



Scouts

1st Wallington

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Information Pack For Parents

Headquarters

The Scout Hall

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Welcome to the 1st Wallington Scout Group

We are one of a number of Groups in the area and are part of the world-wide family of Scouting. Our **Scout District is Sutton** and our **Scout County is Greater London South West** which consists of five Boroughs.

Our Mission

Scouting actively engages and supports 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 our 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

Cooperation: we make a positive difference; we cooperate with others and make friends

The Method of Scouting

Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and 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; and make and live by their Promise.

All Appointed Leaders attend courses which teach them how to run their section and give them knowledge in all aspects of Scouting including First Aid, Safeguarding and Safety.

Our History

Scouting started in 1907 and our first meeting was held in March 1908. The Cub Pack started in 1916 and the Beavers in 1983 (the first in the District). We admitted girls in 1990 and the new Explorer Section which replaced the Venture Scouts was formed in 2000. There is a book available which gives you a full history of the Group

So, although many things have changed over the years, the thing that has stayed a constant is the fun and enjoyment that our young people and Leaders get from Scouting at the 1st Wallington.

How Parents Can Help

One of the most important ways you can help is by supporting and encouraging your son or daughter in their Scouting.

Like all Scout Groups, 1st Wallington is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. Extra adult help is often needed for activities (e.g. fun days, camps, excursions etc when the child to adult ratio has to be correct), or there just may be a lot to do and parent participation is always welcomed by section leaders.

Perhaps you may have a special skill or interest that you could share with the young people in any of the sections.

Please note that if you help on a regular basis the Scout Association rules are that you will be required to have a DBS check (Disclosure and Barring Service). This is done online and our GSL will arrange it.

A Scout group is like a family and events are occasionally organised for the whole group. Members and their parents are also asked to participate in the various fund-raising events which help to maintain the Group Headquarters as well as providing equipment and resources for the young people

Beaver Scouts

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

Age: 6 – 8 years

Meetings: Tuesdays, 5.00pm – 6.15pm

Uniform: Turquoise Beaver sweatshirt, navy activity trousers, black Group scarf, woggle and Group t-shirt

Subscription: See [Subscriptions & Money Matters](#)

Beavers Scout Leader:

Selam Davies 02086426930 email: thanimalay24@gmail.com

What are Beaver Scouts?

Beaver Scouts are the youngest members of the Scout Association. The Beaver section is called a Colony and consists of Lodges with about six children in each. The Colony is run by trained Beaver Leaders and assistants with the help of parents.

What do Beaver Scouts do?

Beaver Scout activities are a combination of learning and having fun. Whilst doing these activities the Beavers will begin to enjoy themselves and start to learn how to work by themselves and in a team. After a few weeks of going to meetings the new Beaver Scouts will make the Promise, becoming members of the Beaver Scout section and the world - wide family of Scouting. The new Beaver is given a badge book containing information that they will work from at the weekly meetings.

Beavers can now gain many badges including challenge and activity badges and the highest award before they leave Beavers which is the Chief Scouts Bronze Award

There are District and Group events during the year that Beavers are encouraged to attend. During the year there is usually a 'Sleepover', and activity day at Oaks Park, a pantomime at Christmas and last but not least a 'Good Turn for Others' which in previous years has included sending contributions to the air ambulance, visiting Bridge House Care Home and bulb planting in aid of Polio awareness.

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout Promise:

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

The Cub Scout Law:

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

The Cub Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

Age: 8 – 10½ years

Meetings: Mondays, 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Uniform: Dark Green Cub sweatshirt, navy activity trousers, black Group scarf, woggle and Group t-shirt

Subscription: See [Subscriptions & Money Matters](#)

Cub Scout Leaders:

Hannah Curry 07521052247 email: hannahcurry1@gmail.com

What are Cub Scouts?

Cub Scouts meet as a pack under the supervision of a trained team of leaders led by the Cub Scout Leader known as Akela. The Pack is divided into Sixes each named after a colour and led by a Cub Scout called a Sixer and a Secunder.

What do Cub Scouts do?

Cub Scouting is based on a variety of areas such as having fun, making friends and trying new things. They do this by playing games, working together gaining skills and going on outings and visits. Whilst enjoying these activities Cubs will also be working towards the Challenge badges. The Cubs can also gain Activity badges of which there are a large number catering for all ages, abilities and passions! The Chief Scouts Silver Award is the highest award in the Cub section and includes a personal challenge.

