

Membership Details

How Safe is my Child?

We take the safety of your child very seriously. The Scout Association has a rule book which details exactly how all activities must be undertaken. All activities are planned within those rules. All leaders are checked by the Scout Association against the largest national register for any criminal record. We also routinely submit parents for the same check so that they are already checked when we ask them to help at section meetings.

What Does It Cost?

The Scout Association is a charitable organisation and it is normal for each Group to charge subscriptions to help cover the running costs. Many years ago 'subs' were paid in cash each week during role call. All of the leaders must be pleased that, these days, the subs are paid each term. They can be paid in cash or, preferably, by cheque or standing order.

Additionally, there is a one off joining fee which covers the cost of the neckerchief as well as all badges your son is awarded throughout his scouting career.

Some of the subscriptions money has to be passed on to the District, County and National bodies to cover the cost of support provided by those sections. These 'capitation' costs rise annually.

We prefer members to pay their subs by using a Standing Order mandate. The form is included within the Resource Pack.

Section	If new	If already a member
Joining fee for Beavers & Cubs	£3.50	£0
Joining fee for Scouts 7 Explorers	£4	£0
	1 Child	2 Children in group
Beavers & Cubs subscriptions per month (if not paying by Gift Aid):	£8	£7
Beavers & Cubs subscriptions per month (if paying by Gift Aid):	£6	£5
Scouts & Explorers subscriptions per month (if not paying by Gift Aid):	£9	£8
Scouts & Explorers subscriptions per month (if paying by Gift Aid):	£7	£6

What Is Gift Aid?

This is a scheme being run by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim back from the Tax Man the tax that you have paid on your subscriptions [approximately 28%]. All you have to do is sign the simple form included with this Resource Pack and we do the rest.

Obviously, we are keen to claim this extra income to help provide better facilities for our members. To provide you with some incentive, we offer a discount to those who make this possible.

If you do not already take part in this scheme, and you would like to, please speak with you son's leader who will arrange for you to receive the appropriate form.

Can Girls Join?

Yes.