



New Starter Pack

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WHO ARE SCOUTS?

Scouts are young people aged 10½ to 14 who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures, at home and abroad
- Make friends
- Explore the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, in their own communities and beyond

Week in and week out, they gather in groups called Scout Troops to conquer the small task of changing the world.

WHAT DO SCOUTS GET UP TO?

DISCOVERING THE WORLD

Being a Scout is all about discovering the world on your own terms and making the most of what you have, wherever and whoever you are.

Alongside your new friends, you'll master the skills that'll help you weather the storms of life, and try things you'd never get the chance to do at home or at school - working with trained volunteers to achieve whatever you set your mind to.

STARTING SMALL, THINKING BIG

Scouts start small but think big. They stand up for what they believe in and make a difference on their doorsteps, confident in the knowledge that their daily actions add up.

In a society that can often feel increasingly isolated and inward facing, Scouts build bridges and break barriers.

Throughout history, they've played all sorts of useful roles in society, and this legacy continues today.

LISTENING IN, LENDING A HAND

Scouts seek out the answers to the big questions, and to the smaller questions that don't seem to matter but really should. Most importantly, they say yes more often than they say no - whether they're taking part in their first ever camp away from home, writing their first line of code, or accepting the last of the toasted marshmallows.

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Sound like fun? That's because it is. All that's missing is you.

WHAT DOES A SCOUT TROOP LOOK LIKE?

All Cubs are members of the global Scout family. Closer to home, they're also part of a wider local Scout Group, alongside **Squirrel Scouts** (aged 4 to 6), **Beavers** (aged 6 to 8) and **Cubs** (aged 8 to 10½). When they're older, they can join **Explorers** (for 14 to 18 year olds) and - eventually - Scout Network (for our young adult members aged 18 to 25).

Within their Troop, Scouts are part of a Patrol - smaller groups of Scouts who look out for one another, and help each other grow. Scouts usually gather in their Patrols at the beginning and end of meetings. They might also stick together on expeditions or trips away, or during certain activities.

JOINING US AT 1ST CLIFTON

Scouts is open to all, and adjustments can always be made locally to make sure everyone can join in the fun. If you have any questions about accessibility, it's best to chat with your leader as soon as possible. By being upfront about additional needs from the start, parents/carers can work in partnership with local leaders to make sure their young person has the best experience possible. Alternatively, our Group Scout Leader can be contacted at any time.

MEETING INFORMATION

1st Clifton Scouts meet on a Monday 19:30-21:00 at the Pavilion, Clifton Playing Fields, Farnborough Road, Clifton, Nottingham, NG11 8JU.

1ST CLIFTON SCOUTS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CAPITATIONS AND SUBS

Each year we have to pay a substantial fee to the District and the County for your child(ren) to be part of the Scout Association. We have to pay this fee regardless of whether your child(ren) has attended 5 weeks or 25 weeks.

A decision was made at not to go down the route of other groups and charge you the capitation fee directly, but instead, in line with other Scout Groups in the County, regardless of whether your child has attended or not, you will be required to pay subs for every week the group meets. You can choose to do this by either continuing to pay weekly and paying for the missed weeks when your child next attends or if you prefer, paying a lump sum each half term or term.

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The subs are £40 per term. Bank Transfer is our preferred method and our details are below. Please put your child's name as reference.

Account Name	1 st Clifton Scout Group
Account Number	20-63-28
Sort Code	13274608

If you have any issues with payment, please don't hesitate to either speak to your section Leader, Laura (Treasurer) or Jon (Group Scout Leader).

YOUNG PERSON INFORMATION FORM/OSM (ONLINE SCOUT MANAGER)/GDPR

As with everything else, we have to abide by GDPR. When joining the group, a New Starter Form will be given to you to fill out. This will then enable us to put your child's data on OSM, you should receive a link to this system. Once you have, please check your child's details as this is essential information to keep your child(ren) safe. We need to ensure that this information is up to date and relevant in case of an emergency situation and this data is only shared with the emergency services. For us to do this, we need an email address to send it to.

