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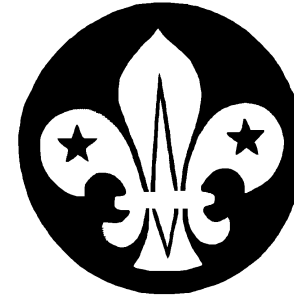
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Marquee and Frame Tents for Hire

Pinkneys Green Scouts, as part of our fund raising activities hire our Marquees and Frame tents, which are suitable for garden parties.

We have various sizes available.

White Marquee 40ft x 20ft (12m x 6m)

White Marquee 30ft x 20ft (9m x 6m)

White Marquee 20ft x 20ft (6m x 6m)



White Frame Tent 16.4ft x 19.6ft (5m x 6m)

White Party Tent 4m x 4m

White Party Tent 4m x 8m

We ONLY hire in the Maidenhead area, April to September

Prices on application and this includes Pitching and Insurance.

Our tents are only available for secure sites and are best suited to Garden Parties and enclosed secure sites.

For more details, prices and availability please contact.

Marquee Coordinator Ian Marshall, e-mail: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk
Call 07799 555444

Photos of Tents available for Hire on web site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

WELCOME TO SCOUTING WELCOME TO PINKNEYS GREEN SCOUT GROUP

In 1907 Robert Baden-Powell ran an experimental camp on Brownsea Island to test out his ideas. The Scout Movement is now one of the greatest and most progressive youth movements in the world today, with over 25 million members worldwide. The Scout Association of the United Kingdom is a multi-cultural, multi-faith organisation consisting of six sections; Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts accommodating young people between the ages of six and twenty five years old.



Pinkneys Green was founded during the early days of Scouting on 6th February 1909. As members of Maidenhead & District and Royal Berkshire County, each Section takes part in a number of district and county activities during the year.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group operates in accordance with a book called *Policy, Organisation and Rules (P.O.R)*. Everything we do in Scouting is done in furtherance of the **Aim and Method of the Scout Association**:



"The Aim of The Scout Association is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Method of achieving the Aim of the Association is by providing an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law and guided by Adult Leadership."

In charge of the group is the Group Scout Leader (GSL). Each Section has a Leader, one or more Assistant Leaders as well as helpers or specialist instructors, all of whom contribute their time entirely voluntarily. The GSL, Section Leaders and Assistant Leaders undertake specific training in order to fulfil their role effectively.

All adult members of the Group, parents & carers, Patrol Leaders and supporters from the community form The Group Council. Routine administration, maintenance of HQ and fundraising are delegated to the Parents support Group (PSG), which is drawn from members of The Group Council. All parents/carers of section members are invited to join the PSG, which meets every month (except August). Anyone who is unable to join the PSG is asked to help the Group when required, for instance at specific fundraising events. During the year, our main events are The Summer Fair on The Green, the Christmas Fair and four Jumble Sales, as well as Marquee Hiring, which raise over £4000 per year.

The Group Newsletter - *PG Tips* - www.pgtips.org.uk is published monthly and keeps everyone up to date with Group events and Section news and activities. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts are encouraged to contribute items.



The Scouting Movement is a multi-faith organisation. Members of each Section have the phrase *duty to God* (or, in the case of Beavers, *to love God*) as part of their Promise. We do not ask our members to attend church on a weekly basis. However, we encourage full attendance at particular services, such as Harvest, Christingle, Remembrance Sunday and St George's Day and parents/carers are asked to support this. These services must always be attended in full uniform. Members' spiritual development is also continuously developed through each Section's normal programme

HOW IT WORKS

An eStore is an online shopping directory featuring hundreds of retailers including John Lewis, Debenhams, Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer and many more.

Each time you shop with these retailers via our eStore, a commission is generated and given to us.

