

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



**BEAVERS** 

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**Scouts** 

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Welcome to 2nd Thornbury Scout Group!**

Within this welcome pack you will find the following information:

- Welcome to 2nd Thornbury Scout Group
- An Introduction to Scouting
- Parent/Carer Consent Form
- In Touch Arrangements
- Parent Help
- Standing Order Form
- Gift Aid Form

Please note that we will need you to return or action the following items:

- Parent/Carer Consent Form - to be returned as soon as possible
- In Touch Form - if appropriate
- Gift Aid Form – please return with Consent Form above
- Standing Order Form – please send directly to your bank

We do hope this welcome pack is helpful, but if you have any unanswered questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Welcome to 2nd Thornbury Scout Group

In Thornbury there are three Scout Groups. We are 2nd Thornbury and we are a sponsored group by Christ the King Church. Within our Group we operate three sections: a **Beaver Colony**, a **Cub Pack** and a **Scout Troop**. Thornbury is in the "Cotswold Edge" Scout District which extends from Falfield down to the M4 and from Severn Beach out to Yate and the surrounding area. For administration purposes we are still classed as being in the County of Avon.

### **Meeting Times**

The Beaver Colony meets on a Monday night at Christ the King Church Hall from 5:30 until 6:30pm.

The Cub Pack meets on a Wednesday night at Christ the King Church Hall from 6:15 until 7:30pm.

The Scout Troop meets on a Wednesday night at Christ the King Church Hall from 7:45 until 9:15pm.

Meetings are only held during school term time although some activities may be arranged during the holiday periods. During the year we normally take part in additional activities arranged by the Leaders, or the District or County. For Cubs and Scouts we arrange weekend camps and an annual week long camp, and additionally there may be District or County camps we attend. Beavers occasionally have sleep overs, but normally this is for one night only.

### **Uniform**

Beaver Scouts wear a turquoise sweatshirt with a Group scarf which, for 2nd Thornbury, is white, with a woggle to hold the scarf in place. Cub Scouts wear a green sweatshirt, white scarf and woggle. Scouts wear a green shirt with either navy blue activity trousers, shorts, or a skirt for the girls. We do not require that the lower uniform is purchased or worn for Scouts.

We would like them to wear the full uniform plus smart shoes for Church Parades and special occasions; in the absence of the uniform trousers or skirt, smart grey trousers or skirt will be acceptable.

The uniform can be obtained from John Lewis at the Mall and can also be found on-line at [shop.scouts.org.uk](http://shop.scouts.org.uk). The white scarf and woggle can be purchased from the Beaver, Cub or Scout Leader at a price of £5.00 currently. Membership and Group badges will be given to your child when they are invested. Please refer to the illustration in this pack to show where the badges should be sewn onto the uniform.

### **Fees**

A monthly fee of £8.00 is payable to the Group as a member of each section. Half of this fee goes to the Scouting Association to pay for insurance cover for every member involved in Scouting activities and also to help fund maintenance of local Scout Camps such as Woodhouse Park in Almondsbury. The other half of the fee is used by ourselves to pay for badges, activities, equipment etc needed to run the sections.

We prefer fees to be paid by monthly standing order, but will accept an annual payment of £96 in advance or termly payment of £32 in advance by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to "2nd Thornbury Scout Group". We also ask that a Gift Aid Form is signed to enable us to claim back the Income Tax. A Standing Order form and a Gift Aid Form can both be found at the back of this pack.

## **Parent Help**

We may operate a parent rota to help support our Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. Please refer to our Parent Help section of the Welcome Pack for more information. Please do not be too shy to offer your help in some way and if you feel you have any skills or interests to offer the Scout Group – if so please contact one of our Leaders or Group Chair. You will be made very welcome and will have the opportunity to meet new people and make a real contribution to help your local community.

## **Contact Details**

Please fill in the enclosed Parent/Carer Consent form with as much information as you can and return it to the leader as soon as possible. It is important that we have contact details in case of emergencies and that we are advised of any allergies or relevant medical information. This information is kept by our Group for our use only - we do not share the information with third parties. Please also refer to the 'In Touch' Arrangements section of this Welcome Pack.