Cubs get the chance to camp at places such as Downe Activity centre and sleepovers at the HQ with a day out to places like London or Brighton. Cubs also take part in District Competitions and events where they have a good record of achievement, plus Badge days where they can gain for example the Scientist Badge or Digital Citizen Badges.

Scouts

The Scout Promise:

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

The Scout Law:

A Scout is to be trusted

A Scout is loyal

A Scout is friendly and considerate

A Scout belongs to the World-Wide 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 Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

Age: 10½ - 14 years

Meetings: Fridays, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Uniform: Teal Green Scout shirt, navy activity trousers, scout belt, black Group scarf, woggle and Group t-shirt

Subscription: See [Subscriptions & Money Matters](#)

Scout Leader: David Percy 07746707299

email: david_pearcy@icloud.com

What are Scouts?

Scouts meet as a Troop, under the supervision of the Scout Leader and other leaders. Each Scout is a member of a Patrol with a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. The Patrols at 1st Wallington are named after animals: Eagles, Buffalos, Cobras & Lions. Patrol Leaders have responsibility for their Patrol and are encouraged to assist in the day to day running of the Troop.

What do Scouts do?

The Scouts' programme involves training which enables the Scout to enjoy the many and varied activities which the Troop are involved in. During this training they are able to obtain a series of challenge awards, staged skill - based badges and activity badges. The highest award a Scout can gain in the Troop is the Queen's Scout Gold Award.

In a recent typical year, 1st Wallington Scouts attended various camps with activities such as hiking, potholing, climbing, zip wire and water activities. Other troop activities throughout the year have included weekend camps, incident hikes, cycle ride, voluntary work with the National Trust, ice skating etc. The Scouts also participate in District and County competitions where they have done very well.

Every three years, Scouts over 12 years of age are eligible for the PAGGS Camp when they join youngsters from Paisley (Scotland), Apeldoorn (Netherlands) Gladsaxe (Denmark) Gagny (France) and Sutton - hence PAGGS. Pardubice (Czech Republic) and occasionally Wilmersdorf (Germany) also join for a joint summer camp in one of the participating countries. In 2016 Sutton hosted the camp which was a great success with around 300 people taking part. Next camp in 2019 will be in Apeldoorn.

Explorer Scouts - Ruskin Explorer Scout Unit

The Promise, Law and Motto is the same for Explorer Scouts and indeed for every adult member as that for Scouts

Explorer Scouts are a District based section and are not part of 1st Wallington. It is largely Scouts from 1st Wallington who go to this Unit.

Age: 14-18 years

Meetings: Tuesday 7.45pm – 9.30pm

Uniform: Beige Explore Scout shirt/blouse, navy activity trousers, scout belt, black and yellow District scarf, woggle and Unit t-shirt

Subscription: Paid to Ruskin Explorer Scout Unit

Leader: Ben Percy 07841505905

What are Explorer Scouts

Explorer Scouts meet as a Unit and although under the supervision of trained Leaders, take on increasing levels of responsibility for organising their own activities

What do Explorer Scouts do?

The general theme of progressive training continues with the highest award in Scouting being the Queen's Scout Award which they can work towards until they are twenty-five. They can move to Scout Network at 18. They can also join the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

They meet weekly and follow a varied programme. In addition, there are regular camps and weekend activities including a main summer camp usually in August.

Ruskin ESU take part in two competitions each year, Operation Red Flare and Nite X. Both are incident hikes that give young people the opportunity to use the skills they have developed and gain new experiences.

Uniforms

The Scout Association is a uniformed organisation and members are expected to wear full uniform for their respective section

All sections wear navy blue activity trousers, black shoes or black trainers, black Group scarf, woggle and Group t-shirt

Beavers: Turquoise Beaver sweatshirt

Cubs: Dark green Cub sweatshirt

Scouts: Teal green Scout shirt, Scout belt

Explorers: Beige Explorer shirt/blouse, Scout belt

Buying uniform is one indication of a commitment to join the Group.

