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WELCOME PACK

2ND BOOTLE SCOUT GROUP



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Welcome

We are delighted that your child has joined our group. This information pack will provide you with basic information regarding Scouting and the Group. There are a number of forms at the end of this pack that we would appreciate you filling in and returning to us. The purpose and reason for these forms is explained within the pack.

Scouting

The Scout Movement is a global co-educational youth organisation, the largest in the world, with over 28 million Members in 216 countries and territories.

In the UK Scouting is organised through The Scout Association and which has a clear purpose:

To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as Members of their local, national and international communities.

The Scout Association offers everyday (and some more unusual!) adventure and activity to almost 400,000 young people across the UK.

Scouting is open to all young people aged 6 to 25 of every faith and background as long as they are prepared to make the promise. A number of variations of the promise are available to cover a range of faiths and nationalities.

There are also plenty of opportunities for adults to become involved as Leaders, Assistants, and Administrators and as Group Supporters. If you would like to be involved with our Group then please contact one of the Group's Leaders.

As a member of our Group we hope and will endeavour to ensure that your child can help to make the world a better place. Scouting makes a positive contribution to society by helping young people to develop as active members of the community who:

- Are self-reliant,
- Are caring,
- Are responsible,
- Show commitment.

However most importantly this continual personal development works best when the young people are working in partnership with adults. They do this by:

- Taking part in a variety of activities and new experiences,
- Exploring the outdoors,
- Participating in teams,
- Taking responsibility,
- Taking part in the Progressive Training Programme

The Programme is a continuous progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the age of 6 to 25.

The Group and Sections

The Group currently consists of 4 sections and meets at St. Elizabeth of Hungary School on a Wednesday evening.

- **Squirrels** 4 to 6 years old and meet between 5.30pm & 6.30pm
- **Beavers** 5¾ to 8 years old & meet between 6:15pm & 7:30pm
- **Cubs** 8 to 10 ½ years old & meet between 6:30pm & 8:00pm
- **Scouts** 10 ½ to 14 years old & meet between 6:30pm & 8:00pm

With all sections there is some flexibility in age ranges.

The Group feeds into a District Explorer Scout Units, however all group members that progress to the District Explorer Units are more than welcome back at the Group as "Young Leaders" with any of the sections.

The Group can always benefit from assistance either as a Leader, helper or a member of the Group's Executive or even as occasional specialist skills instructor, passing on skills or hobbies. If you would like to help, in any capacity, please contact us.

Whilst the activities they take part in will depend on their age, each Section gives young people the opportunity to learn by doing. The main programme areas are:

- Outdoor and Adventure
- Global
- Community
- Fit for Life
- Creative and Beliefs
- And Attitudes

Leaders are trained to deliver this programme, ensuring our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

The Promise

Our Scout Group is 'Open Group'; this basically means that as long as your Child meets the age requirements for membership of the Scout Association they are welcome within our Group.

To become a member of the Scout Association and our group your child will be asked to make a promise at an investiture ceremony. This would normally be undertaken on a Wednesday evening, however it can be carried out at any event. We would always try and make this a very special event for your child, however it is your child's investiture and would only be carried out when they were ready. Investitures may be delayed so that they could be carried out at a special event e.g. at camp. You, of course, would be more than welcome to witness this ceremony.

The promise that they make will be dependent on the section that they are joining. The general promise for each section is attached; the promise can, however, be altered in a number of ways to take into account religious beliefs; nationality and / or special needs.

In the promise your child will undertake to either "love God" or to do their "duty to God" (or their choice of deity). If your child attends a place of worship then we would ask that they attend once a month in uniform.

Their Leader can generally answer any questions that you or your child may have with regard to the promise.

Uniform

Details of uniform for each section, and the location of badges are attached.

On a Wednesday evening we would normally expect your child to attend in uniform from the waist up. However, for specific activities full or suitable uniform activity-wear may be more suitable. Guidance on the expected uniform for each activity would be provided with details of the proposed event or activity.

- **Squirrels** Red crew neck sweatshirt
- **Beavers** Turquoise sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Cub Scouts** Dark green sweatshirt and Group neckerchief
- **Scouts** Teal green smart shirt, Scout belt and Group neckerchief

The Scout Association produces dark blue uniform 'activity' trousers. Navy blue coloured Regatta walking trousers are the same. For events where full uniform is required these activity/walking trousers or dark grey/black 'school' type trousers / skirt would be more than adequate. For Scouts, full uniform also includes a brown leather Scout belt.