## **Communication**

We occasionally issue information to keep you up to date about section or Group activities which is sent home via your child or communicated by email. You will may also receive information of the week's activities by text or email or via Spond for the Cub section - please supply up to date contact information on your Parent Consent Form. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to talk to any of the leaders at the end of the meetings.

## **Church Parades**

We take part in the Remembrance Day Parade at Thornbury in November and the St. George's Day Parade in April. St George is the patron saint of Scouting. We also have three Church Parades during the year where we attend a Sunday Family Mass at Christ the King Church. This is an informal service and it should not deter anyone from attending, regardless of denomination, as they will be there as part of the Scout Group and will be assisting in the running of the service. Only Cubs and Scouts are requested to come to the Church Parades due to the younger age of the Beavers.

## **The Group Council**

Once your child is invested into the appropriate section, you will automatically become a member of the Group Council. All Parents, Carers, Leaders and Scout Patrol Leaders in the Group are members of this Council and it meets once a year at the Annual General Meeting.

## The Group Executive Committee

Each year, the Scout Group elects an Executive Committee, which consists of a number of Parents/Carers and the Leaders of the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. They carry out the day to day running of the Group and are also responsible for buying equipment and maintaining Group property. The function of the Group Executive Committee is also to support and help the Group Scout Leader carry out their role in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group.

## Badge Positions on the Uniform

Beaver Uniform badge positions



## Cub Uniform badge positions



## Scout Uniform badge positions



## **An Introduction to Scouting**

### **The Purpose of Scouting**

Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

### **The Values of Scouting**

As Scouts we are guided by these values:

Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.

Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.

Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.

Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.

Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends

### **The Scout Method**

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting in:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise

A high quality balanced programme is one that:

- Offers a balance of each of the challenge areas for the Section.
- Includes opportunities to achieve badges and awards such as activity badges, challenge awards or staged activity badges.
- Enables all young people to achieve Chief Scout's Awards.
- Provides opportunities for young people to influence the programme and provide feedback, and feedback is acted upon.
- Provides opportunities to engage with young people outside of their Section, such as attending District and county events or taking part in activities with other Sections.
- Provide opportunities to take part in activities away from the normal meeting place.
- Provide opportunities to engage with the local community.
- Offer opportunities to experience nights away.
- Be planned in advance by the Section's leadership team.
- Be delivered using a wide variety of methods
- Be delivered by adults or young people with the appropriate skills for the planned activities.

The Scout Association in the United Kingdom is open to people of all faiths and of none and consists of 5 sections. The first 3 sections are Group based, Explorers are a District Unit and Network is County based. The sections are:

The Beaver Colony	6 to 8 year olds	Group based
The Cub Pack	8 to 10 1/2 year olds	Group based
The Scout Troop	10 1/2 to 14 year olds	Group based
Explorer Scouts	14 to 18 year olds	District Unit
Scout Network	18 to 24 year olds	County Unit

All sections are open to both males and females.

The Scout Group is like a family and is looked after by a Group Scout Leader (GSL) who supports all the section leaders and makes sure that your youngster enjoys quality Scouting through exciting, challenging and interesting activities. The other key task of the Group Scout Leader is to ensure that the activities of the whole Scout Group are coordinated. The Scout Association has a policy of conducting Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks (formerly Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks) on all adults who volunteer to help run the sections and their activities. This is to ensure that ALL leaders (and helpers) are suitable to work with young people.

### ***The Beaver Colony***

The Beaver Scout Leader runs the Colony with a team of assistants, Young Leaders and helpers who all give their time freely and have had training to help them do an effective job. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running the programme of games and activities for Colony Meetings and special outings and other events. The youngsters work in small groups called Lodges.

The Beaver Scout Promise is:

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

There is no formal Beaver Scout Law. The concepts expressed in the Scout Law are to be presented to Beaver Scouts through games, storytelling and other informal activities.

