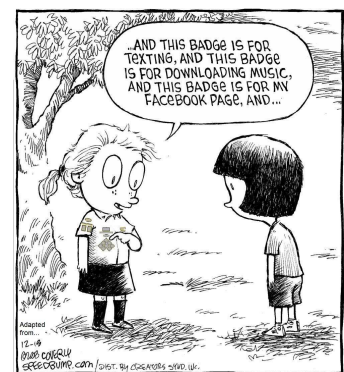
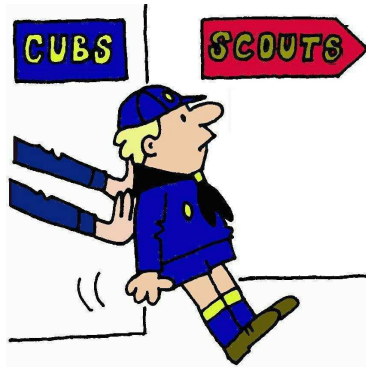




BOYNE HILL ALTWOOD SCOUT GROUP



WELCOME PACK



Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group

Welcome Pack

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Welcome to Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group. Our Group Scout Leader is Geoff Nicholls supported by leaders for each section (see attached). We are a fairly large group, and meet in our own headquarters building at the back of Altwood School in Maidenhead.

Where do we meet?

Scout Headquarters,
Altwood School,
Altwood Road, Maidenhead,
Berkshire, SL6 4PU.

When do we meet?

Beaver Colony – Monday at 5.30
Cub Pack – Wednesday at 7:00
Scout Troop – Friday at 7:30
Explorers – Tuesday at 7:30



Our Beavers enjoy doing what all Beavers do best, having fun and making friends.

Age range: 6 to 8 years



Our Cubs are always getting OUT, looking for fun and adventure.

Age range: 8 to 10½ years



You can rely on our Scout Troop to always be prepared to have a good time.

Age range: 10½ to 14 years



In Explorers, YOU decide the programme with your leader; over to you...

Age range: 14 to 18 years

Uniforms

These may be obtained from our local Scout Shop in Maidenhead, which puts all its profits back in to Scouting; see separate information sheets for details of the shop, and of badge positions (attached).

100 Club

Please join our '100 Club', which is run by Sandy Goode, to support Group funds; an invitation letter is attached.

Boyne Hill Bugle

This is our newsletter, issued three times a year to all members to keep you up-to-date with events at all sections of the BHA Scout Group.

Subscriptions

Subs are paid once a year, at the beginning of the year; those starting part way through the year pay on a *pro rata* basis. Second and further members from the same family are significantly discounted. Please ask your section leader for details. *(If you are experiencing financial difficulties, help with payments may be available; please speak to the section leader. All requests for financial help are dealt with in the strictest of confidence.)* We are a GIFT AID GROUP – please complete a Gift Aid declaration (which we will provide), as this allows us to reclaim tax on your payment – more pennies for our Group activities.

Why not volunteer yourself?

Any help for any of the sections would be appreciated; the more help, the more fun our children have. (All volunteers will need to be CRB checked, which we can help arrange; this is free, and easy to do.) Please ask you section leader.

For any further information on the Scout Group, please contact Geoff Nicholls, 64 Smiths Lane, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 5PG; tel. 01753 862 188; mobile 07818 518 485

E-mail: Geoff Nicholls <geoffac@sky.com>



Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group

Group activities



Beavers at St. George's Day Parade



Scout activity



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at Maidenhead Carnival, 2009



Cub Scout camp



Beavers sleep-over at Scout hut



Cub Scouts at District Flag Competition, identifying kings, queens and flags



Cub Scouts at District Flag Competition, completing an obstacle course



Explorers on the Brecon Beacons



Scouts and Explorers at Wings 2009





Section activities



Scouting is organised into five age groups, from 6 to 25. You can join (or leave) at any point, and each member will move up the next section when the leaders (and parents) agree they are ready. At that time the member spends between 4 and 6 weeks attending both sections while they settle in with the older age group. There is then a 'step-up' ceremony (at which the parents are invited) when the member formally moves to their new section.

Boyne Hill Altwood has three sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts – plus one of the District Explorer groups meeting at the same venue. For older members (18 to 25) there is also Scout Network.

