

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



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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
- Subscription Details
- 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

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 gold border, with a woggle to hold the scarf in place. Cub Scouts wear a green sweatshirt, white scarf with gold border and plastic woggle. Scouts wear a green shirt, white scarf with gold border and leather woggle.

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 on-line at [shop.scouts.org.uk](http://shop.scouts.org.uk). The white with golden border neckerchief or scarf can be purchased from the Beaver, Cub or Scout Leader at a price of £5.50 currently. Plastic woggles are issued free of charge for Beavers and Cubs, but leather woggles for Scouts can be purchased at a price of £3.50. 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.

### **Subscriptions**

A monthly fee of £10.00 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, to support the Scout Headquarters and staff and also to help fund national Scouting initiatives. 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 £120 in advance or termly payment of £40 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. Bank details for the standing order 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 may take part in a St. George's Day Parade in April. St George is the patron saint of Scouting. 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 (or Trustee Board)

Each year, the Scout Group elects an Executive Committee, which can consist 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 (Group Lead Volunteer) 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), also known as the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV), 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 Scout Association safeguarding principles for keeping children and young people safe are listed on the 'Yellow Card', appended to the Welcome Pack.

### ***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 for members who are Christian is:

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

The Beaver Scout Promise for members who are atheist or of non-faith background is:

I promise to do my best  
to be kind and helpful  
and to love our world.

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 Second as his assistant.



The Cub Scout Promise for members who are Christian is:

I promise that I will do my best  
to do my duty to God and to The King,  
to help other people  
and to keep the Cub Scout Law.

The Cub Scout Promise for members who are atheist or of non-faith background is:

I promise that I will do my best to uphold our Scout values,  
to do my duty to The King,  
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 for members who are Christian is:

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and to the King,  
To help other people  
and to keep the Scout Law.

The Scout Promise for members who are atheist or of non-faith background is:

On my honour,  
I promise that I will do my best,  
To uphold our Scout values,  
To do my duty to The King,  
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 world-wide 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 fifteen staged badges, Air Activities, Community Impact, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Emergency Aid, Hikes Away, Musician, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away, Paddle Sports, Sailing, Snowsports, 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 in Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections 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 – Steve Bagnall on 07974 772735

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 joins the section, you need to start paying a monthly subscription. Please set up a standing order via on-line banking for £10 per month per Beaver/Cub/Scout to:

Account type: Business

Account name: 2nd Thornbury Scout Group

Sort code: 40-44-41

Account number: 80800171.



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



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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Beaver/Cub/Scout's full name:

\_\_\_\_\_

***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.



# Keeping Children and Young People Safe

## All adults in Scouts follow our Code of Conduct

**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

**If in doubt, report it.**

**Do** remember that you're a role model at all times, inside and outside of Scouts. You must set a good example for others to follow.

**Do** treat everyone with dignity and respect in line with the Scout Values.

**Do** treat all young people equally – don't show favouritism.

**Do** follow the adult-to-young-people ratios at all times.

**Do** remember that you have been placed in a position of trust – don't abuse this trust.

**Do** report all safeguarding concerns directly to the Safeguarding Team as soon as possible, and always within 24 hours.

**Do** contact the Safeguarding Team if you receive details of any statutory agency, such as the police, the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or children's services, involvement regarding a member.

**Do** remember that someone may misinterpret your actions.

**Do** respect children's and young people's right to personal privacy.

**Do** act within appropriate boundaries, even in difficult circumstances.

**Do** encourage an open and transparent culture, where people challenge or report behaviour that isn't in line with this code.

**Do** make everyone aware of our safeguarding arrangements. Share our Yellow Card with volunteers, parents and guardians, and display it where meetings take place.

**Do** create an environment where children and young people feel safe and able to voice their concerns.

**Do** have separate sleeping accommodation for young people and adults, as well as young leaders working with a younger section.

**Do** plan activities that involve more than one other person being present. If that's not possible, make sure other people can see and hear what's going on.

**Do not** plan to be alone with a child or young person in Scouts, either online or in person.

**Do not** drink alcohol when you are directly responsible for children and young people in Scouts. Never allow under 18s to drink alcohol on Scout activities.

**Do not** trivialise concerns or abuse.

**Do not** let concerns or abuse go unreported. Contact the Safeguarding Team, especially if you feel your concern hasn't been taken seriously.

**Do not** join in physical contact games with children and young people.

**Do not** overstep the boundaries with children and young people by being involved in friendships or personal relationships with them.

**Do not** allow activities that encourage bullying behaviour, including initiation ceremonies, dares or forfeits.

**Do not** use inappropriate, suggestive or threatening language, whether verbal, written or online.

**Do not** rely on your reputation or position to protect you.

**Do not** get involved with a safeguarding concern if you've a personal friendship or family connection with those involved. Step back and tell the Safeguarding Team about the connection. [scouts.org.uk/safeguarding](https://scouts.org.uk/safeguarding)

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**If a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm, call 999 or 112 and ask for police. Tell the Safeguarding Team you've done this.**

### Young people

We want everyone in Scouts to be safe and happy. If an adult has made you feel bad or uncomfortable, either inside or outside of Scouts, please tell us and your parents or carer.

We will listen to you and take you seriously.

### Parents and carers

If you're worried about a child or young person, or if you've concerns about an adult involved in Scouts not following this Code of Conduct, please contact the Safeguarding Team.

**If you're unsure what to do, or you're not sure if a report has been made to us regarding a concern, contact us.**

- **Safeguarding Team**  
+44(0)20 8433 7164  
[safeguarding@scouts.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@scouts.org.uk)

- **NSPCC** 0808 800 5000  
[help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk).

### Childline

- 0800 1111  
Under 12? [childline.org.uk/kids](https://childline.org.uk/kids)  
Over 12? [childline.org.uk](https://childline.org.uk)

