

Gift Aid

If you pay tax, we can use Gift Aid to claim 28p for every £1.00 you give in subs or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid form that forms part of this information leaflet. All the money will be used to benefit members of the Scout Group.

Leadership

The adults who run Scout Groups are called Leaders. They are unpaid volunteers who are required to undertake training or learning appropriate to their role. Section Leaders are responsible to a Group Scout Leader, who in turn is responsible to a District Commissioner.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints please speak to the Section Leader. If your concern is about the Leader please contact the Group Scout Leader. If not available or you are still not satisfied please contact the District Commissioner whose details are available from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

Parental Permission

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Scout activities during the normal meeting time.

Your permission is sometimes needed for specific events, camps and activities that may

take place at a different place or time. You will be asked to complete a parental consent form in such circumstances.

Medical / Dietary Information

It is essential that you inform the Section Leader if your son / daughter suffers from any medical condition or if they require any specialist medicines or treatment.

It is also necessary for information to be supplied to the Section Leader about any dietary needs of the member. Please complete the details on the attached form and update the Leaders if circumstances change.

Helping Scouting

The Scout Association is run by volunteers and it encourages parents and carers to assist in the leadership team on a regular or an occasional basis. Any support that you or your family can offer Scouting is welcomed, appreciated and valued.

Help is particularly appreciated with practical skills, outdoor activities, as well as with transport, and lending equipment. You may also be willing to assist occasionally with the Section meeting night, with administration and fund-raising.

Please fill in the section under 'You can join the adventure too' on the attached form. We really do need your help.

Supporting Your Child

The Scout Association encourages you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please ensure:

- You deliver and collect your child at the appropriate times and place, as advised. Always check that an adult leader has arrived before leaving your child. Please tell the Scout Leader if somebody different from usual will be collecting them. Members are never left unsupervised, but if you are persistently late the Section Leader may ask you to make other safe arrangements for collection.

- Your child wears suitable clothing and footwear for activities.

- You return forms and payment on time. If you have difficulties completing forms or making payments then please speak in confidence to the Scout Leader.

- You inform the Scout Leader of any additional needs that your child may have and any medication required e.g. inhaler.

- You inform the Scout Leader of any change in the family situation that is likely to affect your child's behaviour. It is not necessary to give details. All information will be treated in confidence.

If you have any further questions please ask Moz

Welcome...



...to the Adventure!

1st Rhosnesney Scout Troop - Information for parents & carers

What is Scouting?

Scouting is a global, educational youth Movement, providing young people with adventure, fun and challenge.

With almost 500,000 members, The Scout Association is the largest co-educational youth organisation in the UK. Its clear purpose is:

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.

Developing Young People

In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing', when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves.

Development is guided by the Scout Programme - a continuous progression of training, activities, badges and awards for all young people aged 6 to 25.

The Programme is designed to suit 5 core age groups:

Beaver Scouts 6 - 8
Cub Scouts 8 - 10½
Scouts 10½ - 14
Explorer Scouts 14 - 18
Scout Network 18 - 25

In addition to meeting nights



your child should expect opportunities for outings, indoor residential and camping experiences and other challenges suited to their age and ability.

The Programme is tailored to the interests, needs and pace of each individual, but also recognises group achievement.

The highest personal achievement in the Scout Section is the Chief Scout's Gold Award. This is gained by taking a full & active part in the programme & completing several personal challenges.

Our Responsibilities

In Scouting, our adults must operate responsibly in accordance with our policies on Child Protection, Equal Opportunities and Safety in Scouting. The Scout

Association applies stringent vetting procedures, including criminal record checks, for all adult appointments. All adults

must abide by our Young People First code of behaviour. Our policies and procedures are designed to keep young people safe from harm whilst they enjoy the fun and excitement of their Scouting adventure.

The Promise

All members make this simple Promise and become part of the Worldwide Scout Movement.

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 Promise is made easier for younger children and is also available in different forms that recognise the country of origin that an individual belongs to, and their God.

Membership of The Scout Association is voluntary and open to all people, male and female, aged over 5¾, regardless of faith, nationality, race, culture, mental or physical ability, or other circumstances. Membership is confirmed by making a simple Promise.

Our young members are supported by almost 100,000 adult volunteers. Adult members of The Association serve as Commissioners (volunteer managers), Leaders, Section Assistants, Administrators, and in many other roles. The support of non-member adults is also welcomed, particularly from parent helpers.

An International Movement

Scouting is currently active in 218 countries and territories with a global membership of over 28 million. Two thirds of the international membership is in developing countries.

The Association promotes international opportunities including camps and projects, with the aim of strengthening links between The Scout Association in the UK and other members of The World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

Today, Scouts across the world are involved in development projects as diverse as peace education, drug abuse prevention, provision of clean water and sanitation, literacy, renewable energies and environmental conservation.

Where can I get more information?

You can contact the Scout Leader, Moz, on 07779 272340 or via emailing moz_scouts@hotmail.com Please don't phone Moz on Fridays, he's usually busy!

When and where do we meet?

We meet once a week during the school term on Friday nights usually from 7pm until 9pm. For about half of our meetings we're at our Scout hut on Dean Road, but we do get out quite a bit! We issue programmes but these are liable to change. If you're unsure, check online, or phone Moz on 07779 272340. Please don't leave it until Friday night to find out what's going on so you have plenty of notice in case, for example, your child needs to bring something with them or we are meeting elsewhere.

1st Rhosnessney have a Wrexham District Scout HQ, Station Approach. The shop is open Wednesday nights in school terms from 6.30-9pm.

What will it cost?

We charge subscriptions ('subs') to cover costs of equipment and the upkeep of the meeting place. This also includes the Scouts' annual membership fee paid to headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association and includes insurance for all members.

The annual subs is £60 and you can pay this in one go, once a year, or split it into three lots of £20 paid at the beginning of January, May and September. Please send a cheque for the required amount to our Group Treasurer, Ursula Wyn Thomas, 128 Cefn Road, Wrexham, LL13 9NR.

Cheques should be made payable to '1st Rhosnessney Scout Group' and have your child's name and SUBS written clearly on the back.

An extra charge is normally required for special events, camps, and other outings.

What do Members need?

For the first few meetings your child needs nothing at all to experience the magic of Scouting.

Moz will agree a time when it is suitable for your son or daughter to join Scouts officially by making the Promise. For this a uniform will need to be purchased. This consists of a teal Scout shirt, navy Scout activity trousers, a yellow & red neckerchief and a woggle.

Uniform is available from Wrexham Scout Shop, in