



LISBURN CATHEDRAL SCOUT GROUP

Group Welcome Pack



**EVERY CHILD HAS THE
RIGHT TO AN ADVENTURE.**
Bear Grylls: our new Chief Scout



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Introduction

What has made Scouting the world's largest voluntary movement for young people?

The answer lies in Scouting's appeal to a young person's desires for fun and adventure and its provision through attractive and active programmes. It provides opportunities for developing in young people the qualities that make good citizens: honour, self-discipline, dependability, respect for others and self-reliance in a safe environment

Scouting aims to prepare young people to take a constructive place in society and does so, not by preaching at them, but by making the whole thing into a game in which it is fun to take part. That, more than anything else, is the secret of its appeal. Scouting is structured around six program zones

- * Beliefs and Attitudes
- * Community
- * Fitness
- * Creative
- * Global
- * Outdoor and Adventure

and although this is not the full list it is achieved using the methods

- * Activity
- * Fun
- * Teamwork
- * Leadership & responsibility
- * Relationships
- * Commitment
- * Personal Development.



Who can be a scout?

Northern Ireland is again pioneering the future of Scouting and via the Squirrel Association which is now affiliated to the Northern Ireland Scout Council, it is now open to boys and girls aged 4 upwards. Scouting wants members from all sections of our community and is open to any faith. The sections are as follows

Section	Age	
Squirrels	4 to 6 year olds	
Beavers	6 to 8 year olds	
Cubs	8 to 10½ year olds	
Scouts	10½ to 14 year olds	
Explorers	14 to under 18	
Network	18 to 25	
Fellowship	18 years & upwards	

Scouting is a uniformed organisation and uniform must be worn to all meeting and when travelling to competitions and all camps unless told otherwise.

Your son / daughter is about to join or re-enrole in Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group, one of 14 groups in the Lisburn District and we welcome members not just from Lisburn cathedral, but from the wider community in Lisburn. The group aims to offer an active programme to boys and girls aged 4 upwards in our squirrel dreys, beaver colonies, cub packs, scout troops, explorer unit. We also run a sports club offering various activities including Archery, Fencing, Kayaking, Mountain walking and Biking for members of the group. (Age restrictions apply)

This booklet we tell you about our Scout Group and the different sections we run.

The Rules of Scouting are embodied in the Scout Promise and Law.

Young people learn by doing and scouting offers activities to capture their imagination and enable each individual to find something in which to participate, develop skills and gain confidence. As far as possible, these activities take place outdoors involving camping, hiking, team building, kayaking, mountaineering and many others, which run alongside a structured training programme for all sections.

Scouting at Lisburn Cathedral is for boys and girls from age 4 upwards. It teaches what is not learnt at home or at school and re-enforces what is to assist their character development. However we still rely on adult volunteers to make it all possible, either as leaders to run their meetings, camps and so on, or parent helpers to assist the leaders with the running of activities.

Your child may progress through: Squirrels, Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorers, Network scouts
Our group Explorers meet each week and the District Explorer Unit meet each month.

We hope you and your child will enjoy what we have to offer.

All the Leaders & Parent Helpers your child will come in contact with during their time in Scouting have been through a formal vetting process to ensure their suitability to work with young people. The leaders all take part in a comprehensive training programme including First Aid.

If you have a query at any time please ask the Section Leader, one of the Assistant Leaders or parent helper. The best time to ask a question is usually at the end of the meeting as the Leaders will have more time available. If you require further clarification on any scouting matter please speak to a committee member.

To ensure the Group continues to survive and flourish we expect all parents to support their child by helping with a section, helping with the general running of the Group or helping with at least two fund-raising events a year.

All uniform items can be obtained through our group and most items are always in stock. Uniform is available on request from your section leader who will open our new uniform store for you. Order forms are also available on our website and must be completed with every purchase along with cheque for the full amount (cheques to be made payable to Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group)

In addition we also have a limited stock of second-hand uniforms. These are also available in our store at half rrp or less.

JOIN SCOUTING TODAY -

Please complete the annual Membership Information form and return it to the section Leader on our registration day or at the earliest opportunity along with the necessary fees. Currently £75. (Correct as of September 2010)

If your child is new to the group and just wants to give scouts a go for a month there is the option of paying for a months taster at only £15 before deciding if scouting is for your child. This small sum can then be deducted from the annual fees. (limited to 1 taster month per child)

Young Members can also join the CSSC (Cathedral Scouts Sports Club) for only an additional £10.