Beavers

Beaver Scouts are the youngest section of the Scouting family, usually aged between six and eight years old. A group of Beaver Scouts is called a Colony, and they are split up into smaller groups called Lodges. Their activities are based around craft and making things, outdoor activities, singing, playing games, going out on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories, learning how to be safe and most importantly, making new friends and having fun.

All Beavers wear a turquoise sweatshirt with our grey Group scarf, and a coloured woggle.

They have the opportunity to gain badges through taking part in activities. Handicraft forms a basic part of the Creative challenge badge, the Creative activity badge and the Imagination activity badge to mention just a few. During their time at Beavers they now have the chance to camp overnight, which has only recently been introduced.

There is a link between Beavers and Cubs, which we trust will make Beaver Scouts comfortable with the idea of joining the Cub pack when the time comes to move on.

Cubs

Cubs make up the second section of the Scouting family, between Beavers and Scouts, for young people between 8 and 10½ years. Cubs originally started in 1916, though the programmes have been adapted over the years to meet the changing needs of each generation of young people, and more recently has been available to both boys and girls.

During their time in the Pack, Cub Scouts have the opportunity to try lots of different activities based on a balanced programme from various areas. These include:-

- Outdoor activities associated with camping, hiking, canoeing, climbing, abseiling, trips and days out, swimming etc.
- Looking at different cultures and lifestyles, both locally and around the world, finding out about Scouting in other countries
- Having creative opportunities through art, crafts, music, drama, constructing gadgets and hobbies.
- Taking part in a variety of fitness activities – personal health and safety, team games and working together.



- Helping in the community, discovering local places, helping other people as part of the Cub Scout promise.
- Exploring and developing Scouting values, and personal development.

Cubs wear a dark green sweatshirt with a grey Group scarf and a woggle in the colour of their six. All skills and activities successfully completed all go towards achieving a range of activity and challenge badges which Cubs can wear on their uniforms to show everyone how well they are doing.

Scouts

Scouts is for boys and girls aged from 10½ to 14 years old. The sorts of things we do include hiking, camping, fire lighting, camp cooking, archery, water activities (including kayaking, canoeing, dragon boating and sailing), crate climbing, pioneering, games and much more. Scouts take part in many challenges, lots of which work towards badges and achievements. We also take part in District-run events like laser quest, night hike challenge, cross-country running and five-a-side football.



Summer Camp 2011

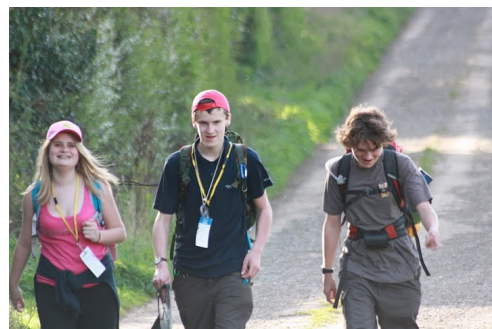
We do lots of team work, working in both small and large groups and sometimes take on individual tasks.

We have lots of fun every week, and no two weeks are the same!

Explorers

Boyne Hill scorpions Explorer Unit is a District-run unit which is based at Boyne Hill Group's headquarters, feeding from all Scout Groups in Maidenhead.

Explorers is for teenage boys and girls from 14 to 18 years old. Activities include shooting, archery, water activities, lots of camping, hiking, games, swimming and cooking. As Explorers we sometimes organise our own activities where we decide what we want to do that evening. We take part in District events; examples include a Monopoly run in London and an archery competition. Some within the group will be taking part in a District trip to Uganda in Africa this summer, to help with building projects for three weeks. The group has their own green-field site and we spend a lot of time in the summer there. Those wishing to take part in the annual Three Towers Challenge hike.