Any UK based not for profit organisation can sign up for an eStore, whether you're a charity, a sports group, a school, a church, or any other not for profit.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pgscouts>

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD'S SCOUT GROUP

- ◆ Do you have a skill, a hobby or an interest that would help some of the members obtain a proficiency or interest badge?
- ◆ Do you have an interesting job one or more sections would like to hear about, and/or visit?
- ◆ Can you help with transport?
- ◆ Can you help at the occasional meeting?
- ◆ Do you have some time to help maintain our equipment and headquarters?
- ◆ Are you able to help at a fundraising event, such as a Jumble Sale, Christmas or Summer Fairs or Tent Hiring?
- ◆ Could you assist the Parent Support Group (PSG)?

WE NEED YOUR HELP - EVEN IF IT'S ONLY ONCE IN A WHILE - PLEASE TALK TO A LEADER TO FIND OUT MORE!



Who's Who?

The **Group Scout Leader** is Erica Hunter (*Baloo*). She is in charge of the group, the young members, the Group Council and the PSG. Any ideas, questions or worries should initially be discussed with the Section Leaders.

We have two **Beaver Colonies**: Catherine Weeks, known as **Hathi**, leads the **Winter Hill Colony** in Pinkneys Green. Her assistants are Jen Nyman (*Hawkeye*), Teresa Williams (*Dahinda*) & Tom Beynon (*Tic Tac*) Sheridan Stone and regular helpers are John Brooker (*Benny*), Grace Marshall and Sheila Stinton (*Raksha*) and young leaders. Nathalie Watson known as **Hawkeye** leads the **Littlewick Colony** in Littlewick Green Her assistant is Ali Butler (*Keeo*) and Tara Boyle (*Wren*) and young leaders.

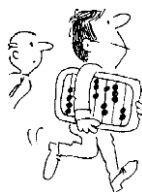
We have two **Cub Packs**: **Akela** Rob Harris leads the **Winter Hill Pack** in Pinkneys Green. He is assisted by Avril Broadley (*Chil*), Sheila Stinton (*Raksha*), Barry Palmer (*Tarka*), Jon Corbitt (*Jacala*), and young leaders; **Akela** Pete Matthews leads the **Littlewick Pack** in Littlewick Green . He is assisted by Richard Stevenson (*Kaa*) and young leaders.

We have two **Scout Troops** both meet in Pinkneys Green: *Simon Wheeler* leads the **Winter Hill Troop**. He is assisted by BoB Weingarth, John Bannerman, Matthew Milston, Alex Robins, Rob Ayre, Kim & Michael Crown along with the Scout Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and the Patrol Leaders (PLs). *David Barns* leads the **Littlewick Troop**. He is assisted by young leaders.

The **Parent Support Group Chairman** is Clive Cini, the **Treasurer** Linda Sellers, the **Secretary** is Jane Courtier and **Subscriptions Secretary** Peta Almond. There are currently six other PSG members, but more volunteers are always welcome

The **Group President** is Sheila Stinton, who is known as *Raksha*. She holds the register of interest lists for WH Beavers and Cubs and also sells Group T-shirts.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS & FUNDRAISING



The annual subscription for members of all sections is £75.00, explorers / young leaders pay £47.00 payable under a *Gift Aid*.