Adults who are not Leaders can apply to become associate members of The Scout Association by completing a Full Membership form and a Access NI form (This must be completed by all adults wishing to be registered as scout group adult members or helpers.) Upon receiving Child Protection Clearance and after being

accepted by the Scout Association, membership fees are £45 and includes membership of the Sports Club.

The Sections meet on the following nights and times:

Section	Day	Time
Squirrels 4-6 years	Mondays	6:15 - 7:30pm
Beavers 6-8 years	Mondays	6:15 - 7:30pm
CSSC - Archery Aged 8 & upwards	Mondays	8:00 - 9:30pm
Cubs 8-10 years	Tuesday	6:15 - 7:45pm
Scouts 10-14 years	Tuesday	8:00 - 9:30pm
Explorers 14-under 18 years	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:30pm
CSSC - Kayaking age 10 upwards (limited numbers)	Friday at Shaws Bridge	6:45 - 8:30pm - Summer only
Network 18 - 24 years	Wednesday	8:00 - 9:30pm
CSSC - Kayaking, Walking & Cycling	Sunday	See website for details

REMEMBER – IF SCHOOL IS ON USUALLY SCOUT ACTIVITIES ARE ON!

Squirrels



2 About the Squirrel Section

The Squirrel Section is unique to Northern Ireland and became affiliated to Northern Ireland Scout Council in January 2009.

Squirrels are for boys and girls aged from 4-6 years old and it is recommended you get your child's name down well in advance ideally at their 3rd Birthday.

The Drey is led by a Squirrel Scout Leader (SSL) assisted by one or more Assistant Squirrel Scout Leaders (ASSL) and one or more helpers.

Your drey's Parent Representative will be glad to receive any feedback on any aspect of the group which will be discussed at the leaders' monthly meetings.

2.1 Aims of the Squirrel Programme

The Squirrels motto is FUN & FRIENDS.

This is achieved through a balanced program which includes some of the following:

- * Learning About Yourself
- * Getting to Know Other People
- * Discovering Creativity and Practical Skills
- * Playing Games and having Fun



2.2 The Uniform

- * Navy Group Squirrel Sweatshirt
- * Red Group Polo Shirt
- * Navy Scout Activity Shorts
- * Dark grey knee length socks
- * Group Scarf and Woggle (awarded at investiture)
- * Group Tracksuit Bottoms (optional for winter months over shorts)

All uniform items should be obtained through our new group shop which will be opened on request by the section leader.

2.3 The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your child has been with the drey for several weeks. The Squirrel leader or one of their deputies will be present at the normal weekly meeting and will ask your son/daughter to repeat the words of the promise after them. Your new Squirrel Scout will then be presented with their Group Scarf & Woggle which they must wear throughout their time in the Group. This is an important occasion and parents are invited to attend.

2.4 Moving Up to Beavers

Your son / daughter will be eligible to move on to Beavers when s/he is approximately 6 years old (min age 5 $\frac{3}{4}$) and will move up in September and January.



About the Beaver Scout Section

Beavers are for boys and girls aged from 6-8 years old.

Your child will belong to one of the colonies in the Beaver Scout Section.

Each colony is led by a Beaver Scout Leader (BSL) assisted by one or more Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders (ABSL) and one or more helpers; all of whom are vetted and all leaders are first aid trained.

Aims of the Beaver Programme

Our aim is to provide a balanced programme of activities during your their time as a Beaver Scout. This is achieved by addressing the following five areas:

- * Exploring the World Around Us
- * Learning About Yourself
- * Getting to Know Other People
- * Discovering Creativity and Practical Skills
- * Discovering Beliefs and Attitudes

The Uniform

- * The Beaver Uniform comprises:
- * Turquoise polo shirt
- * Turquoise sweatshirt
- * Scout cap
- * Group Scarf and coloured woggle
- * Dark blue activity shorts
- * Dark grey knee length socks
- * Navy Group tracksuit bottoms (optional for winter months over shorts)





The Group scarf and woggle will be awarded at your child's investiture. (Replacements scarfs and woggles can be obtained from your BSL for a small sum.)

All uniform items can be obtained through our new group shop which will be opened on request by the section leader.

Badges

A number of badges will be presented at your son's investiture. The main one is the Membership Award Badge worn on the front.

During their time in the colony, your child will be able to work towards twelve activity badges, six staged badges and Group Awards with many being completed throughout the two years.

