

Scouts 

2nd Clevedon Scout Group

Information for parents and carers



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SCOUTS **EXPLORERS**

Welcome to 2nd Clevedon Scout Group and the adventure of Scouting

We are an active Scout Group with our own headquarters in Coleridge Vale Road North. Clevedon & Walton Bay Scouts were originally founded on November 6th 1909, just two years after Lord Baden Powell founded the movement. 2nd Clevedon Scout Group was established in response to the increasing demand for Scouting as the town's population grew in 1972. We are fortunate to have our own Scout Headquarters where all our sections meet on a regular basis. The building also benefits the wider community and is available for hire. We have much of our own equipment including our own minibus and canoes. Our facilities enable us to provide a varied and balanced programme of Scouting within the Clevedon community. We run as a charity, and rely solely on voluntary adult support to deliver Scouting. Our Leadership team manage day to day Scouting activities, whilst the Executive Committee look after the business affairs of the Group and ensure compliance with the Charity Commission. All adults involved in Scouting are DBS checked and given comprehensive training to ensure that they are qualified to deliver Scouting that is challenging, fun and safe. Scouting at 2nd Clevedon is co-educational across all sections and open to all.

This leaflet will hopefully answer any questions you may have about Scouting in general and how your child can benefit from joining 2nd Clevedon.

About the Scout Association

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities in the UK for 400,000 young people aged 6-25. Internationally, we have over 28 million young people enjoying the adventure of Scouting across 216 countries. Personal development means promoting the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of the individual and helping them achieve their full potential. In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing', when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves.

Our vision is that "We equip young people with skills for life". You can find out more about our strategy and values at **www.scouts.org.uk**.

These Sections meet weekly at 2nd Clevedon:



Land Yeo Beaver Colony

Beaver Scout Leader – Hannah
Holloway
Fridays 17.15 – 18.45

For ages 6 to 8 years



Lion Cub Pack

Cub Scout Leader – Steve Lewis
Mondays 18.00 – 19.30

For ages 8 to 10½ years



Aztec Scout Troop

Scout Leader – Jules Stannard
Fridays 19.15 – 21.30

For ages 10½ to 14 years



Salthouse Explorer Unit

Explorer Scout Leader – Lizzie Harvey
Tuesdays 20.15 – 21.45 1st Clevedon

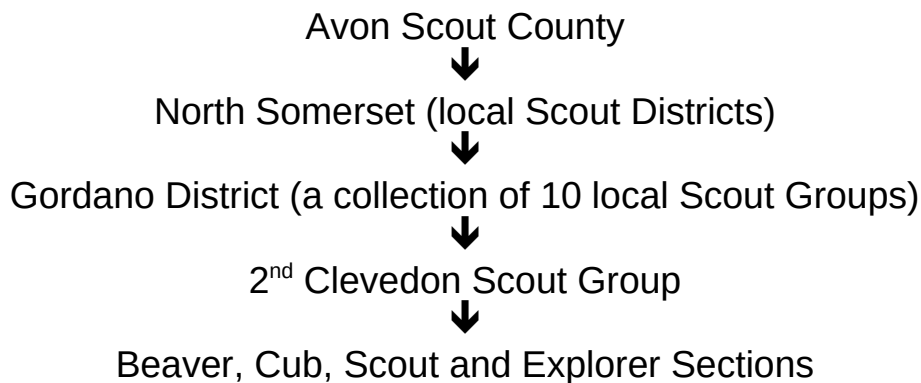
For ages 14 to 18 years

Moving on to the next Section

Beavers move on to Cubs at the end of the term closest to their 8th birthday. Cubs move on to Scouts at the end of the term closest to being 10½, and Scouts move to Explorers at the end of the term closest to their 14th birthday. Explorers are encouraged to become Young Leaders after leaving Troop for three months and to help in the running of our Group.

2nd Clevedon is part of a global Scouting Family...

You will often hear people talking about Group, District and County – here’s how it works in terms of our local structure and support...



How 2nd Clevedon is managed

Within our Group we have our own management structure to ensure continued success and growth. All our team are volunteers who are dedicated to the aims and values of the Scouting movement and delivering quality Scouting in the local community.

GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(elected members responsible for managing the business affairs of the Group and usually parents who want to support the group)

Chairperson (Caroline Waters)

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Treasurer (Alison Wilkinson)
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Secretary (Nicky Brooks)
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Elected members – such as Membership and Hall Bookings Secretary

LEADERSHIP TEAM

(responsible for operational Scouting activities)

Group Scout Leader (uniformed and District appointed)
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Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer Section Leaders (uniformed)
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Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer Assistant Section Leaders (uniformed)
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Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer Section Assistants (uniform optional)
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Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer occasional helpers – we expect at least one parent from each member family to help out on a rota basis

DBS (was CRB) checks and training

DBS checks are completed for all adults involved with our group, in line with the Scout Association rules and policies and safeguarding legislation. All uniformed leaders are provided with ongoing comprehensive training to ensure they are equipped with the latest skills and knowledge to carry out their Scouting activities responsibly and safely. All leaders are qualified first response first aiders.

