

3rd Chandlers Ford (URC) Scout Group



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Information for Parents

**Please read this and complete the forms as soon as possible
Please retain this pamphlet for future reference**

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Introduction

This Welcome Booklet is intended as an introduction for parents to Scouting and the 3rd Chandlers Ford Scout Group.

Please take time to read this as it contains some important points. Please complete the enclosed forms and return them to your Section Leader.

Scouting activities range from annual camps through badge work and games to obligations like attending church parades. As your child begins their Scouting with us, we would like to emphasise the importance of encouraging them in the project and badge work, to join in the fun activities and to meet their obligations, all of which form an important part of the Scout training programme. With your help and encouragement to join in our activities your child's enjoyment of Scouting will be greatly enhanced.

If there are any questions or problems associated with your child's Scouting do not hesitate to speak to your Section Leader or the Group Scout Leader. Similarly, if there are any medical problems or change in circumstances then please let us know.

We feel sure that your child will enjoy their Scouting with us and look forward to them benefitting from all we have to offer.

What is Scouting?

Lord Baden Powell started the Scout Movement in 1907, following a very successful camp for boys from various parts of London on Brownsea Island.

The Movement has considerably expanded since then! There are now over 300,000 adult, boys and girls in Scouting in the UK. It is also a large international organisation with more than 31 million Scouts, youth and adults, boys and girls, in 216 countries and territories. Youth and adults from all over the world come together every four years at World Scout Jamborees.

Scouting is a uniformed youth movement that uses adventurous and fun activities to provide an opportunity for young people to develop their life skills, to learn and to enjoy themselves. Scouting offers a wide range of skills and services and is open to any young person. The purpose of Scouting is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting achieves this by providing an enjoyable scheme of progressive training based on the Scout Promise and Law, guided by adult leaders.

Who are we?

Scouting happens principally in local Scout Groups, where children meet to pursue the Scout programme. Our Group was formed by the United Reformed Church to provide boys with a chance to get together and enjoy the scouting experience. We were registered as the 10th Eastleigh on 27th April 1962, and became the 3rd when Chandlers Ford was set up as a separate district in 1983.

Ever since our formation, the United Reformed Church has continued to sponsor the Group by encouraging the development of Scouting in the Group, and we are the only Sponsored Group in the Chandlers Ford Scout District - hence the URC in our title and on the name tags.

Scouting is available for children aged 6 to young adults at 25. Within the Scout Group, children are divided into three sections:

Beaver Scouts	6 to 8 years
Cub Scouts	8 to 10½ years
Scouts	10½ to 14 years

Meeting Times

The first meetings in 1962 were in the Church Hall, with just 16 boys, but Group membership is now over 100 children in two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops.

All sections meet weekly during term time in the headquarters:

Beaver Colony	(Monday)	5:15pm to 6:45pm
	(Wednesday)	5:15pm to 6:45pm
Cub Pack	(Monday)	7:00pm to 8:30pm
	(Wednesday)	7:00pm to 8:30pm
Scout Troop	(Tuesday)	7:00pm to 9:00pm
	(Friday)	7:30pm to 9:30pm

What is a Scout District?

There are seven Groups in Chandlers Ford Scout District:

- 1st in Brickfield Lane
- 2nd at Ramalley
- 3rd in Kings Road
- 4th at Hiltisbury
- 7th at Thornden
- 15th at Otterbourne
- 1st Hursley

Our District is one of 30 Scout Districts in Hampshire, which together with another 108 Scout Counties comprise the UK Scout Association. Headquarters for the Scout Association is at Gilwell, a lovely park in Epping Forest in Essex.

The function of all the other units in the Association (Scout District, Scout County, etc.) is to enhance the quality of the Scout programme in all Scout Groups by supporting the leaders who provide the programme activities. For children aged 14 to 18 years, the Chandlers Ford Scout District (like all other Districts) organises and runs several Explorer Scout Units.

For young adults aged 18 to 25 years, Hampshire Scout County (like all other Counties) organises and runs a Scout Network.

Our Scout District also provides a large number of activities and events for the young people to take part in. These range from camps and hikes through football, chess and cooking competitions to parades and services.

The Chandlers Ford Scout District is very fortunate in having a camp site leased from Cranbury Park estate. It is available for Scouting and Guiding activities from 1st April until 31st September and is used by our local Groups for all sorts of outdoor activities throughout the season, and for camping activities by Groups from elsewhere in the UK.

What do we do? 1: Section Activities

What do Beavers do?

The Beaver Colony is the first and youngest section of the Scout Group. Beaver Scouts are young people aged between 6 and 8 years old.

There is flexibility in the age range, as young people can join from age 5½ and can move to Cubs between age 7¾ and 8½ depending on their needs and ability, although we have found it best if a small group of Beavers progress onto Cubs together.

The Beavers in the Colony are organised into Lodges, each Lodge containing approximately six children of a range of ages. Each Lodge is identified by its own colour (i.e. Red Lodge, Blue Lodge etc.) and the Beavers in that Lodge wear a woggle of that colour.

New Beavers will usually be put into a Lodge where they know at least one other child. Lodges can be used in a number of ways to facilitate the organisation of the Colony, providing a 'home' area for Beaver Scouts to gather at points before, during or after the Colony meeting.

During their time in the Colony, Beaver Scouts will get a chance to enjoy all that Scouting has to offer; being introduced to outdoor activities, having the opportunity to be creative and to explore their local community. They will get to try a wide range of different activities as well as going on trips, days out, and on sleepovers.