Where to buy uniform

Hewitts of Croydon 45-51 Church Street, Croydon, CR9 1QQ
Tel: 020 8680 4555

Cladish of Wallington 29/31 Woodcote Road, Wallington, SM6 0LH
Tel: 020 8669 9992

You can also order on line from Scout Shops. Please be aware that the sizing is not always as it seems so you may need to try the uniform on in a shop! If you want your child to be able to wear the uniform for the length of time they are in a section we would suggest you buy the top bigger to allow for growth! The trousers are the same throughout the sections.

The black Group scarf is not worn until it is presented when your child is invested. Second hand uniforms are sometimes available through the Leaders. Please enquire. The Group t-shirt is given to new members as part of the joining fee. Additional/replacement t-shirts are available from the Group via your child's Section Leader. Group t-shirts and sweatshirts are also available in adult sizes for supporters.

Subscriptions and Money Matters

Hon Group Treasurer: Chris Robinson

Money Matters

Unfortunately, money does matter

1st Wallington is an 'open' Scout group, not sponsored by any Church or school. We own our own headquarters building and have therefore to keep it in sound condition, as well as paying the normal bills for heating, lighting and so on. The Group also owns a mini-bus, a selection of tents and camping equipment, all of which have to be kept in good repair. As these costs, which are considerable, increase every year, the Group Treasurer has to keep a strict control on the finances.

To maintain good financial control The Group would prefer any of the payments made be it for subs, activities, camps to be made by cheque rather than cash, The cheque MUST be made payable to 1st Wallington Scout Group.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are one of the main sources of the Group's income of which a significant part goes on the annual capitation fee to the Scout Association, Sutton District and the County (Greater London South West) to cover insurance and the essential support services they provide. This amount will normally rise with the rate of inflation due to the rises in utilities etc.

Subscriptions are due at the latest on being invested and thereafter at the beginning of each term. They can be paid to your child's leader or sent direct to the Group Treasurer. Outstanding subscriptions must be paid before members can participate in outside activities such as camps

The current subscription fee will be advertised on the notice board in the entrance hall

This does not apply to Explorer Scouts who have their own system.

Joining Fee

On first joining the Group whichever section, there is a fee of £25. For this, the new member will receive a Group t-shirt, Group scarf and woggle, investiture badges, handbook where appropriate and a copy of the book celebrating 100 years of the group. The joining fee is to be paid to the relevant section leader prior to investiture.

Gift Aid

Since April 2000, the government has made tax-effective giving to charity easier by simplifying the Gift Aid scheme. What you may not know is that the Scout Association is a charity and can benefit from this – with your help.

All that is required is for a parent/guardian to complete a Gift Aid Declaration which will cover subscriptions (and any donations) for the duration of their child's or children's membership of the 1st Wallington Scout Group. **NO FURTHER ACTION IS REQUIRED FROM PARENTS/GUARDIANS** and the Group will make the repayment claim. The only stipulation is that the parent/guardian signing the form must be a taxpayer.

This is a really very simple way of increasing our income with a minimum of effort. It is possible to reclaim in the region of over £20 on every subscription so very worthwhile.

May we urge you to join the scheme by completing the form at the end of this booklet and returning it to the Group Treasurer or your section leaders.

If, however, for any reason you cannot or do not wish to participate, please let us know and we will not trouble you further. Joining the scheme is entirely voluntary and does not affect your child's Scout membership in any way. Even if you have joined the scheme, you can change your mind and leave at any time.

Who's Who at 1st Wallington

Janet Drinkall	Group Scout Leader	02086694774
James O'Kane	Chairman	07866794779

Group Executive Committee

Pat & Sarah Sheridan	Joint Secretary	01737551192
Chris Robinson	Treasurer	02086479730

Pam Norton	Committee Member
John Allen	Committee Member
Andy Wadman	Committee Member Health & Safety

Rebecca Field	Committee Member
Ian Strachan	Hall maintenance
Beaver Leader	
Cub Leader	
Scout Leader	

Beaver Leaders/Helpers

Selam Davies	Beaver Leader	02086426930
Linda Joiner	Assistant Leader	
Linda Bruce	Assistant Leader	
Deborah Fernandes	Sectional Assistant	
Neha Shehzad	Sectional Assistant	
Daniel Parker	Sectional Assistant	

Cub Leaders/Helpers

Hannah Curry	Leader	07521052247
Joanna Ghobar	Assistant Leader	
Graham James	Assistant Leader	
Sarah Grainger	Sectional Assistant	
James Smart	Sectional Assistant	
Jessica Drinkall	Sectional Assistant	
Rolf Ghobar	Occasional Helper	