The Group neckerchief is type black with a red boarder. These are available from the Group upon investiture.

For activity wear there is a choice of optional polo shirts, available in turquoise for Beaver Scouts and green for Cub Scouts and Scouts or Group T-Shirts, (available soon).

Badge Work

Members of all ages work towards attaining awards both in their chosen activities, and are awarded badges. From Circus Skills and Street Sports to Imagination and Public Relations, there is a wide range of choice of Activity Badges for all Sections. Hobbies that your child has can also be used to help both '**Activity Badges**' and progressive training awards.

These are generally awarded for trying new activities and doing their best at them for the younger sections whilst Scouts do have some badges that specific standards have to be met. Generally the effort needed to obtain the badge or the standard required increases as your child progresses through the sections. In addition though, there are seven '**Staged Activity Badges**' these have been designed to provide a unified approach throughout the Sections.

These staged Activity Badges are:

- Emergency Aid
- Information Technology
- Musician
- Swimmer
- Time On The Water
- Nights Away
- Hikes Away

All the Staged Activity Badges have 5 stages, with the exception of the last two. Nights Away has 12 and Hikes Away has 6 stages. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached. It is possible, for example, for a Beaver Scout who is an excellent swimmer to gain a higher-level badge than a Scout who has just taken up the activity.

There are '**Joining In**' awards which are presented with the numbering indicating how many years the Member has regularly attended and participated in the balanced programme across the whole Scout Movement. Only the highest numbered badge is worn.

Each section has a number of '**Challenge Badges**'; these can either be done individually or in groups. On completion of a number of these your child can earn the relevant Chief Scouts Award, the highest award earned worn on their uniform.

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| • Squirrels | - Chief Scouts Acorn Award |
| • Beaver Scouts | - Bronze Chief Scouts Award |
| • Cub Scouts | - Silver Chief Scouts Award |
| • Scouts | - Gold Chief Scouts Award |

When your child is ready to move onto the next section there are moving on awards for each section.

Occasionally your child may be asked to undertake things at home to go towards badge-work or challenges being undertaken at their meeting.

Subscriptions

At the current time, Subscriptions are £3.50 per week which equates to £11.67 per calendar month and is paid via standing order.

Please use the details below, to set up the standing order from your bank:

Name of bank: *Caf Bank*

Sort Code: *405240*

Account Number: *00023037*

Account Name: *2nd Bootle Scout Group*

The Subscriptions help to cover the cost of **renting** our 'Meeting Place' as well as things like **badges** and **materials** for **activities** carried out at their meetings. Some other activities such as camps, may incur **extra** costs.

In Addition...

During January we have to fulfil the Scout Associations census and pay Capitation for each member of the Group. Failure to pay this, either directly or through targeted fund raising, will result in your child not being allowed to partake in Scouting activities, as Scout Insurance will not cover them.

At the time your child is ready to be invested, (usually between 4 – 6 weeks), you will need to pay a one off payment of £23.00. £8.00 covers the cost of the group neckerchief and badges and £15 goes towards their insurance. The group pays the remainder of the insurance cost, by way of fundraising throughout the year.

If at any point paying for either subscriptions, capitation or for activities becomes an issue please speak to one of the Group's Leadership team.

We can claim the income tax paid on all the monies that are paid to us. This includes money paid for subscriptions, capitation and activity costs. This means that for every £1 paid to the Group we can claim 25p back from the Inland Revenue. In addition to being an easy fund raising method, it means that we can keep costs of activities as low as possible. To enable us to do this though you need to fill in a "**Gift Aid Declaration**" form on our website; [Gift Aid Declaration – 2nd Bootle Scout Group](#)

Trips and Activities

In order to supplement the weekly meetings and to ensure that everyone has the best opportunities. There are very few activities that members of The Scout Association are actually banned from doing. Consequently if it is possible, to do something, and there is a large enough request to do something we will try to organise it.

However, when organising trips or activities we often have to impose a cut-off date for responses. This is generally due to purchasing tickets, completing all of the necessary risk assessments and making arrangements with the 'Home Contact' for the event.

These cut-off dates will be strictly adhered to. Consequently if subsequent to your child being accepted on a trip or activity, if they are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible.

Another cut-off reason may be a number of people taking part. For instance if we are only able to 10 members due to the number of available canoes for example it's important that everyone turns up because their place could have been given to another child.