Three Towers Challenge hike 2011



Our leaders

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Beavers

6-8 years old

Monday

5:30-6:30pm



Beaver Scout Leader
Position Vacant



Ass. Beaver Leader
Matthew Cooper
Joined BHA – 2010



Ass. Beaver Leader
Position Vacant

Cubs

8-10½ years old

Wednesday

7:00 – 8:15pm



Cub Scout Leader
Position Vacant



Ass. Cub Leader
Sandy Goode – “Baloo”
Joined BHA – 1986
Tel.: 01628 662 342



Ass. Cub Leader
Position Vacant



Ass. Cub Leader
Position Vacant

Scouts

10½-14 years old

Friday

7:30-9:30pm



Scout Leader
Position Vacant



Ass. Scout Leader
Position Vacant



Ass. Scout Leader
Position Vacant

Explorers

14-18 years old

Tuesday

7:30-9:30pm



Explorer Scout Leader
Jason Salway – “Butcher”
Joined BHA – 2009
Tel.: 01628 410 050



Ass. Explorer Leader
Position Vacant

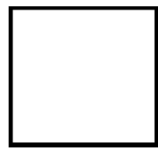


Unit Assistant
Lisa Salway
Joined BHA – 2009
Tel.: 01628 410 050

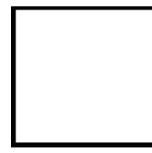
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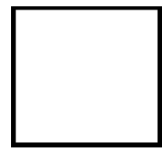
Group Scout Leader
Geoff Nicholls
Joined BHA – 2011
Tel.: 01753 862 188



Ass. Group Leader
Position Vacant



Group Assistant
Position Vacant



Group Chairman
Position Vacant

Group



Joint Vice President
Allan Brown
Joined BHA – 1969
Tel.: 01628 625 380



Joint Vice President
Dennis Bateman
Joined BHA – 1969
Tel.: 01628 635 501



Group Treasurer
David Dyer
Joined BHA – 2004
Tel.: 01628 632 564



Group Secretary
Angela Collins
Joined BHA – 2009
Tel.: 01628 670 695



Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group
Maidenhead Scout Shop

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Scout Shop

Maidenhead Scout Shop is open on Thursday evenings 7pm - 9pm, **during Term Time** only.

The Scout Shop stocks uniforms and other items such as books; camping equipment can be ordered.



Address

The Scout Shop is located at 19th Maidenhead Scout Hut:-
 19th Maidenhead Scout Hut
 Holmanleaze
 Maidenhead
 Berkshire
 SI6 8AW

Directions

From the A4, turn onto Cookham Road, right at the mini roundabout into Kennet Road then right at the end into Holmanleaze. Turn left into the car park, just before the mosque.