### ***The Cub Pack***

The Cub Scout Leader runs the Pack with a team of assistants, Young Leaders and helpers who all give their time freely and have had training to help them do an effective job. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running the programme of games and activities for Pack Meetings and special outings and other events. The youngsters work in small groups called Sixes, with a Sixer as leader and a Secunder as his assistant.

The Cub Scout Promise is:

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 Law is:

Cub Scouts always do their best,  
think of others before themselves  
and do a good turn every day.

### ***The Scout Troop***

The Scout Leader runs the Troop with a team of assistants, Young Leaders and helpers who all give their time freely and have had training to help them do an effective job. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running the programme of games and activities for Troop Meetings and special outings and other events.

The youngsters work in small groups called Patrols, with each Patrol led by an older Scout called a Patrol Leader, assisted by an Assistant Patrol Leader.

The Troop has simple ceremonies, one of which is the Investiture to which you may attend, when your own youngster will be asked to make the Scout Promise.

The Scout Promise is:

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.

They will also be asked to try and keep the Scout Law, which is:

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 time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

### **Scout Badges and Awards**

A large number of badges are available for the Scouts to achieve in their progress through the sections. Details of all the badges can be found on the Scouting Association website [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk).

The **Membership Award** is awarded at an investiture ceremony, usually after four to six weeks in the section. The requirements for this badge help the Beaver, Cub or Scout to understand the commitment they are making when making their Promise and becoming a member of the Scout Movement.

The **Participation Award** recognises a young person's commitment to Scouting and for taking an active part in the Programme.

**Challenge Awards** - These are awards that challenge the young people to use the skills that they have learnt through participation in the Balanced Programme. The awards cover areas such as Adventure, Creative, Expedition, Outdoors, Personal, Skills, Team Leader, Teamwork and My World.

**Activity Badges.** There are over 70 Activity badges that the Scouts can achieve. They cover a wide variety of subjects and many of these can be done at home under the supervision of parents, relations or family friends.

**Partnership Awards.** These are awards which are tackled with other Sections within the Group and which promote activities within the Balanced Programme of each Section.

**Staged Activity Badges.** There are fourteen staged badges, Air Activities, Community Impact, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Emergency Aid, Hikes Away, Musician, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away, Paddle Sports, Sailing, Swimmer and Time on the Water which are staged across the first four Scouting Sections. A young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached.

**Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.** This is the top award that a Scout can achieve and is gained by completing the all the Challenges badges in their section and the required number of activity or staged badges.

**The Moving On Award.** This is awarded when a Scout moves between sections ie when a Beaver is invested as a Cub, a Cub is invested as a Scout or a Scout is invested as an Explorer.



## 2nd Thornbury (Christ the King) Scout Group Parent Help



### Weekly Parent Rota

We occasionally operate a weekly parent helper rota to support our sections. This is necessary to give us additional adult supervision to enable us to provide a more varied and exciting program for our members.

Once your child has been invested, we may include you on our parent rota. If all parents participate on the rota we will only need your help two or three times a year. Please let us know if you are unable to take part.

### Other Opportunities to Help

Our Leaders and Committee are all volunteers and we are very lucky to have a full and hardworking Committee. However, we can always use more help to spread the work and get new ideas and opportunities for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Perhaps you can help? Do you have or want to learn a new skill? Or do you know somebody else who may have time to help us?

We would like to train up "Skill" instructors to help run activities for our Beavers/Cubs/Scouts. We would pay for your training and you can learn a new skill to share with the children.

- Archery
- Rifle Shooting
- Canoeing
- Caving
- Climbing
- Abseiling

Or do you have an interest we can incorporate into our proficiency badge work?

- Map reading
- Cooking
- Electronics
- Music
- Arts/crafts
- Sports

Some ideas of the other things we are looking for help with behind the scenes are:

- Our own website design and update
- Parent rota organiser
- Publicity
- Programme planning
- Minutes secretary
- Event organiser
- Camp support
- Parent representative

A lot of these are things that can be done in your own time at home and shouldn't take much time at all!

If you would like more information or to discuss further, please speak to your Section Leader, Group Scout Leader or Group Chairman.