Child Protection and Health and Safety

The Scout Association's policies, rules, code of behavior, advice on Child Protection and safety policy are there to ensure our young people stay safe whilst the program of activities that we provide is fun, exciting and challenging. Most importantly we must also make sure that all activities undertaken are safe.

It is the policy of The Scout Association (and therefore of the Group) to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Scout Association is committed to:

- Taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;
- Respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;
- Taking all reasonable practicable steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and
- Promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

All adults aged eighteen or over, no matter what their role or involvement within Scouting, are responsible for putting this policy into practice at all times.

All Leaders and regular helpers have been subjected to, and passed, an enhanced DBS. In addition all leaders have passed a basic first aid qualification.

However, accidents occasionally can happen, consequently in order to comply with The Scout Association's own health and safety policy's we require certain information regarding emergency contacts (next of kin, emergency contact numbers etc.). If this information changes e.g. change of address or phone number please let us know. A general information contact form is attached. During activities and trips this contact information, including parent or guardian contact information, will be provided to a third party who will not be related to anyone on the activity or trip. This will be the events nominated 'Home Contact'. If it is necessary to contact you during the event it is likely to be this person who will contact you.

Further information and consent forms may be required for specific activities.

The Group can cope with members that have special needs, however we do need to know of any special requirements, allergies etc. that your child may have.

All information provided is kept in complete confidence. It is normal for us to ask for a new form to be filled in when your child moves sections to ensure that we have up to date

information. The only people outside of the Group to have access to any of this information would be a nominated 'Home Contacts' during trips or activities.

Photographs / Video Footage

The various sections regularly take part in a wide range of activities, organised at a Group, District or County level. Many of these involve challenging activities, which the youngsters involved often like evidence to prove that they have taken part.

In addition, images of the youngsters enjoying themselves can be extremely useful for publicity purposes, internally (e.g. for use on the Group newsletter), externally (sent to local newspapers, 'Scouting Magazine' (which is provided to Leaders in Scouting) etc.), and on display boards etc. in the Community Centre. Photographs and video footage of the youngsters in the activities may also be used as a training aid (both adult and youngsters) or as validation of adult training.

At Group events it is relatively easy for the Leaders in charge to take suitable and agreeable photographs of the children involved. At larger events such as District or County events, it is not necessarily possible for the Leader to dictate what photographs might be taken or the specific end use of the photographs. However as the photographs would be taken as part of a Scouting event they would need to comply with The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy, as would photographs or video images taken during Group events.

Please ask if you have any questions concerning this. If we wish to use photos for any other purposes we will seek your permission. There is a form at the end of this pack, please fill it in as appropriate, sign to say that you accept it and return.

Further Information

Further details regarding anything about scouting can be found on the Internet at...

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>

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Squirrels

Scouts 

Meet the Team

The group is supported by various adult volunteers, some of whom are listed below:

Executive Committee Members:

Group Scout Leader
Peter Duffy

Chairperson
Mr. Roberts

Secretary
Tina Roberts

Treasurer
Carol Duffy

Committee Member

Committee Member

Committee Member

Fundraising
Nicola

Youth Section Leaders:

Scout Leader
Vинny Coley

Cub Scout Leader
Danielle Coley

Beaver Scout Leader
Shannon Parr

Squirrel Leader
Nicola Cochran

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Asst. Scout Leader
Andrew Riley