For example, one summer term covered activities as diverse as constructing a Butterfly Feeder at Cranbury Park, a cooking evening, a Disability Awareness talk, 'Wet and Wild' at Cranbury Park, a session of Ringos at Southampton Alpine Centre, and a Saturday trip to Brownsea Island.

Learning by doing and participation rather than meeting set standards are the key approaches. There are a range of Challenge Awards and Activity Badges available that Beavers can gain during their time in the section. The weekly meetings are organised and constructed to eventually cover all aspects of the Challenge Awards so that a Beaver should be able to progress to Cubs having gained their Chief Scout's Bronze Award. The meetings will also sometimes cover the requirements of various Activity Badges, so that when completed the whole Colony will be presented with their Badges.

What do Cubs do?

The Cub Pack is the second section of the Scout Group following on from Beavers. Cub Scouts are young people aged between 8 and 10½ .

There is flexibility in the age range as young people can join from age 7½ and can move to Scouts between age 10 and 11 depending on their needs and ability, although we have found it best if a small group of Cubs progress onto Scouts together.

Cub Scouts borrows a great deal of its system from the Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. The Cub section is called a Pack, as in a Pack of Wolves. The leader of the Cub Scout section is Akela and the other leaders take Jungle Book names such as Bagheera, Baloo, Kaa etc.

The Cubs in the Pack are organised into Sixes, each Six containing approximately six Cubs of a range of ages. Each Six is identified by its own colour (i.e. Red Six, Blue Six etc.) and the Cubs in that Six wear a woggle of that colour.

New Cubs will usually be put into a Six where they know at least one other cub. Each Six has a Sixer who is in charge of the Six and he is helped by a Seconder. A Cub is not usually made up to a Seconder or Sixer unless they have shown competence and good behaviour.

For Cubs, excitement and adventure are key. During their time in the Pack, Cub Scouts will get a chance to try a wide range of different activities surrounding areas of fitness, global and beliefs, whilst allowing them to be creative and get involved in their local communities. Cubs are introduced to exciting outdoor skills and take part in adventurous activities, going on trips, days out, as well as camps and residential experiences.

Learning by doing and participation rather than meeting set standards are the key approaches. There are a range of Challenge Awards and Activity Badges available that Cub Scouts can gain during their time in the section. The weekly meetings are organised and constructed to eventually cover all aspects of the Challenge Awards so that a Cub should be able to progress to Scouts having gained their Chief Scout's Silver Award. The meetings will also sometimes cover the requirements of various Activity Badges, so that when completed the whole Pack will be presented with their Badges.

What do Scouts do?

The Scout Troop is the third section in the Scout Group, above Beavers and Cubs. The Scout Section is for young people aged between 10½ and 14 years.

There is flexibility in the age range as young people can join from age 10, and can move to Explorers between age 13½ and 14½ .

The Scouts in the Troop are organised into Patrols, each patrol containing approximately six Scouts of a range of ages. Each patrol has its own name and a badge on their arm to identify their patrol. New Scouts will usually be put into a patrol where they know at least one other Scout.

Each patrol has a Patrol Leader who is in charge of the patrol. The Patrol Leader is helped by an Assistant Patrol Leader. A Scout is not usually made up to a PL or APL unless they have shown their competence and good behaviour. Scouts aims to build and develop young people's confidence, sense of adventure and outdoor skills, by encouraging them to take part in a wide range of activities including traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking, and something more adventurous, from abseiling to zorbing.

As in the other sections, learning by doing and participation and working together on all sorts of projects, from community based work to planning games and activities for their meetings, rather than meeting set standards are the key approaches.

There are a number of Challenges Awards and Activity Badges that Scouts can gain during their time in the section to recognise their achievements. The weekly meetings are organised and constructed to eventually cover all aspects of the Challenge Awards so that a Scout should be able to progress to Explorers having gained their Chief Scout's Gold Award. The meetings will also sometimes cover the requirements of various Activity Badges, so that when completed the whole Troop will be presented with their Badges.

What do we do? 2: The Balanced Programme

Scouting offers a diverse and exciting selection of activities and experiences, with a programme that provides adventure and challenge to young people according to their age and ability, aimed at helping them with their personal development and to grow their confidence. The programme of activities is planned by the Section Leaders in partnership with young people where appropriate.

The Scouting programme for all sections is based upon six themes of outdoor and adventure, world, skills, leadership, teamwork and personal development.

This programme is delivered in a balanced way that incorporates elements from each theme, meaning that any one activity can cover several themes. This enables the Section Leaders to offer an interesting and diverse range of activities, with the ultimate aim of enabling every young person to achieve their Chief Scout Award, the top award in each section.

The programme is designed to be progressive through the sections, offering young people an appropriate level of challenge as they move from Beavers to Cubs to Scouts, and then on to Explorers.

In each section a range of badges and awards are provided to support all aspects of Scouting, covering the six main themes as well as allowing individuals to develop their own interests.

Fun and Adventure

Scouting is not just about schemes, awards and badges. Games and adventurous activities, including many outdoor activities, are very important to scouting, not just because they are enjoyable, but because they are also important in the young persons development.

The emphasis is on learning and developing whilst having fun. Archery, first-aid, putting on shows and cooking are just a small sample of the activities, with camps, hikes and outings arranged for school holidays and weekends.