All profits go back in to Scouting

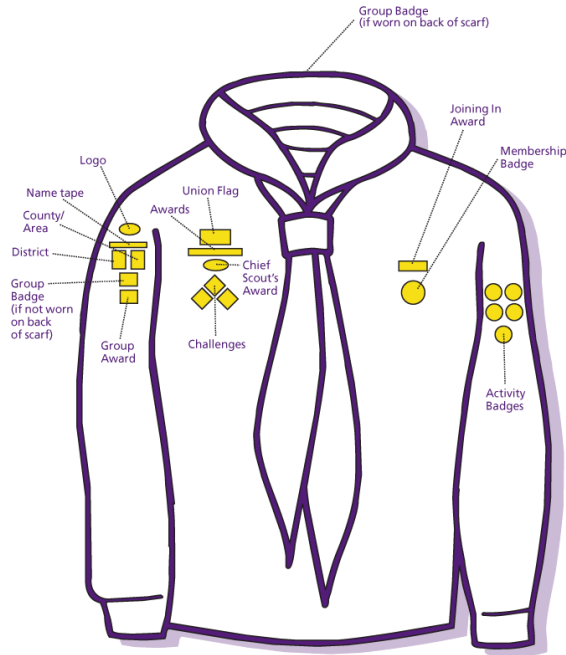




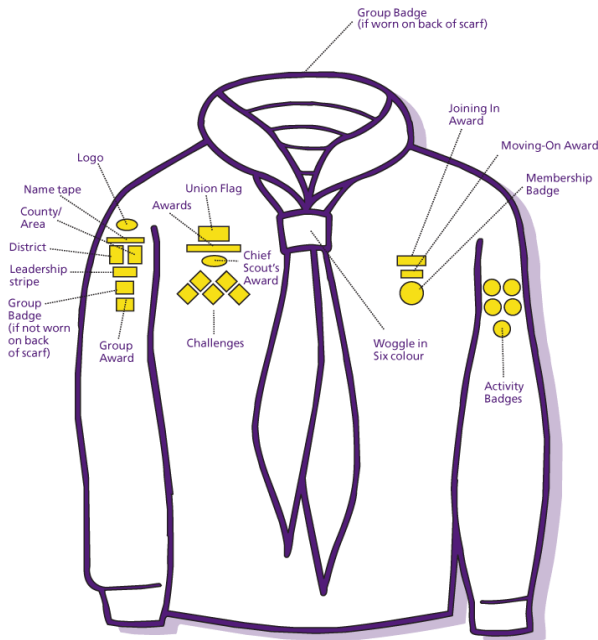
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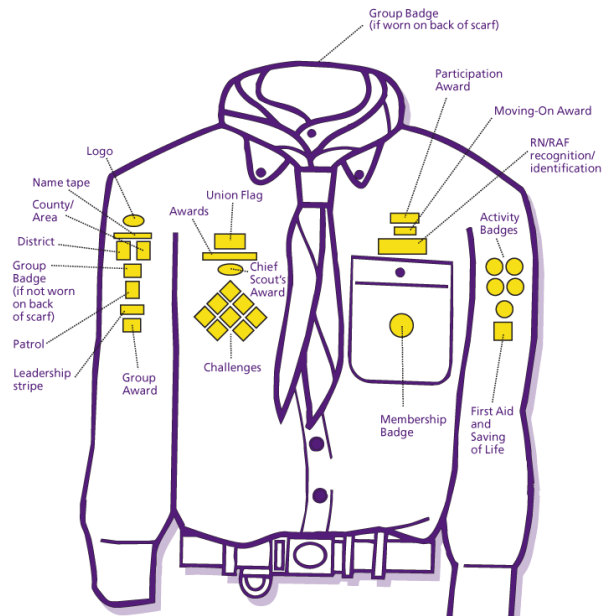
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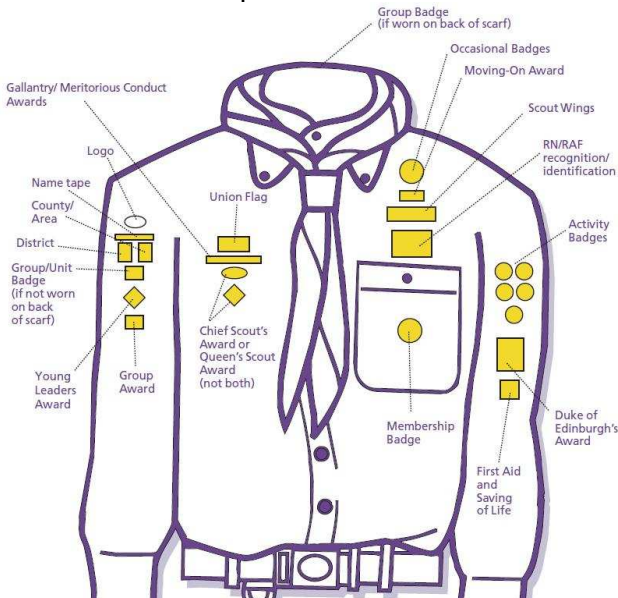
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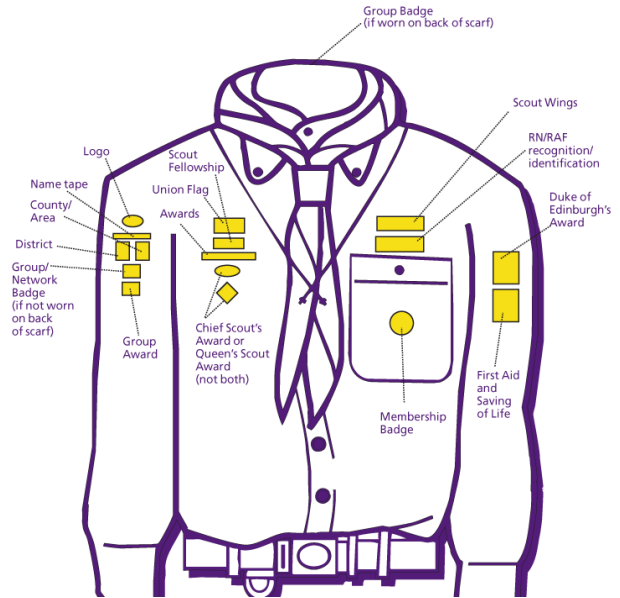
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Explorer Scouts