Scouts Leaders/Helpers

David Percy	Scout Leader	07746707299
Matthew Brice	Assistant Leader	
Ian Strachan	Assistant Leader	
Rachel Strachan	Assistant Leader	
Tony Walsh	Sectional Assistant	
Izzy Lyons	Sectional Assistant	
Emily Lewis	Sectional Assistant	

Explorer Scout Leaders/Helpers

Ben Percy	Explorer Scout Leader	07841505905
Tom Barney	Assistant Explorer	
	Scout Leader	

The Group Executive

The Group Executive Committee meets regularly throughout the year to deal with the administrative affairs of the Group, such as hall lettings, financial decisions, hall maintenance and fundraising. The Committee members are the Charity Trustees of 1st Wallington and are responsible for compliance with charity legislation.

Fundraising

As explained in the [Subscriptions and Money Matters](#) section the Group has to rely on its own efforts to provide the facilities for the youngsters to enjoy their Scouting.

We have a fund - raising committee which organises various events throughout the year. Events such as a quiz night, stalls at the Carshalton Carnival and Environmental Fair and raffles etc

We also hold jumble sales which are popular within the community

As we cannot run these events without parents' support, your help will be asked for and we hope you will be give it as much as possible. If you wish to join the committee you will be most welcome and should contact Rachel Strachan who is the Chair of the committee. You may be surprised to find that fundraising can be fun! All the monies raised are used to support the running of the Group and subsidise all the sections in their activities.

We also organise other fundraising events, such as Forecourt Sales or any other money spinners we (or you) can think of. Any new ideas will be most welcome – give us a ring!

Group Events

The Group also sometimes organises events suitable for the whole age range, and the parents.

These events provide a valuable link between sections and can assist children in their move up to the next section

Keeping you in the picture

Parents are 'kept in the picture' about activities of the Group as a whole by email via OSM (our admin system) or letter. We also advertise events on the notice board. The new much improved web site is also worth keeping an eye on as it will feature up-coming events and news

More formally, however, parents are kept informed of the Group's progress by means of the AGM, held generally in May/June. Each section produces a summary report on the year's Scouting activities, the Committee reports on the administration and the Treasurer presents the

accounts. All parents are members of the Group Council and have voting rights at the AGM. However, if there is any other information you need, please ask your child's Scout leader or one of the people mentioned in [Who's Who at 1st Wallington](#).

1st Wallington Scout Group- Registration Form

Strictly Private and Confidential

*To complete the form electronically via Word please click on the grey areas.
Once completed please e-mail to the appropriate Section Leader.*

1. Details of new member

Forename(s):

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel. No:

Email:

Date of birth:

2. Next of kin

Name:

Address *(if different from above)*:

Postcode:

Tel No:

Email:

3. Does your child have any special needs, difficulties or health issues etc which the Group should be made aware of? *Scouting is inclusive but we need to be aware of any extra needs.*

4. Which section do you wish your child to join?

- Beaver Scouts (age 6-8 yrs)
- Cub Scouts (age 8-10½)
- Scouts (age 10½-14 yrs)

5. Parents skills and agreement

I would be willing to help the Group with my knowledge of:

Any work- related skills, hobbies or leisure interests:

I agree to the principles of the Scout Association and undertake to encourage and support my child in everything they do within Scouting. I have no objection to my child's training, progress and other personal data being held by the Group. I also agree that I have no objections to general photos being taken at Group camps/activities that may contain images of my child

Signature: _____ **Date:**

Name *(please print)*

Parent/ Guardian

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity:

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title: First Name or Initial(s):

Surname:

Full Home Address:

Post Code:

Date:

Please notify the charity if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change you name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gain

If you pay Income tax at the higher rate or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Customs to adjust your tax code

Parents Help to the Group

I/We are prepared to help with the following:

Help with a Section

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

Please note: Parents helping with a section on a regular basis will be required to complete a DBS enquiry. This is a rule of the Scout Association and will be arranged through the Group Scout Leader. As a volunteer you will not be charged for this.

Joining the Group Executive Committee

Joining the Fund - raising Committee

Available for helping at various fundraising events

Name:

Phone Number:

E-mail address:

Please return this form to either the appropriate section leader or the GSL. This can be done in person or electronically.