Your Child will also work towards the highest award in Beavers

The Chief Scout's Bronze Award

This is achieved by gaining the six diamond shaped Challenge Badges:-

- * The Promise Challenge
- * The Creative Challenge
- * The Fitness Challenge
- * The Friendship Challenge
- * The Global Challenge
- * The Outdoor Challenge



The diagram shows where badges need to be positioned on the Beaver Uniform.

The Beaver Scout Promise

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

The Beaver Scout Motto

Be Prepared.



The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your child has been with the colony for several weeks. The GSL or one of his deputies will be present at the normal weekly meeting and will ask your child to repeat the words of the promise after him. Your new Beaver Scout will then be presented with his Group Scarf and woggle which they will wear throughout their time in the Group.

Moving Up to Cubs

Your son / daughter will be eligible to move on to Cubs when he/she is approximately 8 years old (min age 7 ¾) and will be part of a group who move up at Christmas and June. By this time they should have had the chance to see what our cub packs get up to through joint activities and by attending Cubs during the last few weeks before they move.

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About the Cub Scout section

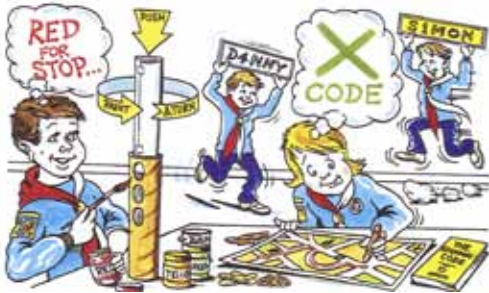
Cub Scouting is where the adventure move up a level for a child... camps, outings, badges, awards... you name it... Cub Scouting has it!

We have 2 cub packs – Sharks and Tigers and your child will be kept with one or more of their friends in a pack. Both packs usually run alongside each other taking turns for games and badgework / skills.

Each pack is led by a Cub Scout Leader (CSL), assisted by one or more Assistant Cub Scout Leaders (ACSL) and one or more helpers.

All the adults your child will come in contact with during their time in Scouting have been through a formal vetting process to ensure their suitability to work with young people. The leaders also take part in a comprehensive training programme which includes First Aid Training.

Your pack's parent representative will be glad to receive any feedback on any aspect of the group which will be discussed at the leaders regular meetings



Aims of the Cub Programme

Our aim is to provide a balanced programme of activities during your child's time as a Cub Scout (from 8 to 10½yrs). This is achieved by addressing the following seven areas: Outdoor scouting / Fitness / Discovering the World Around You / Creative / Beliefs and Attitudes / Caring and Community / Global

The Uniform

The Cub Uniform comprises:

- * Dark green polo shirt
- * Dark green sweatshirt
- * Scout cap
- * Group Scarf and coloured woggle
- * Dark blue activity shorts
- * Black school shoes
- * Dark grey knee length socks
- * Navy Group tracksuit bottoms (optional)



Full uniform must be worn to each troop meeting and when travelling to competitions and all camps unless told otherwise. Parents must be aware that if you wish your child to participate in certain activities and camps that they will need items like waterproofs and hiking boots.

If you are new to the Group your Group scarf and woggle will be awarded at your son's investiture. (Replacements can be obtained from your CSL for a small sum.)

Badges

During their time in the cub pack, your child will be able to work towards a number of badges.

The diagram above shows where these need to be positioned on the Cub Uniform.

A number of badges will be presented at your son's / daughters investiture. If they are new to the group the main one is the Membership Award Badge worn on the front. If they have moved up from beavers this will have to be moved to their Cub uniform along with the Group, District, County and Ulster badges along with any staged badges gained in Beavers. Apart from staged badges which are the only activity badges that can be transferred. The only other badge that can be worn on the Cub uniform is the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

Cubs can gain 33 Activity badges and 6 staged badges.

Your Child will also work towards the highest award in Cubs

The Chief Scout's Silver Award

This is achieved by gaining the all the diamond shaped Challenge Badges (except the outdoor plus challenge):-



- * The Promise Challenge
- * The Community Challenge
- * The Creative Challenge
- * The Fitness Challenge
- * The Global Challenge
- * The Outdoor Challenge
- * The Outdoor Plus Challenge

The Cub Scout 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*

The Cub Scout Motto

Be Prepared

The Cub Scout Law

*Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn every day.*



The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your son / daughter has been with the pack for a few weeks.

Camp Kit List

Your son / daughter is now old enough to camp under canvas! They will now begin to accrue 'nights away' towards their 'Nights Away' Activity Badge and will learn to pitch a tent and to cook various items on the fire (toasted marshmallows and twisters are the most popular). They will also gain a repertoire of campfire songs and sketches.