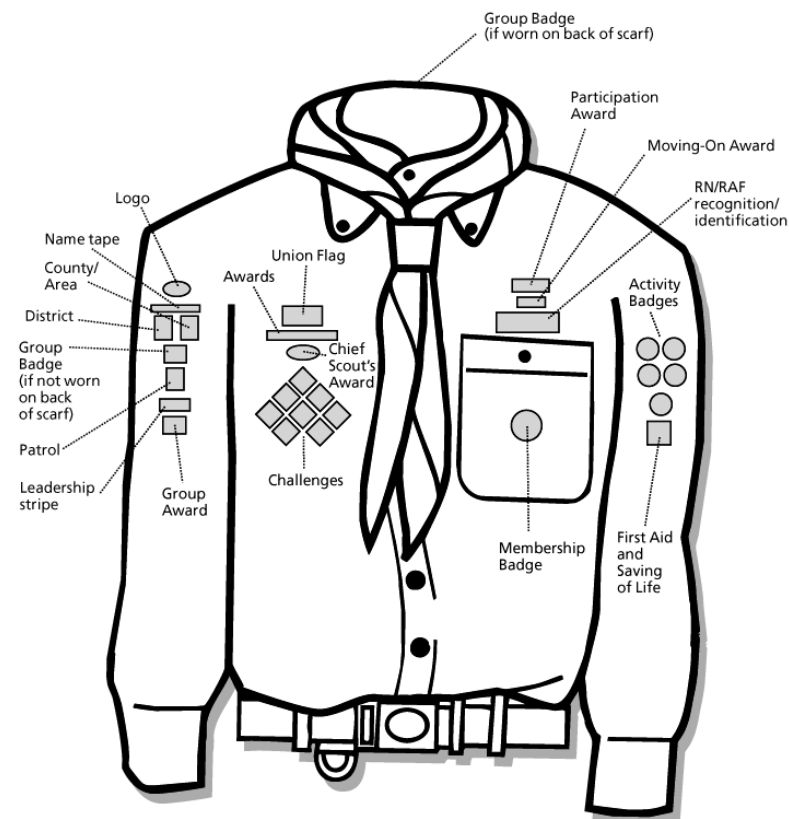
Recovering income tax on subscriptions that are paid by *Gift Aid* increases the *Group* income by over £15.00 per head per annum. You will be asked to sign a form stating that you agree to pay the *Scout Group* each year "such a sum as after deductions of income tax at the standard rate amounts to over £88.00".

As soon as your child is invested, the *Subscription Secretary* will contact you to ask you to sign the *Gift Aid* form and an official tax form requesting the first year's subscription. These should be completed as soon as possible and returned in the envelope provided.

£4 of every member's annual subscription is sent to the *District* (Maidenhead & District Scouts). A further £16.40 is sent to *County* (Royal Berkshire Scouts) and £26 is sent to *National Scout HQ*. The balance £23.60, is spent on rent/running costs such as heating, lighting and repairing the hall, repairing and replacing equipment, purchasing supplies for activities (ingredients for cooking, materials for craft, etc), and camps. The *Group* does not receive any other funding, such as grants from the council or local businesses; the balance of the funds we need is generated from fundraising.

All parents and carers are asked to make contributions to group fundraising in the form of donating items (such as bottles for the *Tombola Stall*) or helping at a fundraising event (such as running a stall during the *Summer Fair on the Green*)

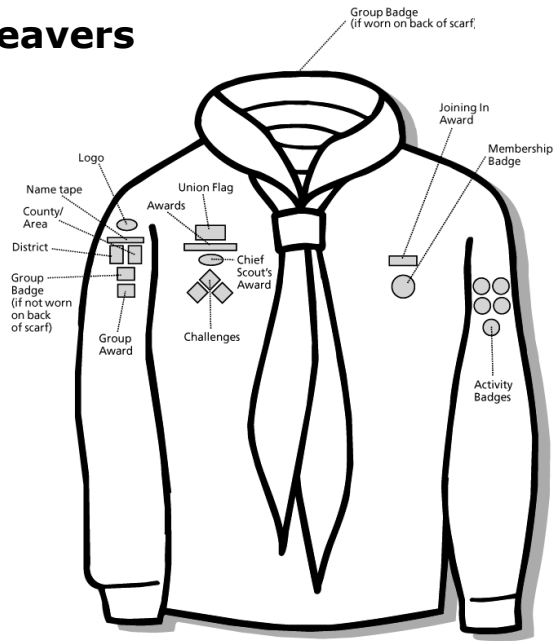
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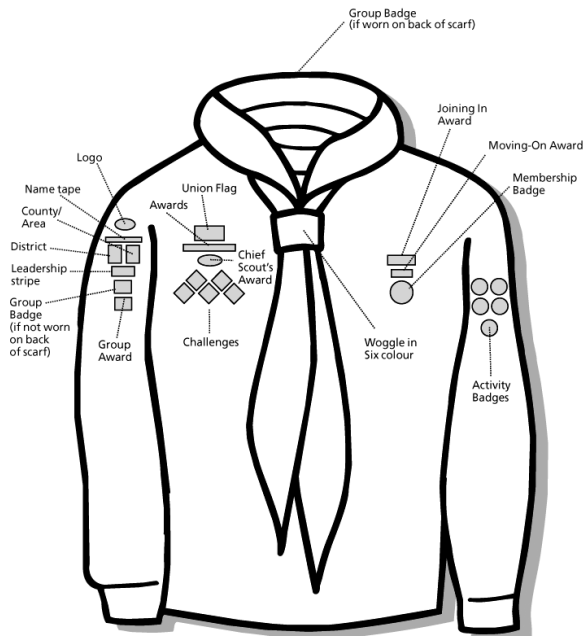
A larger copy of the above is available on PG Web Site