2nd Thornbury (Christ the King)  
Scout Group  
Beaver/Cub/Scout Parent/Carer



**About your son/daughter:**

Surname:

Date of Birth:

First Names:

Religious Denomination:

Address:

School:

Doctor/Surgery:

Home Telephone Number:

National Health No:

Sporting Interests/Hobbies:

Allergies/Disabilities/Other Medical Info:

**About You - Parents/Carers:**

Mother's Name:

Father's Name:

Mother's Mobile No:

Father's Mobile No:

Mother's Occupation:

Father's Occupation:

Email Address for Correspondence:

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Please use this space to provide us with any other information you feel we should know about your child or to give details of any skills/hobbies you have that may contribute to the running of the group (see Parent Help page):

**Photographs** - sometimes photos and video images of Beavers/Cubs/Scouts taking part in activities are submitted to local newspapers, Group, District or County newsletters / web sites or are put on display. If you have any objections to this, please indicate that you are not willing for your child's image to be used in this way by ticking this box. It is not Scout Association policy to publish any names or contact details.

**Outside Activities** – during our colony/pack/troop meetings, we sometimes take the Beaver/Cub/Scouts out of the hall to walk in the local area, to go on local visits or to the park. Whilst we endeavour to advise you of this beforehand, this may not necessarily be the case. If you are not willing for you child to leave the hall in our care, please tick this box. Please see separate sheet regarding our 'In Touch' arrangements.

**Consent:**

I agree to my son's/daughter's participation in the Beaver/Cubs/Scouts Colony/Pack/Troop meeting activities and I acknowledge the need for him/her to behave responsibly.

I accept that the Scout Group will be keeping information about my son's/daughter's membership of the Scout Movement for Scouting purposes. I hereby give explicit consent to the holding of information of my son's/daughter's health, disabilities, religion/faith, race/ethnic origin again for Scouting purposes.

Signed:

Name in Block Capitals:

Date:



# 2nd Thornbury (Christ the King) Scout Group 'In Touch' Arrangements



Our 'In Touch' Arrangements follow the Scouting Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

If it is necessary to contact the leaders or your child in the event of an emergency during a regular section Colony/Pack/Troop meeting then the following numbers should be used:

- Beavers – Chris Powell on 07741 266500
- Cubs – Robin Drake on 07975 517225
- Scouts – Dean Kinch on 07872 999034

**Please note that these numbers are to be used in a genuine emergency situation only.**

If it is necessary for us to contact you during a meeting we will use the numbers supplied on your Parent/Carer Consent Form. If there is an alternative number you would like us to use during the section meeting times, please use the reply form below to advise us.

Thank you.

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### Alternative emergency contact details for section meetings:

Beaver/Cub/Scouts Name:

Contact Name:

Contact Number:

Relationship to Beaver/Cub/Scout:

Signed: ..... Date: .....



# 2nd Thornbury (Christ the King) Scout Group Subscriptions



Once your child has been in the pack/troop for four weeks, you need to start paying a monthly subscription. Please complete the Standing Order form below and send to your own branch or use the detail to set up a Standing Order via on-line banking. Amount to be paid is £8.00 per month per Scout.

## Standing Order Form

To: The Manager (Name and address of your Bank)

\_\_\_\_\_ Bank  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please pay HSBC Bank PLC, High Street, Thornbury, sort code 40-44-41, for credit to the account of 2nd Thornbury Scout Group Account No 80800171 the amount quoted below on the due dates specified until the final payment date quoted, or until this order is cancelled in writing.

First Payment Due	Payment Frequency	Last Payment Due	Amount of Payment

Sort Code No:

Bank Account No:

Payment Reference (your child's name):

Name of Account: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



2nd Thornbury (Christ the King)  
Scout Group  
Gift Aid Form



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Beaver/Cub/Scout's full name:

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***I would like the Scout Group to treat all payments that I make on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 2004 in respect of the membership subscription as Gift Aid donations.***

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year (Currently 25p for every £1 you give)

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group.

Please also notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.