As with a lot of Scout Groups, we use OSM to store our data; this is a secure database which enables us to have all the health information in one place and to input program and badge information.

You have the right to request information on what we hold on your child(ren) at any stage, and this will be deleted when you have informed us your child(ren) have officially left the organisation, or after 3 months of your child(ren) not turning up. Additional Health Forms maybe required for subsequent activities or camps.

We also want to try and get rid of paper as the majority of letters get lost by the child(ren). Please ensure there is an up to date email address on the form and let us know if this or any other information changes. However, paper copies will be available upon request.

UNIFORM

We at 1st Clifton always want to look our best and to do this your children will require a Uniform. Uniform can either be ordered online from the Scout Shop, from which you can buy anything Scout related. <https://shop.scouts.org.uk/>

Alternatively, we operate an "Own and Loan" service. This means we will subsidise the original cost of the uniform to £10 and whenever your child(ren) moves to another section and requires a new uniform, you return the old one and for £5 we will swap it for a replacement. With this however, you may be issued with a second hand uniform.

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CAMP AND ACTIVITY BANK

There will be the option for you to pay in money to a Camp and Activity Bank. We understand times can be tough for everyone so this means that you can spread the cost of the camps and activities throughout the year when it suits you instead of being lumped with one large sum when an activity is due (unless you choose to; when an activity is coming up, you will be given the option then to pay the amount due or use any of the balance of your child(ren)s Camp and Activity Bank.

FAMILY ROTA/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our Scout Group is growing which means we are able to offer the friendship and adventure of Scouting to more local young people, which is fantastic! This does however, mean that we need more adults to volunteer their time to make a difference in their community. We fully understand that you may not be able to help on a regular basis which is why we have a Parent Rota.

As a helper on the parents rota you will be asked to assist with games and craft activities and support the young people to participate in activities. You will be guided by your section leader and will be a valuable part of the team. You will not be expected to take part in the "running" of the section including first aid.

Below are Parents Responsibilities to give you a better idea of what may be expected of you. If you do have any questions then please come and speak to one of us at the beginning or end of a session or give one of us a call.

We have a Safeguarding policy and there is a "yellow card" which can be given upon request. Please read through the dos and don'ts. I am sure you will understand this policy keeps our young people and adults safe.

- Listen to the young people and encourage them to participate in the activities.
- Interact with the young people helping them with activities and generally encouraging them to try their best. Encourage them to find the solutions to tasks themselves by working in a team.
- Encourage young people to join in the games and help to referee and ensure fair play!
- Try to avoid staying close to your own child – encourage them to work away from you, both of you will have more fun!

If you are unable to do a date you have selected please swap with another parent and please let us know.

Younger children may accompany you on your rota evening but they remain your responsibility at all times.

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Any questions, please get in touch.

We are always in need for volunteers, whether it is as a leader, an occasional helper, or a member of our committee.

If you are interested please let me know.

FUNDRAISING

Being a charitable organisation, we require fundraising to sustain the group and keep costs low. Each year, this becomes more difficult to accomplish with more and more people applying for grants and running fayres/fetes etc.

As a result, I'm looking for volunteers to form a new Fundraising Committee to meet bi-monthly and help come up with, plan and undertake fundraising for the group. If you are interested, please let Jon know.

WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA

We have revamped our digital platforms and the links can be found on the letter below. There is also a closed Facebook group which requires approval so don't be offended if we reject your application as we're not sure who you are.

There is also a public facing "page" set up that we would be grateful if you could share around to get as much publicity as possible.

Pictures for anything public would never be paired with a name or location.