Asst. Cub Leader

Asst. Beaver Leader
Sammy Coley

Asst. Squirrel Leader
Ami Rowe

Sectional Assistant
Vacant

Sectional Assistant
Beth McCarthy

Sectional Assistant
Hannah Duffy

Young Leader Section Leader
Ami Rowe

Squirrel Scouts Uniform and Promise



The Squirrel Scout Promise

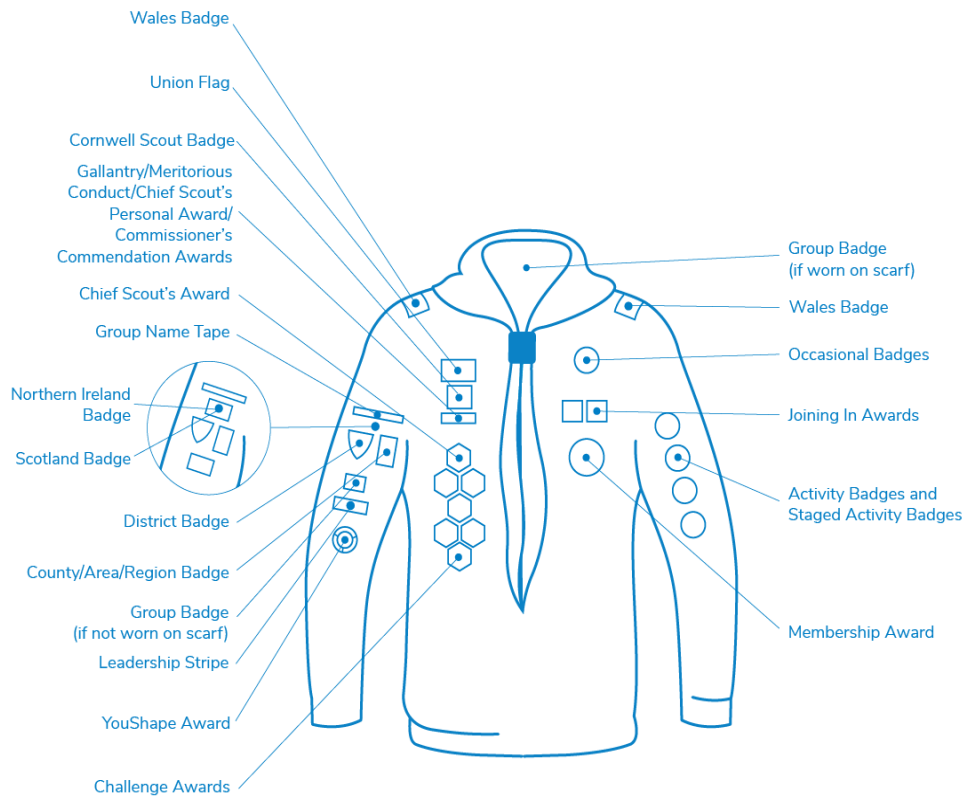
I promise to do my best to be kind and helpful and to love our world.

Uniforms are available from:

St Andrews Scout Shop, St. Andrew Scout Hut, (behind St Andrews Church), Damfield Lane. Maghull **Opening Times:** by invitation only, please contact Sue Clare on 07710 421065

