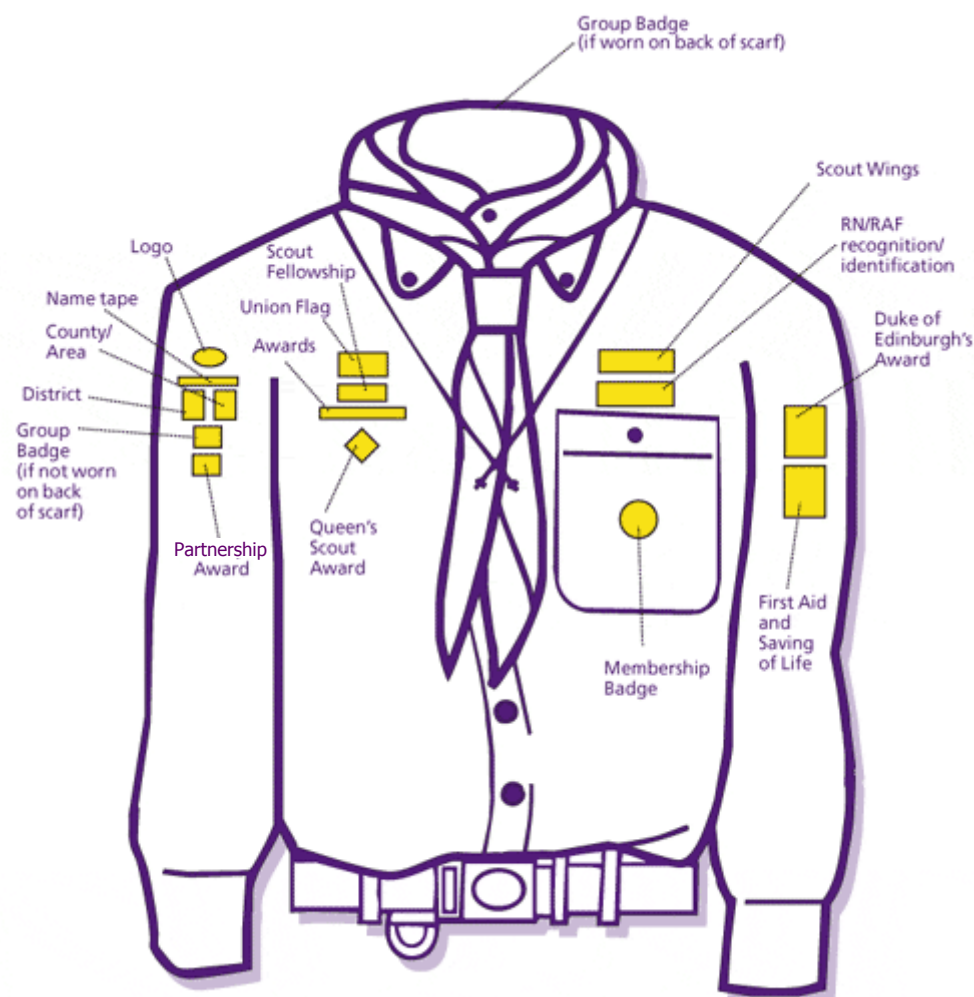
Our Beavers at the Gilwell Funday

THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO CHECK OUT

You can purchase your uniform from Scout shops online. The group will cover cost of your first shirt / blouse and they can be found at <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/> . In addition you will need dark trousers/ skirt or you can purchase scout uniform trousers/ skirt and belt. If you are not sure what you need your G.S.L will be able to help you.

You can get badges for yourself and the young people in your section from the other leaders.

The Adult Uniform:



TRAINING

As part of your role you will receive training to help you gain the skills that you will need. The Scout Association operates a flexible modular Adult Training Scheme, which covers all of the knowledge you will need and takes into account any skills and experience that you may already have. At the appointment advisory committee (AAC) you will meet the local Training manager, Austin Hill. The Training manager will be able to explain the training scheme and help you decide what training is appropriate for you.

The first piece of training that you will need to complete is 'Getting Started'. This is made up of four modules: *Essential Information (Mod1)*, *Safe Guarding*, *Tools for the Job (Mod 3)*, and a *Personal Learning Plan (Mod 2)*. The Personal Learning Plan helps you to plan what learning you need to do, and what knowledge or skills you can already bring to your role. This will normally be done with the training manager at the AAC. The other modules are available in a number of different ways: online, work books or course, whichever way you prefer. This should be completed within 3 months of the AAC. The rest of the training should be completed within 3 years of the AAC and on completion you will be awarded your Wood Badge

To find out more about forthcoming courses speak to the Group Scout leader in the first instance.