What do we do? 3: Badges and Awards

The Membership Award

The Membership Award is presented upon investiture to all members of Scouting when they take the Promise and become a member of the Movement for the first time. It also provides members with an understanding of the values and benefits of the Scouting Movement.

Joining In/Participation Badges

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts can gain the Joining In/Participation Awards that count the number of years they have been a member of Scouting. Young people can wear the highest badge earned in the previous section and add to it each year until they leave that section.

Moving On Awards

Moving On Awards are given to young people when they progress to the next section in the Movement. They are presented when they are invested in the new section.

Activity Badges

Activity badges make up the majority of all the badges available to young people. They are specific to sections and cover a huge range of skills, experiences and interests. They are designed to be achievable to young people working individually outside their section, on something that is of particular interest to them.

Staged Activity Badges

Staged Activity Badges are available to young people from Beavers to Explorers and cover a range of topics and skills. Staged badges do not have to be completed in order; it is possible for young people to begin at whichever stage offers them an appropriate level of challenge. The stages are progressively difficult to offer young people an ongoing challenge.

These badges are awarded according to the level of expertise and skill shown. It is their expertise that is the key, not age or Section that determines the badge. For example, a Cub with a higher level of expertise than a Scout in, say swimming, would be awarded a higher stage of the Swimming badge than the Scout.

Challenge Awards / Badges

The Challenge Badges support the main themes of the programme and require young people to take part in a range of activities to develop their skills and understanding in each specific challenge area. They link directly to the Chief Scout's Bronze (for Beaver Scouts), Silver (for Cub Scouts) and Gold Awards (for Scouts).

Explorers do not have Challenge Awards, but they do have Challenge Areas that reflect the main Scouting themes in the same way as the other sections.

Beaver Challenge Badges

- My Adventure
- My Outdoors My Skills
- My World Personal Teamwork

Cub Challenge Badges

- Our Adventure
- Our Outdoors
- Our Skills
- Our World Personal
- Team Leader
- Teamwork

Scout Challenge Badges

- Adventure
- Outdoor Skills
- World
- Personal
- Team Leader
- Teamwork
- Creative
- Expedition

Chief Scout's Awards

The Chief Scout's Awards celebrate the highest level of achievement that young people can gain in their section. Every young person should have the opportunity to achieve them. For Bronze, Silver and Gold, young people are required to complete the Challenge Awards and a selection of Activity Badges from their section.

Chief Scout's Bronze Award for Beavers

- All six Challenge Awards
- Four Activity or Staged Activity Badges

Chief Scout's Silver Award for Cubs

- All seven Challenge Awards
- Six Activity or Staged Activity Badges

Chief Scout's Gold Award for Scouts

- All nine Challenge Awards
- Six Activity or Staged Activity Badges

If a Scout has not quite completed the requirements for the top award before they move on to the next section, they may complete it in their early weeks in the following section.

Explorer and Network Scouts can go on to work for the Chief Scout Platinum and Chief Scout Diamond Awards or the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold).

The highest Scouting award is the Queen's Scout Award, which is recognised to be equivalent to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Additional References

Further information can be found via Programmes Online at <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources>.

Awards for the Explorer Scout Section are not detailed in our group pamphlet but information about the Platinum and Diamond awards, Bronze and Silver DofE Programmes can be found in the same webpages. There are also a number of other publications and resources available to support leaders in their roles and inspire young people; these are available from scouts.org.uk/shop.

What do we do? 4: Other Activities

Special Needs

If your child requires any additional help with any activity, or has any particular needs please speak to one of the leaders.

Activities & Supervision

An important part of the appeal of Scouting is the provision of adventurous activities. The Scout Association has strict rules regulating these activities and, when appropriate, trained instructors are used for these activities.

Camps & Trips

Throughout the year there will normally be opportunities for the Scouts to enjoy a camp, adventurous activity or a special trip out. All camps and all other single events and day trips will require separate permission forms to be completed.

Camps and some events will require costs to be covered and a charge will be made for this.

Payment for camps and events usually consists of a deposit when a Scout signs up and the balance paid closer to the event. Deposits are not refundable. No discounts can be offered if the Scout cannot attend all days of a particular camp. The deposits are often used to pay for camp sites and transport months in advance.

When camping, full details and a full kit list will be issued prior to the event.

What are a Scout's obligations?

Meetings & Activities

Members of the 3rd Chandlers Ford Scout Group are expected to take an active role in the activities of the Group. The following should be considered the minimum commitment from a Scout:

- Attend all Scout Meetings.
- Take part in Church Parades.
- Take part in St. Georges Day Parade in April.
- Attend at least two Scouting events during the year.

If a Scout has to miss meetings due to any other commitments, they should talk to one of the leaders.

A large number of other events are organised for Scouts throughout the year, and it is hoped that Scouts will attend most, if not all of these events in order to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available.

Behaviour & Discipline

All Scouts are expected to behave well and appropriately. This is implicit in their acceptance of the Law and Promise.

Inappropriate behaviour will not be accepted. Generally speaking, minor incidents will be dealt with at the leaders discretion (e.g. A simple telling off, sitting out the game, etc.)

More serious examples, in particular bullying and fighting, will result in the Scouts parents being contacted and, depending upon the circumstances, suspension for a number of weeks.

Older Cubs are expected to set a good example to younger Cubs and older Scouts, in particular Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, will be expected to set a good example to younger members of the Troop.

