



1st Dawley Scout Group

Welcome Pack

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Dear Parent/Guardian – A very warm welcome to our Scout Group

This welcome pack will hopefully answer any questions that you may have regarding the Scout Association and our Group.

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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We have a dedicated, fully trained volunteer Exec leadership team:

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Group Treasurer	Position Vacant	
Group Secretary	Position Vacant	
Parent Rep Squirrels	Position Vacant	
Parent Rep Beavers	Position Vacant	
Parent Rep Cubs	Position Vacant	
Parent Rep Scouts	Position Vacant	

We also have a fully trained Young Leaders that support and help us run our programme across all sections.

We are a Royal British Legion affiliated unit Dawley Branch.

We also work closely with Great Dawley Town Council.

Our history.

1st Dawley Boys Brigade was formed in 1918, then the 2nd Dawley Scouts were formed as an off-shoot of this.

- **1950's** Meetings held at the Paddock Mound by the Dun Cow Public House
- **1960's** Meetings held at the Parish rooms Holy Trinity Church later moved to the NCB (National Coal Board offices Horsehay now part of the Horsehay Steam Trust.
- **1970's** Moved to Scout Hut in Deepfields it was around this time the name was changed to 1st Dawley Brook
- **1990's** Moved to the old band hall on the corner of Deepfield Road and Manor Road.
- **2015 – Present** Moved to the Lighthouse Building and Pool Hill House with another change of name to 1st Dawley Scout Group we did for a while have a second Scout troop which met as 1st Dawley (Captain Webb).

Should anyone have any further information of ephemera we would love to build an archive.

Our Group Badge.



Additional information is available on our website <https://1stdawleyscouts.org.uk> and the UK Scout website <https://www.scouts.org.uk>

Here are links to the most frequent questions you may have:

What is Scouting:

At 1st Dawley, we believe in preparing all young people with skills for life. We encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Each week, we give over 80 young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future. We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians.

We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always.

We're part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

Members of 1st Dawley Scouts have gone on to attend World Scout Jamboree's, Bronze, Silver, and Gold Duke of Edinburgh awards, both Queen and King Scout awards.

More information is available on the Scouts website here: [What do Scouts do? | Scouts](#)

The Sections:

We have provision for 4 to 18 year olds within our group. These are divided into sections based on the young person's age.

We typically meet once a week during term time, as well as attending special events & parades within our community.

Take a look at what each section has to offer by clicking the links to our website.

- [Squirrel Scout Drey \(4 to 6 years\)](#)
- [Beaver Scout Colony \(6 to 8 years\)](#)
- [Cub Scout Pack \(8 to 10½ years\)](#)
- [Scout Troop \(10½ to 14 years\)](#)
- [Explorer / Young Leader Unit \(14 to 18 years\)](#)

Promise and Law:

THE SQUIRREL SCOUT PROMISE

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

THE SQUIRREL SCOUT LAW

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

THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE

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

THE BEAVER SCOUT LAW

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 CUBS SCOUT PROMISE

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 LAW

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

THE SCOUT PROMISE

(for Scouts, Explorer Scouts, the Scout Network and adults)

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 LAW

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.

Adult Volunteers:

What do volunteers do?

Week by week, our volunteers empower thousands of young people to learn new skills, make new friends and stand on their own two feet. They're our everyday heroes. They shape young people's lives for the better, and find out a whole lot about themselves in the process, too.

Today, there are nearly 60,000 young people on waiting lists to join us in the UK. We're more relevant and more needed than ever, but it's not always easy to keep up with the demand.

That's where you come in

You don't need to be Bear Grylls to join us. You don't need to have been a Scout when you were younger. You don't even need to know how to put up a tent. Our door is open to people of all ages, genders, races and backgrounds, and we're only able to change lives because people like you lend a hand. We're talking about tea makers, tidy-uppers and skill sharers. We're talking about mini bus drivers and first aiders. We're talking about students who want to boost their CV, and parents who volunteer so they can spend more time together as a family.

Whatever your skillset, lend a hand for as little or as much time as you can spare, and we promise you'll get more out than you put in. Because whether you're helping a leader to run an activity in the local town hall, organising a night away, or buttering 120 slices of bread for a group of very hungry eleven year olds - no two Scout meetings are the same. The difference you make, though, is always great.

We provide the training. You show up, get stuck in, and make memories for life.

As long as you're over 18, you can help out as an adult volunteer in Scouting. There is no upper age limit for adult volunteers. If you are aged between 14 and 18, there is the option of becoming a Young Leader.

Sounds fun? Worthwhile? It is.

How much does it cost?

The cost is currently **£16 per month** and payment is made typically on the first working day of the month via Direct Debit payment. Except August.

All of the payments are managed and controlled by the **Online Scout Manager (OSM)** website [\[here\]](#) using your parent login. This allows you to setup and control your subscription payments.

We do not accept CASH. For face-to-face payments (for miscellaneous purchases), we can accept card payment (Visa & MasterCard) using our SumUp card machine.