The Group provides all the non-personal camp equipment – tents, cookers, tables etc. At camp the leaders supply, prepare and cook all the food but the cubs assist with the washing up. Each camp's kit list will be different and will be issued well in advance of all camps complete with a detailed itinerary. Most camp items are available through our group shop.

Camps

The cubs have several camps throughout the year – usually in late September, Christmas and May. Past camps have taken place in Coleraine, Ballycastle, Kilkeel, Crawfordsburn and Tollymore with bi-annual camps to Bristol, PGL Shropshire etc. There is often space for parents to attend.

Competitions

We have very successful cub packs who have won many district competitions over the last few years and also won special awards for local environmental projects.

Moving Up to Scouts

Your son / daughter will be eligible to move on to Scouts when they are about 10 years old (usually from May in their p6 year so they can go on the summer scout camps)



About the Scout section

Your child will join one of our three scout troops at Lisburn Cathedral – either Bulldogs, Giants or our new troop Lions. With 60 scouts this is the largest section in the group and requires the most effort to manage and organise. With some new leaders coming forward and troop realignment we can safely cater for our numbers but still require parental help for weekly and off site activities. The troops operate quite differently from the Beavers and Cubs as the scouts themselves take on more responsibility and participate in more adventurous pursuits.

As you already know, the adults your child will come in contact with during their time in Scouting have been through a formal vetting process to ensure their suitability to work with young people. The leaders take part in a comprehensive training programme including First Aid Training. For activities such as Archery, Kayaking, Mountaineering, Hiking etc. we have trained scouters on our staff to lead these events with external instructors used for other activities as required.

The troops parent representatives will be glad to receive feedback on any aspect of the group which will be discussed at future leaders meetings.

The Patrol System

The Scout Troop is developed by use of the 'Patrol System', which encourages the older Scouts to develop their abilities and be able to be responsible for others. The Patrol is made up of six or so Scouts, which is led by a Patrol Leader who has an Assistant Patrol Leader.

Some of the tasks that older Scouts can be asked to undertake are; put forward ideas for activities, help to maintain discipline, encourage team spirit, organise activities at a Troop meeting and accept responsibility for leading teams taking part in District competitions.

Aims of the Scout Programme

The Scout Troop aims to provide a range of activities which challenge young people and help them to develop a range of skills, which can include the following: management of a team, teamwork, planning, organise, leadership, show initiative and take responsibility. It also seeks to teach life skills such as cooking, navigation and generally how to look after themselves.

Our aim is to provide a balanced programme of activities during your child's time as a Scout. There are six Programme Zones in the Scout Section and this means that your child will be given the opportunity to take part in: Activities outdoors / Games / Design and creativity / Visits and visitors / Camps within UK



and further afield / Service / Technology and new skills / Team-building activities / Activities with others / Themes / Prayer, worship and reflection.

The Uniform

The Scout Uniform comprises:

- * Dark Green long-sleeved scout shirt
- * Dark blue Activity Trousers
- * Leather Scout belt
- * Scout cap
- * Group Scarf and leather woggle together with badges will be awarded at your child's investiture.
- * Black School Shoes

Full uniform must be worn to each troop meeting and when travelling to competitions and all camps unless told otherwise. Parents must ensure safety clothing and equipment is worn when notified or your child will be unable to participate in the planned activity.

If you are new to the Group your Group scarf and leather woggle together with badges will be awarded at your child's investiture.

All uniform items should be obtained through our new group shop which will be opened on request by the section leader.