Uniform

All Scouts are required to wear uniform for Section meetings, when arriving and departing from events and for parades. Scouts should take pride in their uniform and do their best to look after the uniform and to look smart. Children are not required to wear a uniform until they have been invested (officially joined the Group). Uniforms can be purchased from the Eastleigh District Scout Shop and details are included in an appendix.

Law and Promise

The important underlying values of Scouting are summarised in the Scout Promise and Law. Each member agrees to these values when they are invested by confirming their Promise to the Leader.

Scouting is an open and inclusive organisation where no members should be discriminated against on the basis of class, gender, ethnic background, nationality, sexuality, mental or physical ability and political or religious belief.

There are several alternative wordings of the Promise that young people and adults may wish to use to best reflect their own beliefs. Each version is written to be appropriate to the broad level of understanding of each of the age groups within the Movement. The Scout Association believes that this approach is inclusive.

The Beaver Scout Law

Beaver Scouts do not have a Law

The Beaver Scout Promise

**Christian, Jew, Sikh
(The Core Promise):**

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

Muslim:

Either 1) I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love God.

Or 2) I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love Allah.

Hindu:

Either 1) I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love God.

Or 2) I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love my Dharma.

Humanist, Atheist, or no faith:

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

The Cub Scout Law

1. Cub Scouts always do their best;
2. think of others before themselves; and
3. do a good turn every day.

The Cub Scout Promise

Christian, Jew, Sikh (The Core 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.

Muslim:

Either 1) The Core Cub Scout Promise (as above)

Or 2) I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to Allah and to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Cub Scout Law.

Hindu:

Either 1) The Core Cub Scout Promise (as above)

Or 2) I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to my Dharma and to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Cub Scout Law.

Humanist, Atheist, or no faith:

I promise that I will do my best,
to uphold our values,
to do my duty to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Cub 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 world-wide 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.

The Scout Promise

Christian, Jew, Sikh (The Core 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.

Muslim:

Either 1) The Core Scout Promise (as above)

Or 2) In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent and Most Merciful,
I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to Allah and to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Scout Law.

Hindu:

Either 1) The Core Promise (as above)

Or 2) On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to my Dharma and to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Scout Law.

Humanist, Atheist, or no faith:

On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best,
to uphold our Scout values,
to do my duty to the Queen,
to help other people,
and to keep the Scout Law.

How is the Group organised?

Who runs the Group?

With very few exceptions, Scouting is an entirely voluntary organisation. Every adult in our Group, that is all Uniformed Leaders, Assistants, Executive Committee, etc., like in every other Group and District in the Country, is a volunteer. All the leaders are committed to the enjoyment and teaching of the children and give up a great deal of their spare time and effort in order to achieve this. They give their time for free.

Leaders

Each section has its own team of trained uniformed leaders who give their time to plan and run the weekly meetings. The Section Leader has overall responsibility for the Balanced Programme and activities within the section.

The services of others may be sought for instruction in particular activities such as First Aid, Climbing etc. The Section Leader delegates responsibilities to Assistant Leaders and helpers. Older Scouts may be asked to help at times. The Group Scout Leader provides support for all the sections and is charged with the task of developing and managing Scouting throughout the Group. Although the sections are run independently, there are very close links and co-operation between all sections in the Group. Running the Group is very much a team effort. The Group Scout Leader (GSL) is also responsible to the District Commissioner, again a volunteer Leader who has responsibility for Scouting in our Chandlers Ford Scout District.

What training do leaders do?

Those adults who wish to continue with Scouting as uniformed leaders have to attend a local District Appointments Committee to obtain a Provisional Appointment. Over the ensuing five months some initial training has to be completed, including courses in basic First Aid and Safeguarding, before being granted a Leader Appointment.

The Wood Badge is a Scouting programme and award for adults in the Scout associations around the world. The Wood Badge course is designed so that adult Scouters can learn; in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. On completion, participants are awarded the beads to recognise their significant achievement in leadership and direct service to young people, and to welcome them to membership of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group.

Although the programme has changed over the years, the essence of the original Wood Badge still remains. Adults use their new and existing knowledge and skills to complete training, which is designed to strengthen the individual and the quality of Scouting they can provide to young people.

A further series of training modules then have to be completed within five years in order to obtain a Wood Badge. Special training is also provided for those taking young people away on residential event such as camps and sleepovers.

An Appointment authorises adults to provide Scouting within the Group and the Wood Badge is a recognition that the leader has completed all the training.

Leaders must follow and abide by the rules and guidelines laid down in the Scout Association publication Policy, Organisation & Rules.

The Executive Committee

The leaders cannot provide the Scouting and run the Group at the same time. That is the task of the Group Executive Committee.

This committee consists of parents, leaders and supporters. Its purpose is to govern the Group by administering the finances, raising funds, assist with recruitment of leaders and to maintain and insure our building and equipment, in accordance with Policy, Organisation & Rules.

Since we are a Registered Charity we have to comply with various procedures required by the Charity Commission. All members of the Executive Committee are Charity Trustees and Members or Associate Members of the Scout Association.

The Executive Committee reports on its activities to parents and representatives from the Church and District at its Annual General Meeting.

A Group Directory of all leaders and members of the Group Executive Committee is provided towards the end of this pamphlet for your reference.