Note: we do not store any banking information or card details at 1st Dawley Scout Group

Uniform:

Wearing a uniform is comfy and practical. It means no one feels uncomfortable or left out and helps everyone feel part of the group.

Our uniform consists of a sweatshirt or shirt/blouse that you can sew badges on and a coloured scarf or 'necker' to represent your local group. There are lots of other optional accessories you can wear such as hats, hoodies, trousers or shorts.

Where to buy?

A uniform can either be bought from our online shop: <https://shop.1stdawleyscouts.org.uk> (with applied discount), or from the UK Scout Store here: [Scout Store](#) - or from a local supplier.

If you're not sure where to start, leaders can give you more information about what to buy and where to buy it. They may even know if someone is selling a uniform second hand. There may be grants available locally to help you buy a uniform, ask your leader for more details.

OSM:

We use a tool called **Online Scout Manager** or OSM for short. This allows us to centrally manage our scout group and provides the below features and functions:-

Group Management

- Send emails and newsletters
- Send text messages
- Transfer members through the organisation

- Manage your emailing lists
- Attendance register
- Record payments
- Manage finances
- Offline access
- Waiting list

Badge records

- Badge records
- Graphical progress view
- Due badges
- Downloads
- Share badge progress with parents

Programme Planning

- Plan your programme
- Manage your events
- Massive activities database
- Parent rota
- Quartermaster's database

Parent Portal

- Allows parents to help the group by giving them the tools to sign up to events, see the programme, view badge progress and view/update their contact and Scouts health details.

Online Payments

- Online payments is a quick, easy and secure way for you as parents to pay you for events and subscriptions - hassle free!

Code of Conduct:

In order for all Scouts to get the most out of their time in Scouting & to enjoy it, we suggest that you take an active part in the life of the group & engage with the many activities & opportunities that Scouting can provide.

1st Dawley Scout Group have a code of conduct for all its members. This is not a code or set of rules that have been imposed by the adult leaders, it has been created by involving our Scouts in the process. The code of conduct is also reviewed by each section to ensure that it is still relevant.

The following guidelines are therefore expected to be followed by our members.

- Attend all Troop meetings unless ill or away on holiday
- Have the courtesy to inform the leaders if you cannot attend a meeting
- Make every effort to attend the annual Remembrance day parade
- Attend at least TWO activities outside of the normal Troop meetings per year
- Help with at least one Fundraising event during the year
- Look after your own & all Group equipment
- Wear your uniform to meetings unless advised otherwise by the Leaders

- Wear your uniform smartly & with pride
- Ensure the badges you are awarded are stitched on your uniform in the correct place
- Enjoy Scouting
- Let your Patrol Leader know of any idea for activities
- Be comfortable talking to the Leaders about any concerns or problems
- Listen to & follow instructions by leaders & instructors these may be for your safety.
- Turn up for meetings on time
- Be intolerant of bullying & report it when you see it to an adult
- Wear sensible & appropriate clothing & footwear for the activity we are taking part in
- Be honest & trustworthy, you will gain respect for it
- Set a good example to Cubs joining the Troop & new Scouts
- Swearing is not acceptable in Scouting
- Remember to smile & say Thank you, it does matter
- Mobile Phones are not required at Troop meetings if you bring one they must be on silent & not used
- Respect the fantastic headquarters you meet in & the work put in to achieve it.

Above all we should:

- Show Loyalty to our Scout Troop & the Scout movement
- Be able to be trusted by the leaders & fellow Scouts
- Be a considerate friend to others
- Be careful of other people's property & do not use if not given permission by the owner.
- On camp keep out of other peoples tents and gear
- Treat everyone with respect & you will receive respect
- Have fun! That's what Scouting is all about

Behaviour and Attendance:

To ensure that the 1st Dawley Scout Group can provide both a safe and enjoyable environment within all sections, we operate both Behaviour and Attendance policies.

Unacceptable behaviour exhibited by any Squirrel, Beaver, Cub, Scout, or parent/guardian will not be tolerated, and if warranted these members will no longer be welcome in the Group. All leaders, assistant leaders, young leaders, and volunteer helpers give up a great deal of their own time to operate the different sections, and it is a simple fact that without their dedication no aspect of the Group would function. Please always bear this in mind.

- [1st Dawley Scout Group Attendance Policy](#)
- [1st Dawley Scout Group Behaviour Policy](#)

Hut Committee:

We have a small but very active band of helpers that keep our hut and grounds safe and tidy. Should anyone wish to join us please speak to your section leader. All help is welcome, we meet most Saturdays and enjoy a range of tasks from, painting to mowing, cleaning to replacing a hut roof, tea, coffee, and bacon sandwich are all included.

Fund Raising and or offers of assistance:

Again, we are a voluntary organisation, and our only funding is via subscription. We do rely on a couple of events throughout the year to bolster our funds and help pay for upgrades and repairs. Should you or your place of work be fortunate to help us, we would be extremely grateful.

Future Projects

We have the following projects either ongoing or planned.

Indoor bouldering wall

Outdoor covered fire shelter

Archery and air rifle range

Outside toilets

Forest school pavilion