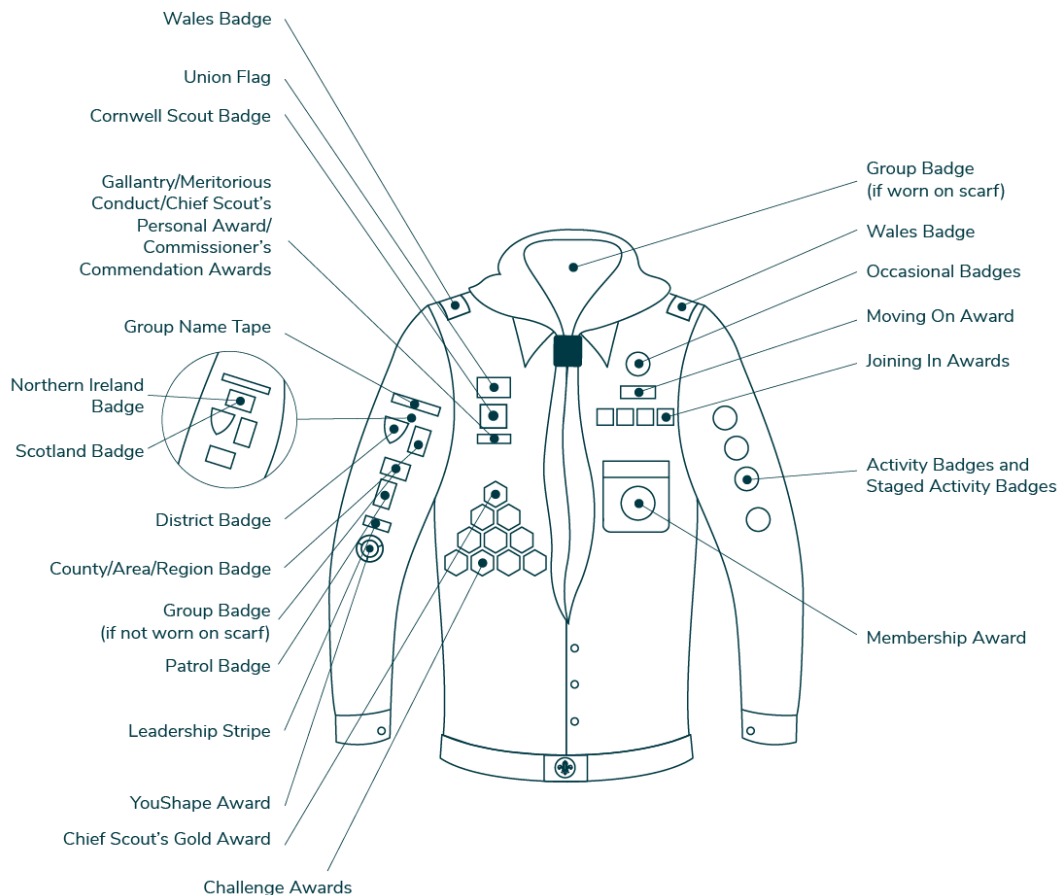
BADGES

In your children's time in Scouts, they will get the opportunity to earn some incredible badges a total of **9 Challenge Badges**, **76 Activity Badges** and the chance to earn the highest Cub Award which is the **Chief Scout's Silver Award we want to see every person achieve this.**

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A guide to badge location can be found below:

Scout uniform



PROMISES AND CEREMONIES

Every Scout is unique, but they find common ground in their shared Scout values, and make a promise to stick by them.

Making a promise when you join the Troop is a way of celebrating these values. Every time a new Scout decides to join, they chat through their promise with their leader before saying it out loud in front of their fellow Scouts.

The process usually takes place once you've had a few weeks to settle in, and is known as being 'invested' into Scouts. Usually, the promise ceremony happens in a place you've chosen, or in a

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memorable place that means a lot to the group.

It could be held in your usual meeting place, or it could happen around the campfire, or it could happen on a boat sailing the seven seas. Regardless, it's a big celebration for all involved, and it's not uncommon for family and friends to join your fellow Scouts as they cheer you on.

Scouts choose the promise that best suits them.

SCOUT TEAM

Scout Team Leader:	Micheal Doige
Scout Team Member:	Luke Orridge
Scout Team Member:	Ryan Bull
Scout Team Member:	Samuel Bowden

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

Group Lead Volunteer:	Tamara Booth
Group Chairman:	Stewart Powell

All our leaders are volunteers and if you want to join our Leadership Team do not hesitate to ask us.