Safeguarding

Criminal Record (DBS) Checks

To help ensure the safety of all young members of the Group, all adults in Scouting undergo background and vetting checks with the UK Government Disclosure and Barring Service. The Association also actively works to appoint fit and proper persons and those willing to commit to its purpose and aims.

Child Protection

A code of behaviour which all adults must comply with is set out in the 'Yellow Card'. The Association's Child Protection Policy is available on line and copies of the card are displayed in our HQ. Safeguarding and Child Protection training is mandatory for all adults holding Leader appointments.

Safety

As an organisation which provides exciting activities to young people, the Scout Association takes safety seriously. It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to ensure that all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of participants. This includes the provision of adequately maintained equipment and buildings.

Arrangements for Outings or Camps

We will never ask to take individual young people away on their own or without another adult being present. ALL residential activities, including camps and sleepovers, will have at least two adults present, unless the young people involved are participating in an expedition or event where adults are not expected to attend. We will tell you if there is to be no adult presence at an activity

How can parents help?

We Need You!

Most importantly, the Group depends on parents being willing to help and your support is essential if the Group is to continue running as it should. The weight of responsibility should not fall on the heads of a few volunteers. Parents are asked to help in any manner they can as more hands will definitely make light work!

Your child will also benefit from a demonstration of your commitment to the Group as well as their own. Whether it is acting as an occasional instructor, becoming a scouter, helping with fundraising, building maintenance, or collecting subscriptions, your child needs your participation. It can be a very rewarding experience.

If you wish to help out at a Section meeting or special event please speak to one of the leaders. If you have not already done so, you will have to complete the clearance forms, as mentioned above.

All parents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, the time and date of which will be circulated in advance. This is extremely important as it is when the Group Executive Committee reports on the activities of the last year, including the financial status, the committee is elected for the following year, and we usually finish with some entertainment.

If you have some suggestions to put forward or need to air your views please contact the Group Chairman, or Group Scout Leader.

What is expected from Parents?

It is important for the safety of our children that parents adhere to the following:

- All parents should ensure their child arrives in time for Section meetings and collect them promptly from within the hall at the end.
- Please be vigilant in bringing the children directly into the building and ensure a leader knows they have arrived
- Keep yourselves up to date via letters and emails of any alterations in meeting venues, for example at Cranbury Park. Parents must ensure there are leaders present to take charge of their child before leaving them.
- Similarly, you should let the Leader know you are taking them away at the end. If you have an arrangement with another parent to share the carrying to and fro, as many parents do, please let the leader know.
- Please do not drive along the access way between the main Church car park and the car park in front of our headquarters. At certain times of the evening this area becomes full of children and parents leaving and arriving at meetings in both our headquarters and the Church halls.
- Please advise your section leader, in advance if possible, should your child be unable to attend a meeting or activity, whether due to illness or other prior commitment. So often parents neglect to communicate with the leaders about this and it is exceedingly frustrating for them when it happens.
- Please inform the section leader should your child decide to leave the Group. You must also cancel your Standing Order for subscriptions.

How much does it cost?

It costs money to run a Scout Group: over £20,000 per year!

We have to maintain our headquarters and pay the utility bills, maintain and replace equipment, pay for the provision of training, and insure the building and equipment.

We also provide funds to the sections to cover the incidental costs of providing Scouting, and pay Membership fees to District, County and Country so that they can provide the top-down support we need. These Membership fees also include an element of personal insurance, as discussed later.

The majority of this expenditure is balanced by the subscriptions you pay and the Gift Aid we can reclaim as a Registered Charity. We supplement this with a certain amount of fund-raising and by renting out the hall to a number of regular customers.

Payments

All cheques should be made payable to: **3rd Chandlers Ford Scout Group**

Subscriptions

As soon as your child is invested into the Group we require you pay the Group Subscriptions on their behalf.

The subscriptions are paid quarterly with a Bank Standing Order on the 30th day of January, April, July and October. Please complete the enclosed Bankers Order form and return it to your Section Leader. If you wish to set up the Order online please do so, but please also return the completed form. This will facilitate our checking of all payments from all parents into our account. If you have any problems or concerns with the method of payment of subscriptions, then please contact our Subscriptions Secretary (details in the Group Directory, below).

Please note that a Standing Order is under your control and not that of the Group, so that any changes have to be authorised by yourself. If and when your child leaves the Group, then it is your responsibility to stop the Standing Order because the Banks do not allow the Group to do this.

Gift Aid your subscriptions and help Group funds by allowing us to reclaim tax at no extra cost to you. If all children are Gift Aided then we are able to claim over £1000 per year from HMRC. If you have more than one child in the Group, then you should complete one Gift Aid form for each child.

What Records are kept?

The Scout Movement in the United Kingdom is a membership organisation. To enable it to operate and to communicate with its members, it is necessary to maintain records about them.

This will include keeping details of name, address, date of birth, contact telephone numbers. We will also be keeping details of your child's progress through Scouting i.e. badges gained etc.

Information held in our Scout Group may be used from time to time within Scouting, including the Headquarters of the Association. For example, if an accident occurs then the report to District and Headquarters will require some of this information.

New legislation came into force in March 2000 which covers the protection and processing of personal data. Adults and young people have the same rights under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act covers paper based, as well as computer based, information.

Certain information is classed by the law as Sensitive Personal Data. In a Scouting context this may include information about your child's:

- health (to ensure that we are prepared for medical emergencies it is important that we hold relevant information).
- disabilities (to ensure a safe integration of your sons participation in activities, details of any disability need to be known).
- religious or similar beliefs (this will help us ensure that we make appropriate arrangements when necessary).