Scout Network





ABOUT MY CHILD

First Name(s) Usual Name used: (if different)

Surname Date of Birth

Address

Post Code Telephone Number

Parents/Guardians Name (if different):

E-Mail Address
(only for use by Scout Group – please see note below)**

Religion* School:

* Please note that you are not obliged to give this information.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Relative/Friend (someone to contact if you are not at home and who will be willing to collect your child in an emergency)*

Name Telephone Number

Address

* Please inform the Section Leader if the Emergency Contact details change at any time.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

NHS number:

Details of any allergies, regular medicines:

Details of any serious illnesses or injuries:

DOCTOR'S DETAILS : Name Telephone Number

Address

** We would be grateful for your support in providing an e-mail address where possible, as from time to time (during holidays etc.) it is very useful to be able to send information and updates about events and activities. We will endeavour to 'blind copy' any e-mails sent so that addresses cannot be seen by others.

Thank you for your co-operation – it is appreciated.

ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE SECTION LEADER

Dietary requirements, particular likes/dislikes, special needs (e.g. dyslexia, learning difficulties) etc. and any other information about your child that you think may be useful for us to know so that we may help your child settle in and get the most from their Scouting:

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PHOTOGRAPHS

We are currently in the process of setting up a website for the Group and as a part of this we would like to use photos of activities to help promote the Scout Group. They may also be used as a part of other advertising campaigns. However, *names* will NOT be used except for within the Group, i.e. the Group newsletter etc.

Please indicate your permission (or otherwise) regarding photographs:

I do not object to photographs and digital images being used for: (Please tick all those which apply)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Scout Group Use | <input type="checkbox"/> (i.e. Group Newsletter, Display Boards) |
| Outside of the Group Use | <input type="checkbox"/> (i.e. Website and / or District/County Publications) |
| Public Use | <input type="checkbox"/> (i.e. Newspapers, public displays etc.) |

Many thanks.

CAN YOU HELP US?

All parents will be CRB checked and will be put on a parent rota for helping at occasional Section meetings.

Apart from the Parents Rota, would you be willing to help out with activities, days out, badge work or the Group Executive Committee? (Please specify; feel free to ask your child's leader if you would like more information about any of these.)

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Do you or anyone in your family have an occupation or skill (e.g. be a fire-fighter, play an instrument, juggle etc.) that you/they would be willing to share with the children in the Group occasionally?

If so, please give details:

Many thanks.

How/where did you hear about Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Group?

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SIGNATURE DATE

Print name Relationship to child



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Dear parents and friends of BHA,

PLEASE JOIN THE BHA 100 CLUB

This is to let you know that our Scout Group run a '100 Club', in order to support Group funds.

To join you just need to make a payment of £12.00, once per year. Each month we draw a number from the list of 100 Club members. Whoever is lucky enough to win receives a cheque for 50% of that month's proceeds, while the remaining 50% goes to Group funds.

Each month the winner is notified with a letter along with the payment. The draws take place either at Cub meetings on a Wednesday, or at our Group Executive meetings. The winner's name is put on our notice board at H.Q.

Payment can be made by one of the following ways:-

1. Internet Banking
2. Standing Order
3. Direct Debit

The details of our account are: Lloyds TSB, account name BHA Scout Group, sort code 30-95-36, account no. 00069998; please use 100 Club as a reference name.

4. Cheque, payable to BHA Scout Group. This will give you 12 entries; then you will be contacted concerning renewal.

I do hope you will feel that this is a worthwhile fund raising event which you would like to take part in. There is nothing to stop you having more than one number ... one number for each adult member of the family, perhaps?

For those who do not know me, I help out at Cubs some Wednesdays, so should you need any further details, please do not hesitate to contact me there, or by telephone on 01628 662342.

Yours in Scouting,

Sandy Goode
A.C.S.L.