Awards

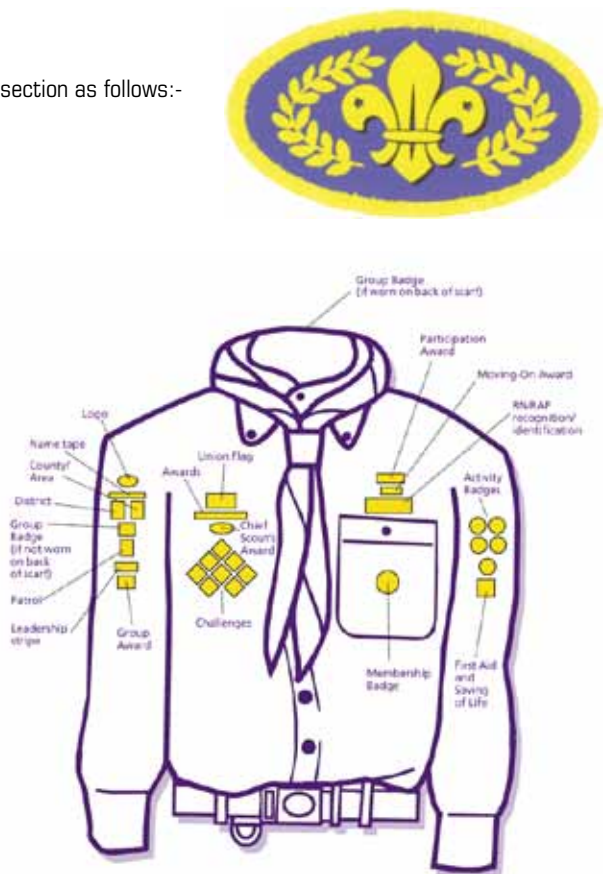
There are nine Challenge awards within the section as follows:-

- * The Outdoor Challenge
- * The Creative Challenge
- * The Fitness Challenge
- * The Global Challenge
- * The Promise Challenge
- * The Community Challenge
- * The Adventure Challenge
- * The Expedition Challenge
- * The Outdoor Plus Challenge

The highest award within the Troop section is the Chief Scout's Gold Award, and in order to achieve this a Scout needs to have attained first six challenges badges listed, and one of the last three

Positioning the Badges

The diagram shows where badges need to be positioned on the Scout Uniform. All earned badges are provided free and replacements are charged at cost.



The Scout 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

The Scout Motto

Be Prepared

The Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted.
A Scout is loyal.
A Scout is friendly and considerate.
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your son / daughter has been with the Troop for several weeks.

Camp Kit List

Your son / daughter will now be cooking their own food at camp and will have more involvement in choosing camp programme, and troop activities. They will now be given the opportunity to attend numerous camps and will therefore need to think about more serious items such as hiking boots, water bottle, sleeping bags, survival bags etc

Camps

The scouts have numerous camps throughout the year; usually at Halloween, Easter and longer summer camp. The summer camps have been well attended for the last 5/6 years with almost all scouts and explorers attending. Recent summer camps have included Kandersteg International Scout Centre & Zermatt for skiing in Switzerland, Samopse Watersports Centre in Czech Republic, Liptov in Tatra Mountains Slovakia, Canadian Jamboree in Montreal, Norwegian Fjords for river expedition and windsurfing camp in Lake Balaton Hungary. This year we stay local in the Mourne Mountains

Moving on to Explorer Scouts

Your child will be eligible to move on to Explorer Scouts between the ages of 14 and 15 years old. By this time you should be very familiar with the scout movement and know what to expect. The District Explorer Unit draws its membership from a wider community



About the group explorers and Lagan Valley Explorers (District Section)

Explorer Scouts are young people, usually aged between 14 and 18 years old. They make up the fifth Section of the Scouting family.

Lisburn Cathedral has an active Explorer Scout Unit for boys and girls aged between 14-18 and they enjoy a wide range of activities both within the district and further afield. The Explorers Unit meet each Wednesday from 8:L:00-9.30pm As an Explorer Scout, you will also get the chance to work with other Explorer Scouts in your District, not just your Unit. By doing this, you will get the chance to do many more activities, not just the ones your Unit organises.

Badges

Requirements for the following badges are listed in this section:

- The Explorer Scout Membership Award
- Moving-On Award - Scout Troop to Explorer Scout Unit
- The Chief Scout's Platinum Award & Duke of Edinburgh Bronze
- The Chief Scout's Diamond Award & Duke of Edinburgh Silver
- The Queen's Scout Award & Duke of Edinburgh Gold
- International, Environment and Values activities list
- Moving-On Award - Explorer Scouts to the Scout Network
- The Explorer Belt

The Uniform

- The Scout Uniform comprises:
- Beige long-sleeved explorer shirt
- Dark blue Activity Trousers
- Leather Scout belt
- Scarf and leather woggle
- Black School Style Shoes
- Safety clothing and equipment for games and activities