To hold this Sensitive Personal Data we will need your explicit consent. This can be given by completing the form enclosed in this Welcome Pack.

All the information will only be used in connection with your child's membership of the Scout Movement in the United Kingdom. This will include membership management and communications. The information provided will be held at both Group level and in Compass, the national Scout Association Membership Database. It will not be passed to any third parties outside the Scout Movement.

We are required to keep this information as up-to-date as possible and in order to do so we request you inform us of any changes as soon as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Is there insurance cover?

We would like to clarify the Scout Association Insurance provision, as detailed in Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy of the relevant paragraphs from chapter 8 regarding insurance is appended overleaf for your information. The main points from this are:

- All members of the Association (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Scout Leaders and persons in charge) are covered for personal accident and medical expenses.
- Only Scouters and persons in charge are covered for legal liability and no provision is made for third party insurance for boys and girls in the Association.

After some correspondence with Headquarters, the Chandlers Ford Scout District determined that the Scout Association has always taken the view that it is the parents responsibility to obtain whatever third party insurance cover is necessary and appropriate to the child. This cover is commonly included with household insurance policies, which should be checked.

You should also check with your insurance company that you are covered for the use of your vehicle to ferry other people's children.

Our Group has taken out a Supplementary Insurance to cover those supporters who are assisting with our Scouting activities. (ref Chapter 8 of POR, reproduced opposite).

If you have any further queries, please contact the Scout Association Insurance Department at Lancing, tel: 0345 0407703 or scouts@unityins.co.uk

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Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Policy

This insurance is provided by Headquarters and covers the total Membership as shown on the Annual Census Return together with new Members joining during the year in the British Isles, including British Scouts in Western Europe and British Groups Abroad. Details of the current benefits under this policy may be obtained from Unity (Scout Insurance Services).

Special travel insurance should be obtained for authorised Scout visits abroad.

Parties of up to five foreign Scouts visiting the British Isles to take part in Scout activities organised by a British home unit are also covered by this policy. Larger parties can be insured by the host unit if the visiting Scouts are not already insured through their home Association.

The policy covers accidents and medical expenses in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe.

Personal Accident and Medical Expenses Supplementary Insurance

Supplementary insurance can be arranged to provide higher benefits.

Non-members, such as supporters, are not provided with the same automatic basic Personal Accident Insurance as members. They can be insured under the basic policy and can have the benefit of Supplementary Insurance similar to that which is available to other adults. Details are available from Unity (Scout Insurance Services) on request.

The Scout Association Legal Liability Policy

This policy, incorporating Public Liability and Property Owners Liability, covers The Scout Association and may, at its request, provide cover for Commissioners, Scouters and other persons authorised to be in charge of, or to assist with, Scout activities against claims made by members under their control, or their parents/guardians, or by third parties, alleging legal liability arising out of accidents or incidents occurring during any authorised Scout activity and fundraising events. This is covered by the Public Liability section.

This policy covers the liability which rests upon any Scout authority which owns or is responsible for land and/or buildings (except for liability under any agreement). This is covered by the Property Owners Liability section.

It is a condition precedent to indemnity being granted by The Scout Association that any assistance required in investigating and/or defending any potential litigation will be given by those involved in the incident giving rise to the claim.

Uniforms

Where to get them

The Eastleigh District Scout Shop is the only Scout Shop in the area and is run entirely by volunteers. It is located in the:

14th Eastleigh Scout Headquarters
Allbrook Recreation Ground, Allbrook Hill, Eastleigh

A map is drawn overleaf.

The following is a list of items that Eastleigh Scout Shop regularly stocks:

- Beaver Scout Uniforms
- Cub Scout Uniforms
- Scout Uniforms
- Explorer Uniforms
- Leader Uniforms (special order)
- Beaver Logbooks
- Cub Powerpacks
- Various Record Cards
- Group Scarves
- Woggles (plastic and leather)

The Scout Shop is open at the following times:

