



Dear Parents / Guardians,

Subscriptions

As you will no doubt appreciate although the Scout Group is run by unpaid volunteers there are various costs involved in providing Scouting for your child ^(see Note below). To fund these costs we require to levy a membership subscription on our members.

Subscriptions are payable for the whole time that the young person is with the Group but will only become payable once he / she has confirmed a liking for the programme of activities on offer and is invested as a member. This is usually after about 6 weeks. Subscriptions are payable by bank standing order at £7.50 each month commencing on the first month of the following term. You will be asked for a cheque / cash upon Investiture for the cost of the initial period (maximum £30).

The Standing Order method reduces the time and effort required to administer the collection of subscriptions and also spreads the payments for you as parents. The enclosed standing order form should be completed and returned to your child's Leader. (Please do NOT send it direct to your Bank.) In the unlikely event that the young person does not continue after the initial few weeks the form will be returned to you or if already lodged to the Bank can be cancelled by writing to the Bank.

Some parents pay more each month, the extra being a donation to the Group, and you will be surprised to learn I have no objection to this, indeed the more the better. However, this is up to you as long as the Group receives the minimum of £7.50 per month.

Gift Aid

It would be appreciated if you would agree to make your subscriptions under Gift Aid. Gift Aid costs you nothing and yet allows the Group to reclaim from the taxman some of the income tax which you have paid. In essence under the scheme every £1 you pay in subscriptions means £1.28 is received by the Scout Group for use in providing your child with activities, ie 28% more income without extra cost or commitment by you. The appropriate Declaration is also enclosed for completion and return to the Leader.

Your support in these matters is greatly appreciated. However, should you wish to discuss any of the above further or have any questions on the finances for the Group please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Tamara Harris
Treasurer

Note - The Group's latest accounts, with more detail of costs etc, are available for viewing on the Group's Website

The Scout Association

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