





## How much does it cost?

As with all Scout Groups we use subscriptions to cover equipment and resources costs for high-quality Scouting. Part of these subs goes toward the annual membership fee paid to headquarters, which includes insurance for all members.

Subscriptions are paid termly (in September, January, and April) at £48.00, which amounts to £12 per month. We collect these subs through monthly direct debit via Online Scout Manager (OSM). Scout leaders don't accept cash for any payments; all payments, including event fees and camp fees, are processed through OSM. Although there's a small fee for this system, it reduces our administrative workload and ensures payments are correctly assigned, so please register for it.

For newcomers trying out Scouting, the first session is free. After that, it's £3 per session for up to four weeks until the young person is invested, and you'll receive a payment request through OSM.

However, our policy is clear: no young person should miss out on activities due to financial constraints. We understand that finances can be challenging so in certain situations, we can seek financial assistance for you through the District Commissioner's Discretionary Fund. If you require assistance with camp fees, uniform costs, or prefer payment plans, don't hesitate to talk privately with one of our Leaders. We are adaptable and prefer to address this early on rather than chasing you for it later. Participation is our priority.

## How can you help?

Scouting depends on its adult volunteers, and we welcome your involvement. We are always looking for great leaders to help with the various sections, but we need a team around them too. Maybe you could help in one of the following ways and join the adventure that Scouting offers adults as well as young people.

Safety issues are covered extensively in our Leader Training. For more adventurous activities such as water sports, caving and mountaineering, we have access to qualified activity permit holders to ensure all Young People are in safe hands.

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