Activity badges

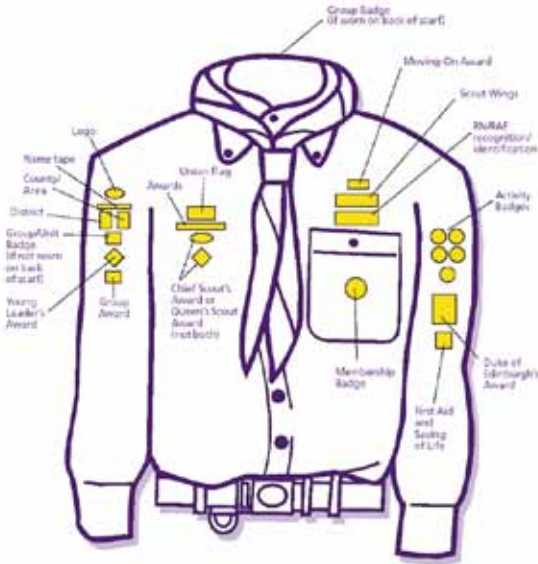
In addition to these main awards there are a number of Activity Badges available for Explorer Scouts to work towards. There are also six Staged Activity Badges available to all sections.

Award badges

The Explorer Scout Section has a wide range of awards and badges designed to appeal to all Explorer Scouts, regardless of the type of Unit of which they are a member. The awards and badges are an important part of Scouting, as they offer challenge, achievement and recognition for young people.

Positioning the Badges

The diagram shows where badges need to be positioned on the Explorer Scout Uniform.



The Investiture

This event usually takes place after your son / daughter has been with the Unit for several weeks.

Camp Kit List

A detailed camplist is issued well in advance of every camp or weekend activity AND ALL EQUIPMENT LISTED IS REQUIRED.

Camps

The explorers have numerous camps throughout the year; usually at Halloween, Easter and longer summer camp. The summer camps have been well attended for the last 5/6 years with almost all scouts and explorers attending. Recent summer camps have included Kandersteg International Scout Centre & Zermatt for skiing in Switzerland, Samopse Watersports Centre in Czech Republic, Liptov in Tatra Mountains Slovakia, Canadian Jamboree in Montreal, Norwegian Fjords for river expedition and windsurfing camp in Lake Balaton Hungary



District & Group Annual Activities

This chapter gives a general list of events which you will hear about throughout the year. There are always changes to the format and venue of these activities so please treat this information as guidance only.



Squirrels - Christmas party, annual outing

Beavers – Christmas Party, sleepover, District Football, NI Funday,

Cubs – Parent / Guardian October camp / Christmas Camp / Christmas Party / District Football / District Expandite Shield / District Quiz / NI Challenge / Summer Camp

Scouts - Neilson Cycle Rally / Kennedy Dolphin Trophy / Halloween Camp / District Football / First Aid / Easter Camp / swimming badge / Rock climbing / NI Patrol Challenge / Survival Camp / Summer Camp

Explorers - District Camp / Halloween Camp / 10 pin bowling / Dundonald Golf / Laserquest / Cycle hike / Easter Expedition, Mountain Pursuit Challenge / Survival Camp / Summer Camp

Group Christmas Party – annual party with sketches performed by different sections and the showing of the annual videos.

Group Family Turkey Hike – we hold a hike usually in the Mourne Mountains just after Christmas to dust off the cobwebs and lose weight after Christmas dinner. Different hikes are set up based on abilities of the group and are usually well attended with 40+ people taking part last year.

St Georges Day - This takes place towards the end of April and is usually held with all sections and all groups in the District participating. We take this as an opportunity for all members of the Scout Association to renew their promise so it is really important for all to attend. **Group AGM/Annual Awards**

Group AGM and Annual Prizegiving – As a charity we need to hold an Annual General Meeting to present our accounts to the membership. This is usually some time in June and we aim to keep it as short as possible and combine it with our Annual Awards.

Group Duck Race – this is the groups main fundraiser each year to pay for group camps and equipment with great prizes presented each year

Group Family Sports Challenge – a chance for all family members to take part in our annual multi sports day with a cup for the winning team usually held in June with a BBQ afterwards.

About Group Members

Group Scout Leader (GSL)

The Group Scout Leader is responsible for the links between the different sections and is supported by an Assistant Group Scout Leader (AGSL)

Leaders

All leaders are over 18 and in this and every Scout Group all leaders are unpaid and offer their service for no reward other than the satisfaction of knowing that it is their help which makes the Scouting the kids enjoy possible. The qualifications required to be a Scouter are straightforward; namely an acceptance of the aims and methods of the Scout Association and a willingness to accept the Scout Promise.

Leaders & Helpers required for most sections particularly **squirrels, beavers** and **scouts** - please contact Paul Duggan on 02892 670941 if you are interested in helping in any capacity with any section.