It is accepted as best practice not to be alone at any time with a member, two adults at all times.



The Getting started woggle and the Wood badge

TASK BOX

Listed above are the Section leaders in the Group. Over the next few weeks find out who else volunteers with the Group, try to meet some of them and find out what it is like to volunteer here.

Group Chairman:

Group Treasurer:

Group Sectary:

Beaver Leaders:

Cub Leaders:

Scout Leaders:

The Group is supported by the local Scout District. Speak to your Group Scout Leader and find out who the District Commissioner is and how to contact them.

Name Paul Robbins

Tel

Email

All of the Beaver/ Cubs/ Scouts leaders in the District are supported by a member of the District Team. Again speak to your Group Scout Leader to find out who they are and how to contact them.

Name

Tel

Email

WHEN WE MEET

The Group meets on a Monday evening at The Round House School

The Beaver Colony meets from 5:45 pm until 6:45 pm.

The Cub Pack meets from 5:30 pm until 6:45 pm

The Scout Troop meets 6:45 until 8:45 pm

If you find yourself the only leader that arrives for the meeting you should try to contact the G.S.L. and let them know. However do not let parents leave until another leader arrives, you may have to send the members home if no other leader can get there.

The section leaders get together at regular intervals to plan the activities for the sections.

All the leaders in the Group also meet up to three times a year at the G.S.L.'s meetings.

The meeting place

The G.S.L. will arrange to meet you and show you round the Group meeting place to make sure that you know where everything is. It is also useful to familiarise yourself with the first aid equipment and any emergency procedures.

Ask how you gain access to the meeting place – do you need to be given a set of keys?



WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION

There is a wealth of information and resources available to support you in your role, here are some you may find useful!

Group Web site : <http://2ndstneotsscouts.scoutsites.org.uk/>

County Web site : <http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk/>

The Scout Information Centre



The Information Centre is based at Gilwell Park and provides a single point of contact if you are seeking information or resources relating to any aspect of scouting. It is open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12 noon on Saturday.

Phone: 0845 300 1818

Email: info.centre@scout.org.uk

Web: www.scouts.org.uk

Programmes Online

Programmes Online is a web based tool designed to make it easier for adults to plan programmes for young people. It contains hundreds of programme ideas and activities for you to try.

www.scouts.org.uk/pol

Resources

A wide range of information and resources to support you in your role in Scouting are available online. You may need your membership number (found on your appointment card or the carrier sheet of your copy of *Scouting* magazine) to sign in.

www.scouts.org.uk



District Cub Camp

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will I get paid/expenses?

The Scout Association is a voluntary organisation, and you will not be paid for your role. However, no adult should feel that cost prohibits them from taking up a role in Scouting, and we are committed to reimbursing out of pocket expenses for all volunteers. You should speak to the Group Scout Leader to find out how this works.

Where does religion fit into Scouting?

The Scout Association does not identify itself with any one religion, but asks all Members to have a belief in a God (higher being) although this is not obligatory. Adults in Scouting should aim to encourage the spiritual development of young people in whichever faith they identify themselves with. We do however encourage true scouting values.

Who is responsible for administering first aid if there is an accident?

All trained adults in Scouting should have an up to date first aid certificate of First Response level or equivalent (Mod 10) and are responsible for the young people in their care. On a camp or activity one person should be designated first aider. If an incident requires any consultation with or treatment by a doctor, dentist or hospital the Information Centre should be notified.

What insurance do I/the young people have?

All Members of The Scout Association have personal accident insurance and legal liability cover whilst on scouting activities. Current details can be obtained from Scout Insurance Services on 0845 0945 702 or www.scouts.org.uk/insurance. You can also talk to if you have any questions.

Can I take young people on camp straight away?

Every night's away event for young people in Scouting must be led by someone who holds a Nights Away Permit. Other leaders attending the event do not need a Nights Away Permit. Speak to Group Scout Leader to find out more about this, and to find out who your Nights Away Adviser is.

10 THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT SCOUTING

1. Scouting is for girls as well as boys.
2. Scouting is a global movement.
3. Young people can join at any stage of their development.
4. The Scout Association is a registered charity.
5. Scouting is great value!
6. Robert Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting was recently voted the 13th most influential person of the 20th Century.
7. Famous former Scouts include Paul McCartney, Billy Connolly, Stephen Spielberg and David Beckham.
8. Each day 100,000 people in the UK take part in scouting activities.
9. Scouting for Boys, Baden-Powell's blueprint for the Scout Movement is one of the most popular books of all time.
10. Scouting was 100 in 2007.