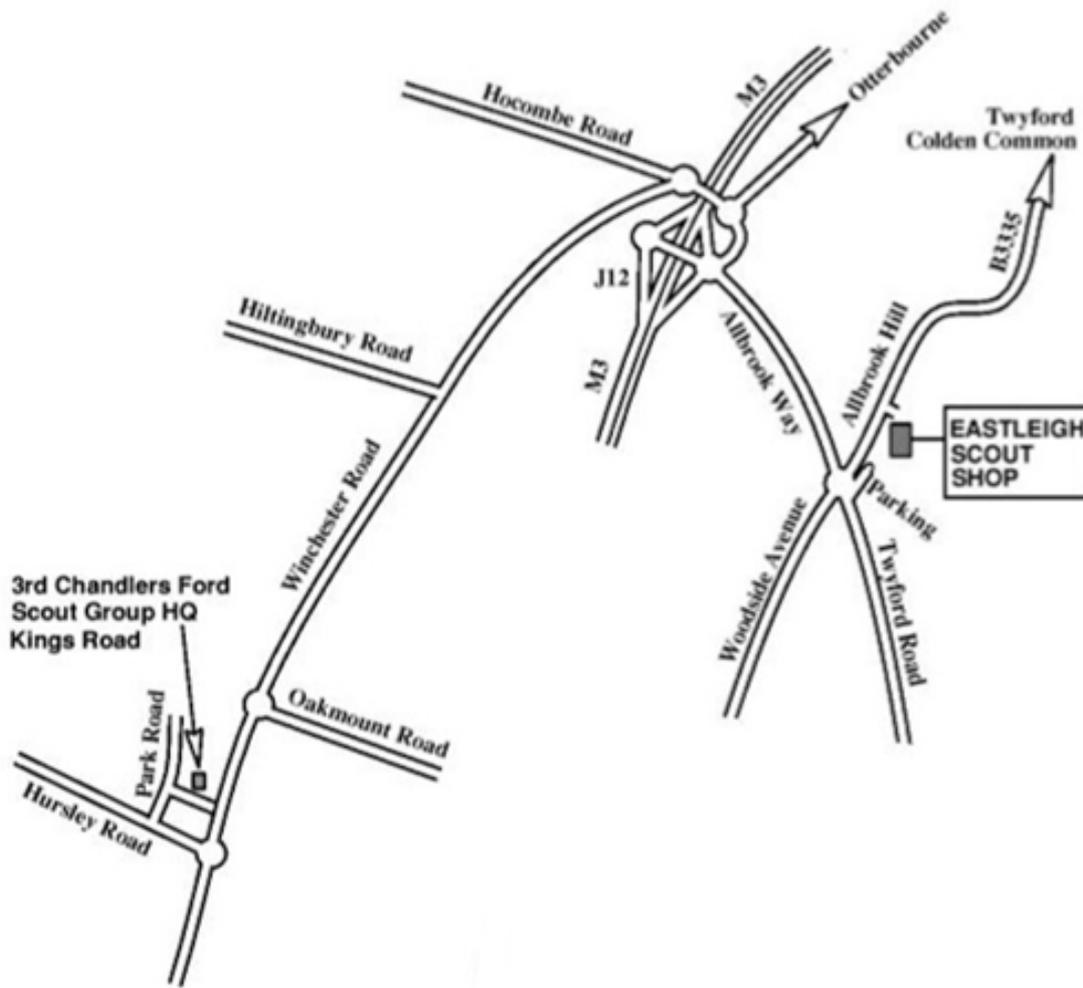
- Thursday Evenings, 6pm till 8pm
- Saturday Afternoons, 2pm till 4pm

It is open during school term time from a week after until the week before the Christmas, Easter and Summer holidays, except bank holiday Saturdays.

Enquiries to: Mike Clements (01962 712 206)

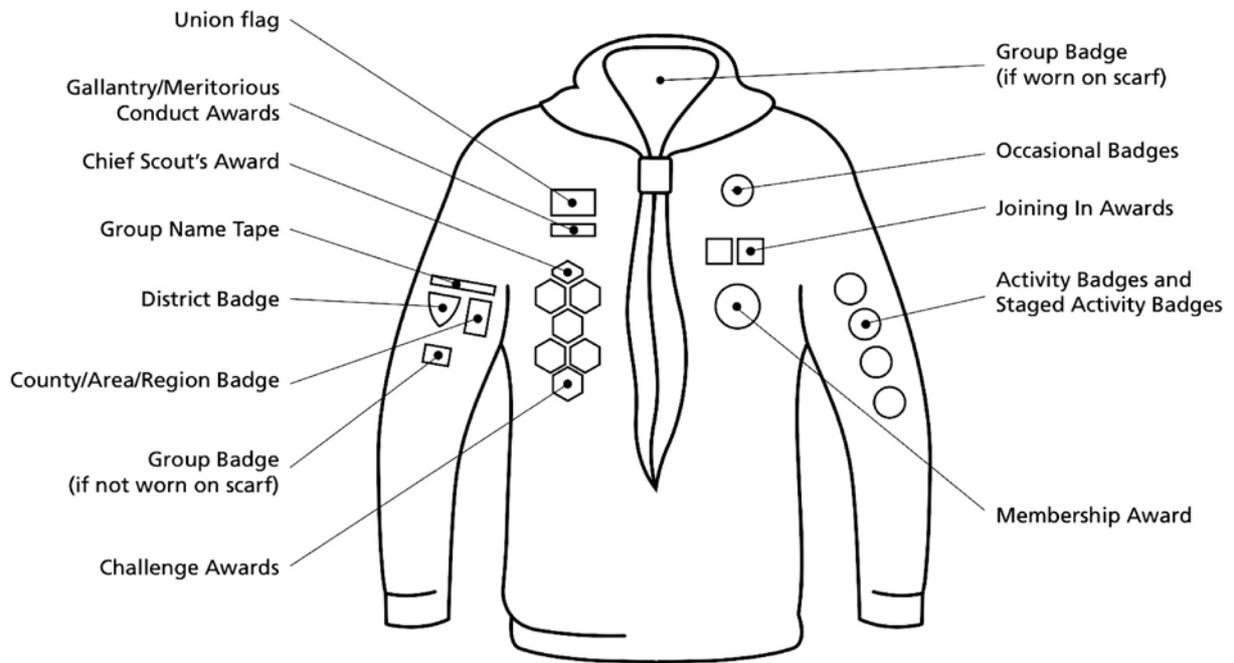
All Groups in the area benefit from sales from this shop, as a percentage of the profits are returned directly to each Group, according to the amount spent in the shop by Group members. So please make certain you tell the helpers that your child belongs to the 3rd Chandlers Ford Scout Group.