Group Executive

The management of the Group is the responsibility of the Group Executive Committee and its membership is made up of parents and supporters appointed at our Annual General Meeting, and the Senior Scouters. Sub-Committees exist covering the major areas of responsibility such as Finance, Communications, and Property.

Development Committee – a sub committee set up to look at the future growth and development of the growth and support the work of the leaders

Fundraising Sub Committee

The majority of its members are parents who have volunteered their services. It is hoped that all parents will serve on this committee at some time during their child's membership.

Our new Chief Scout says:

"So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids"

"Every child has a right to have an adventure"

"What Scouting says to people is it's okay to go for it in life"

"Life is about grabbing opportunities"

If you agree with Bear then why not join the adventure as an adult volunteer? Whether you can spare an hour a year or two hours a week there are opportunities waiting for YOU right now.

Over 6,600 adults are needed across the UK to make the adventure happen for the 33,000 boys and girls on waiting lists.

Contact us: www.oldmeldrum-scouts.org.uk or 01651 873026

Running the Group

For a Group as large as Lisburn Cathedral it is essential that there is a strong back-up team. We have a well-organised set of committees which meet regularly to maintain and improve the way the group is run. Some of the more important elements are:

Finance Sub-Committee

The aim of this committee is to manage the funds which have to be sufficient to enable:

- The continuance of an active Scouting Programme
- The maintenance of Group property and equipment

It is Scout Association policy that no member should be prevented from joining the Group, or participating in its activities, because of their family's financial circumstances.

The contributions made to our finances by fundraising activities also enable us to maintain a reasonable subscription charge to parents - a level which, it is hoped, is within the means of all. Where circumstances are such that a child's membership or attendance at camp is at risk for financial reasons, parents are earnestly requested to speak to the appropriate section leader or the GSL about the difficulty.

Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions are levied and reviewed annually.

The current subscriptions are as follows:

Squirrels	£50
Beavers, Cub, Scouts and Explorer Scouts	£75 per annum

Subscriptions – by Gift Aid

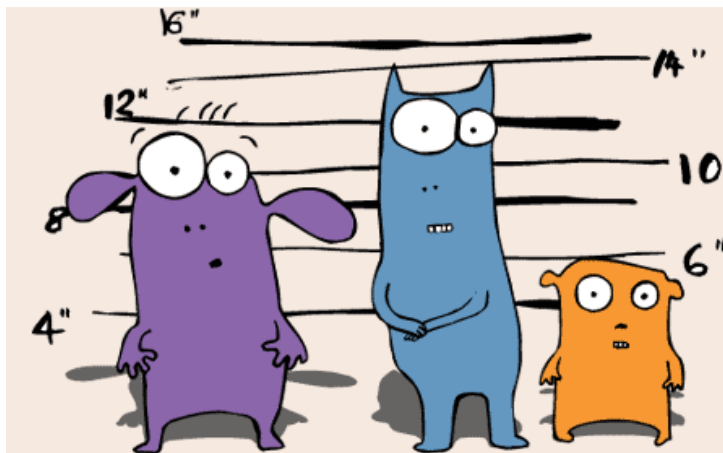
Since 2003 we have managed to increase our fundraising by the reclamation of tax on Covenanted Subscriptions. The system was changed and now we wish to collect all subscriptions by Gift Aid. The Scout Group reclaims the tax as a recognised and registered charity in the same way as other well known charities e.g. Cancer Research. The tax is reclaimed as it has already been paid through the donor's taxed income. This means that for every £1 of subscriptions you pay the group can claim back 28p.

Please complete and return the gift aid declaration from the registration pack.

Group Website – www.cathedralscouts.com

The group website is often the place late information about meetings, camps etc is posted. Please consult it regularly

Who's who?



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Squirrel Drey

Sq.L.	Jennifer McCormick	
A.Sq.L.	Maggie Morgan	
A.Sq.L.	Marina Matthews	
	Judith McIlwee	02892 603729

Executive Committee

President :	:	None Appointed	
Vice President :	:	None Appointed	
Group Chairman :	:	Bryn Lister	028 92588994
Vice Chairman :	:	None Appointed	
Group Treasurer :	:	Neil Mulholland	028 9261 2258
Asst. Treasurer :	:	None Appointed	
Group Secretary :	:	Leonard Woods	028 9260 5398
Beaver Administrator :	:	Stella Stacey	
Fundraising Chairperson :	:	Vacant	
Parent Representatives :	:		
Squirrels –	:	Lynsey Kerr	
Beavers –	:	Andrew Brown	
Cubs –	:	Alistair McKinley, David Greer	
Scouts –	:	Cathy Bustard, Andrew Black	
Explorers –	:	Alison Slater	028 9260 1132
Honorary Auditor :	:	None Appointed	