Scouting Activities

We offer a varied and balanced programme across all Sections. All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers work towards activity and award badges that can culminate with the Chief Scout's Gold Award, the Queen's Scout Award and the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. There are opportunities to go camping with Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, while Beavers can experience the fun of a sleepover at Glenny Wood. Explorers can participate in more adventurous activities, including trips overseas.

The amount of activities arranged outside of Section meetings is directly dependent upon the help and support of parents. The more we have, the more we can do. Typical activities include river Wye canoeing day trips, cycling on the Strawberry Line, weekend camps, and for Scouts, a 10 day Summer Camp that can be as far afield as Cornwall, Norfolk or the Lake District. We also actively support annual community events such as the Boxing Day and 10K road races, Dig for Victory and Remembrance Day.

We also participate in other events that are organised by Gordano District. These include training for the annual Ten Tors challenge on Dartmoor, which is a 35/45/55 mile team challenge and survival event held in May. Other events include the annual St George's Day celebration, County/District Jamborees and Glenny Wood adventure days as well as cooking and camping competitions.

The Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is held each year during May or June and offers an opportunity to celebrate and reward the highlights of the previous year's Scouting achievements. The Executive Committee is elected during the meeting for its next term of office and the treasurer presents the annual accounts. It is also a great opportunity for parents to come along and meet the Leadership team and have their say – it is after all your Scout Group and we welcome feedback on how we can improve things. Scouts normally demonstrate their firelighting skills by putting on a barbecue accompanied by a glass of wine or two.

Why is there a waiting list for my child to join?

There is sometimes a waiting list to join Beavers and Cubs simply because we have to limit numbers according to the amount of adult helpers we have available for safety reasons. So by helping out, it can often help to ease waiting list time and your child will be able to join sooner. To establish

availability and/or to put your child on the waiting list please contact our membership secretary, at waitinglist@2ndclevedonscouts.org.uk

Subscriptions

Subscriptions, or Subs, are collected by monthly standing order, which helps to reduce administration costs. We review subs every three years to take account of inflation and our running costs.

Subs are used for three principle areas of expenditure:

- Upkeep and running costs of our Group Headquarters and minibus;
- Resources and equipment required for Section activities and badge/award work;
- A levy per member to cover insurance and finance District/County resources such as Glenny Wood, our District activity and camp site.

For other activities such as weekend or summer camps, District fun days and Jamborees, a one-off charge is usually made to cover the cost of the event.

If you are experiencing any difficulty in paying your child's subs due to personal circumstances, please speak to your Section Leader in confidence, who will discuss with the Treasurer and Group Scout Leader how we can help you. Please tell your Section Leader if your son/daughter is going to be away or wants to finish. We will assume that, unless we hear otherwise, that after 3 weeks absence that your son/daughter no longer requires a place at 2nd Clevedon. It is important that you cancel your standing order as we are unable to offer refunds.

Online Scout Manager

We use OSM to actively manage our Scout group and to ensure that we meet GDPR and safeguarding requirements by ensuring that all data is used and kept safely. All parents with children in the group can access and update/change their records through the MyScout facility. OSM also manages all subscription payments.

Gift Aid

Parents who are UK tax payers are encouraged to sign up for gift aid, which means we can claim back 25% of the subs paid to us. This makes a huge difference to the amount we can invest in our Group each year.

Parents of all new members will be asked to complete a standing order and gift aid form. Please do check your bank statements to ensure that standing orders have been correctly set up to avoid errors.

Fundraising

As with all voluntary organisations, fund raising is both necessary and important to ensure the continuing stability and future growth of the Group. We also hold a variety of one-off fundraising activities such as live music evenings, quiz nights, and stalls at other community events. Willing parents are always required to help with fundraising.



Uniform

Details of uniforms for all Sections can be found online at the Scout Store at <https://shop.scouts.org.uk>

Parent role and responsibility to support the Group

It is important to remember that Scouting only happens because adults volunteer to support it. A few facts that might surprise you...

- *Scouting continues to be more popular than ever, with a UK membership of over 400,000 and just as many girls joining as boys.*
- *Scouting relies entirely on about 100,000 adult volunteers nationally, who give up their time and talents to help provide activities and support to Scouting.*
- *Although adult volunteering is increasing at the fastest rate for 23 years, it still remains the biggest limiting factor to the growth of Scouting as our high waiting lists demonstrate – there are currently over 30,000 youngsters waiting to join Scouts.*

We therefore ask that each 2nd Clevedon family recognises that Scouting wouldn't happen for their son/daughter if volunteers didn't put their hands up to help support the Group.

Help us give our young people the skills they need to succeed in life and discover how being a part of the Scouting family can be as rewarding for you as it is for them.

For any general enquires about volunteering, please contact

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