Or online via: <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/>

Beaver Scout uniform

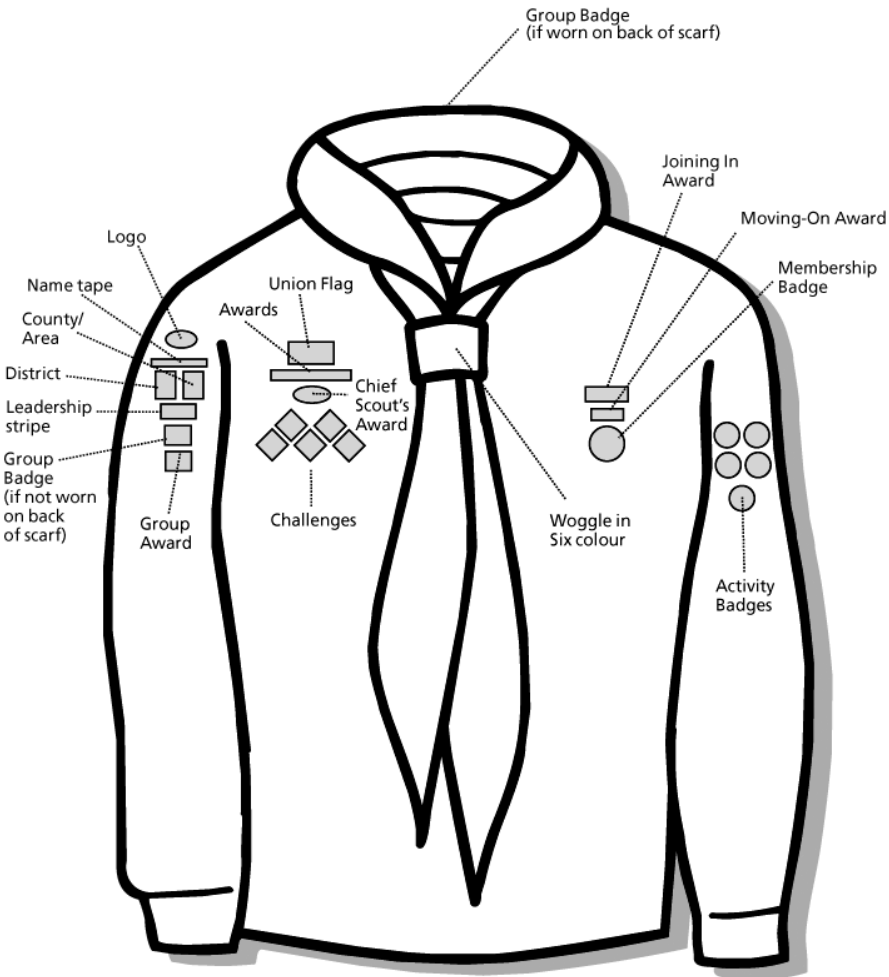


Promise

The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God.

Cub Scouts Uniform, Promise and Law



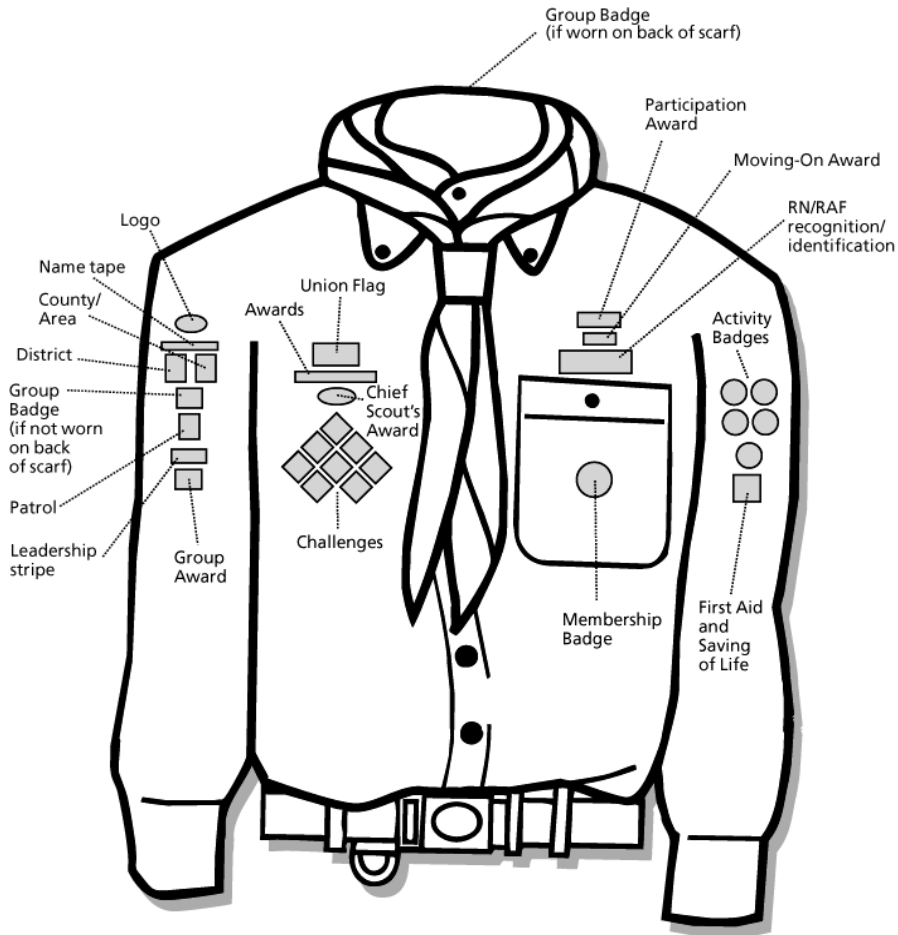
The Cub Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best
 To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
 To help other people
 And to keep the Cub Scout Law

The Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts always do their best
 Think of others before themselves
 And do a good turn every day.

Scouts Uniform, Promise and Law



The Scout Promise On my honour, I promise that I will do my best,
To do my duty to God and to The Queen,
To help other people,
And to keep the Scout Law

- The Scout Law**
- 1) A Scout is to be trusted.
 - 2) A Scout is loyal.
 - 3) A Scout is friendly and considerate.
 - 4) A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
 - 5) A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
 - 6) A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
 - 7) A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

Keep up to date with your section by joining our Facebook Group.

Once your child has joined the group, Search for 2nd Bootle Scout Group – Members

You will need to answer the security question, before being accepted.