Finance Sub - Committee

Chairperson – :	:	Bryn Lister	028 92588994
Sectional Representatives :	:	As Required	
Members :	:	G.S.L. and Group Chairman as required	

Group Development / Support Sub committee

Chairperson – :	:	Bryn Lister	028 92588994
Representatives :	:	Paul Duggan, Andrew Stacey	
Jonathan Simpson	:		

Health & Safety Policy of Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group

It is the policy of Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group, in accordance with the policy of The Scout Association, that Scouting will be provided in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable.

The Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group accepts that this responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

It is the responsibility of all those involved with Scouting in Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group to seek, so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that:

- all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to the health of the participants;
- the provision and maintenance of equipment and buildings for Members of the Scout Association and others is safe and without risk to health and adequate for their welfare;
- information, instruction, training and supervision are provided with the object of ensuring the health and safety of all those involved in Scouting activities or who may be affected by them;
- appropriate arrangements are made to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of equipment, and substances which are inherently or potentially dangerous

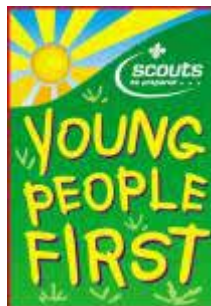
Young People First Policy

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Scout Association is committed to:

- taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;
- respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working
- taking all reasonable practicable steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse, and
- promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

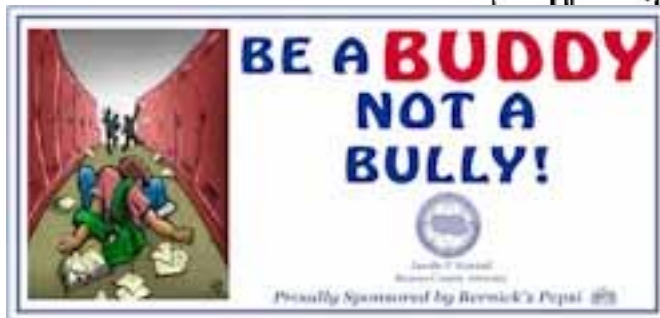
All adults aged eighteen or over, no matter what their role or involvement within Scouting, are responsible for putting this policy into practice at all times.



According to ChildLine, half of primary school children and more than one in four secondary school students say that they have been bullied within the last year. With such high figures, it could mean that someone in your Group is being bullied or is a bully.

Bullying takes many forms, some less obvious than others, and can be carried out by an individual or a group of people. Name calling is the most common form of bullying that is reported. Other forms of bullying include threats, teasing, hitting and pushing, being 'left out of the group', or attacked because of religion, gender or race.

It is Scout policy that bullying in any form is unacceptable and all activities should have in place rigorous anti-bullying strategies.





CODE OF CONDUCT

This list of rules has been made using the Scout Law, Scout Promise, Scout P.O.R. and must be strictly adhered to at all times

This list is non-exhaustive and can be added to at any time.

Scouts not obeying these rules can be suspended and may be asked to leave.

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 laws.

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 worldwide family of scouts
5. A scout has courage in all difficulties
6. A scout makes good use of his time.
7. A scout has self respect and respect for others.
8. Keep quiet when asked to do so by any leader or assistant
9. No swearing or foul behaviour will be tolerated.
10. Racist or sectarian music, remarks and symbolism is strictly forbidden.
11. No football shirts must be worn to any meeting or camp
12. No alcoholic beverages are to be consumed at any time.
13. No smoking of any substance at any time will be tolerated
14. Aerosols, drugs and glue are strictly forbidden (no aerosol deodorants allowed in hall or at camp)
15. No fireworks, waterbombs or offensive items are to be brought to any meeting or camp.
16. Bullying, intimidation or threatening behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.
17. Show respect for your own and other peoples uniform and clothing.
18. Consider your safety and the safety of others by wearing and using all the appropriate equipment.
19. All of the scout groups property and equipment must be carefully maintained.
20. No scouts are allowed in the scout store unsupervised.
21. The irresponsible use of fire extinguishers is strictly forbidden.
22. Telephone any LEADER if you are unable to attend any meeting or event.
23. Do not misbehave or act in any way detrimental to the good name of Lisburn Cathedral Scout Group