



## 14<sup>th</sup> Keighley (Haworth) Scout Group Membership Details



### New members

What your child will do in scouting all depends on which section you have joined.

Beaver Colonies consist of young boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8. The elements of their activities are towards having fun and making friends. There is also an exciting mixture of adventure and achievement.

Cub Packs are made up of boys and girls between 8 and 10 & 1/2. There are opportunities to develop physical and practical skills, to investigate new hobbies and find new interests. There is the sense of belonging, of being able to share with friends of the same age and in all kinds of constructive activities, including giving help and service to the local community.

Scout Troops accept boys and girls between 10 1/2 and 14. The Scout Troop remains the fulcrum of the Movement because it develops the youngsters from that time when they have everything thought out and planned for them to the point when they can think, make decisions, and act on their own behalf.

When functioning at its best, it becomes a magnet for Cub Scouts and a springboard into the Explorer Scouts. It trains young people to take on real responsibility for themselves and their activities.

Explorer Scout Units are open to young men and women from 14 to 18. This section offers opportunities for adventurous activities, more challenging community service projects, and broadening international experience through projects and expeditions overseas. It is based around the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Every section does basically the same activities, such as camping, and outdoor activities and each section will tailor the activities to a suitable level for the age group of children.

Activities we have at our disposal include; hiking, camping, hostelling, pot-holing, climbing, canoeing, football, swimming, competitions, barbecues, open days, cooking without pots & pans (backwoods cooking), and so on.

***The question is, "What do you want us to organise for you?"***

#### **How safe is my Child?**

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

#### **What Does It Cost?**

The Scout Association is a charitable organisation and it is normal for each Group to charge subscriptions to help cover the running costs. Many years ago 'subs' were paid in cash each week or month during role call. These days, the subs are paid each month. They can be paid in cash or, preferably, standing order. The subs are used to finance regular activities, games, equipment, badges and many other resources required to keep the group functional.

Additionally, there is an annual capitation fee. Capitation pays for the membership of each child in the group and covers the cost of membership, national and county resources (camps, marketing, and competitions) and insurance. All members of the leadership team and committee are volunteers and without subs, they would be unable to run the Haworth Scout Group.

#### **What Is Gift Aid?**

This is a scheme being run by the Inland Revenue which allows us to claim the tax that you have paid on your subscriptions. All you have to do is sign a simple and we do the rest.

Obviously, we are keen to claim this extra income to help provide better facilities for our members.

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