How to find Eastleigh District Scout Shop

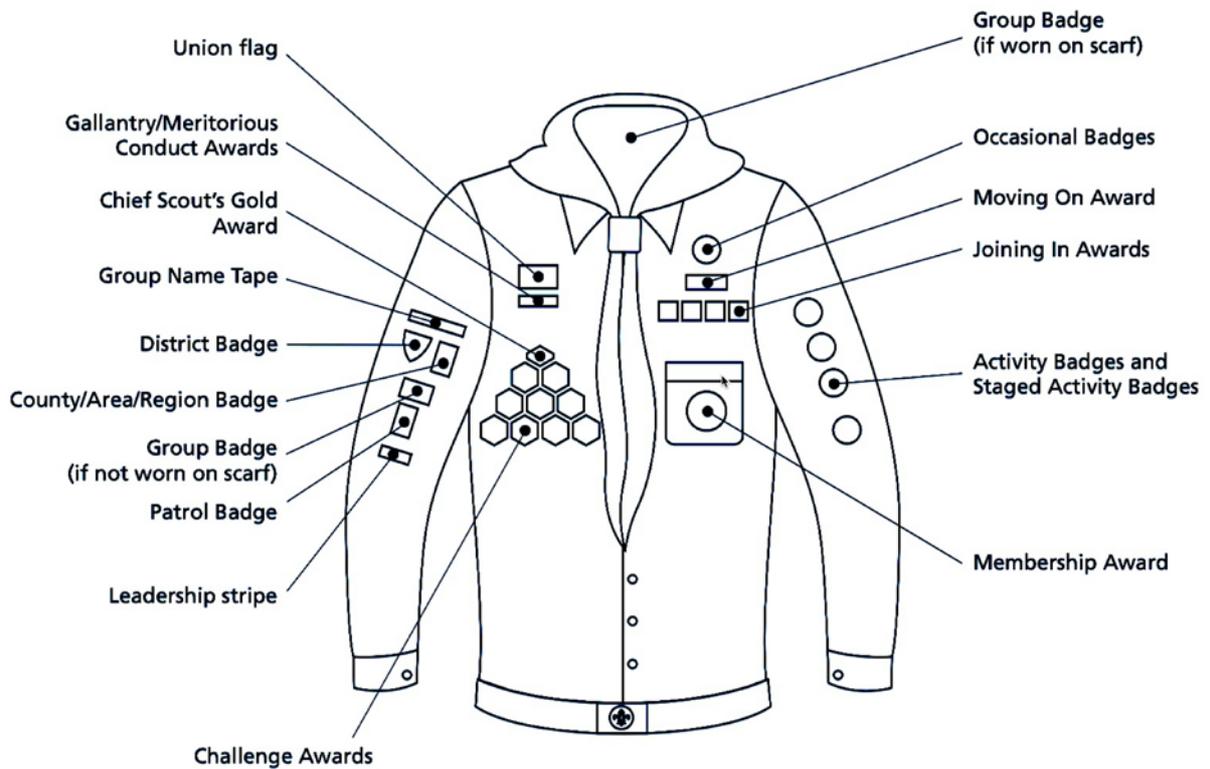


Where do all those badges go?

Beaver and Cub Uniforms:



Scout Uniforms:



District Competitions & Events

Mustard Trophy	Night hiking for Scouts, where nobody ever gets lost! Better described as an afternoon / evening hike as it is usually held in early winter.
Bainbrigge	A mini Mustard competition for Cubs.
Cub Cooking	Cubs compete for the Diana Jacobs Cup.
Scout Cooking	Scouts just compete.
6-a-side	Football competition for Cubs, where the winners go onto compete for the County trophy
Handicraft	For Cubs.
Chess	For Cubs and Scouts.
Scrapheap Challenge	For Beavers.
Raft Race	For Scouts and Explorers. Usually held at Lakeside.
Mastermind	Quiz competition for Cubs, run in alternate years.
JOTI	Jamboree On The Internet is for Scouts and Explorers to contact Scouts all round the world. Usually held at the 4th's HQ in Hiltingbury where they manage to collect quite a few computers for the event.
Super Scout	A test of knowledge, agility and skills.
St. George's Day Parade	For all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
Patrol Leader Training	County event for Patrol Leaders
Chief Scout Award	Presentation evening for those Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scout Award during the year.
Scout County Camps	Summer, Winter, Survival camps for Scouts
Remembrance Parade	For Explorers
Christingle Service	For Beavers
District Carol Service	For all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Websites

3rd Chandlers Ford Scout Group

www.3cfscouts.com

This is our Group's website, which, although it is run by volunteers, we try to keep as up to date as possible. It will contain current program details and reports on activities.

We also encourage parents (anybody!) to access Amazon using the button on the home page of the site as we then get a small percentage of your purchase through Amazon towards our fund raising.

Chandlers Ford Scouts

www.chandlersfordscouts.org.uk

This website contains basic information about the District and Groups. Since it is being maintained by a leader it will be updated as time allows. It contains links to the following sites.

Hampshire Scouting

www.scouts-hants.org.uk

This website contains most things pertaining to Scouting in Hampshire! Not completely up to the last minute, but it is reasonably up to date. You can sign up to get an online copy of Hampshire Scouting News.

The Scout Association's official website

www.scouts.org.uk

This website contains a lot of general information on Scouting. It is very up to date with news about events and activities. You can look at current and back issues of Scouting magazine. It also has a 'members' area for background and HQ information.