www.pgscouts.org.uk - right hand side "Scout Badge Positions" [Click Here](#)

Beavers



Cubs

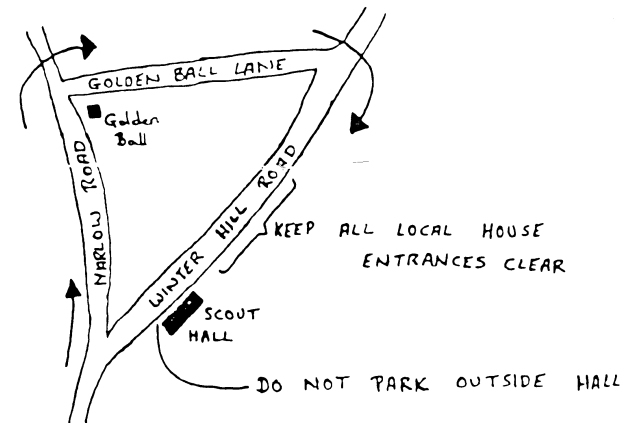


BRINGING TO AND COLLECTING FROM THE SCOUT HALL

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting them from Scout Hall in Winter hill Road.

1. All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road past Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
2. To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall. **DO NOT PARK ON THE WHITE LINES.**
3. When you park on the road after dark, use your parking lights.
4. When it is open, please park on the green opposite the hall.

These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting Pinkneys Green Scout Group Headquarters.

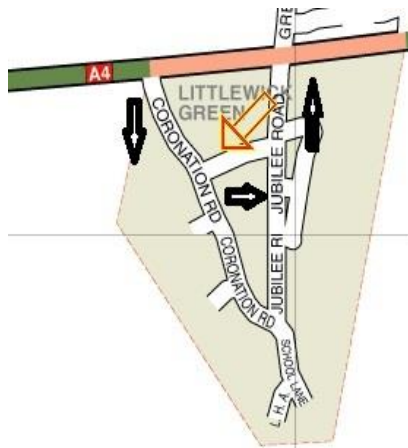


BRINGING TO AND COLLECTING FROM THE GILCHRIST HALL LITTLEWICK GREEN

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting them from Littlewick Colony or Littlewick Pack meetings.

1. All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along A4 Bath Road and turn into Coronation Road. to the bottom then turn left into Jubilee Road to the Bath Road. **Please park in** Coronation Road or Jubilee Road. **DO NOT PARK ON Gilchrist Way**, the road outside the hall it is a private road..
2. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road.
3. To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, or park in Gilchrist Way
4. When you park on the road after dark, use you're parking lights.

These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting Pinkneys Green Scout Group - Littlewick Beavers, Cub Pack or Scout Troop



UNIFORMS

PG Yellow T-shirts, bearing the Pinkneys Green logo, are worn underneath the Beaver sweatshirt, the Cub sweatshirt and the Scout shirt and should be tucked in so not visible. Plus, **PG** Green / Yellow Neckerchiefs,

For details of where you can purchase uniform please check Maidenhead Scouts Web Site:

www.maidenheadscouts.co.uk/scout-shop/

The *Maidenhead Scout Shop* is open on a Thursday evening 7pm - 8.45pm, during term time

We do have some second hand uniform Peta Almond look after it and can be contacted on 01628 784545 for details.

Note - Pinkneys Green T-shirts £9.50, have to be purchased from Raksha - please phone 01628 628160 for details.

If you have any questions about your child's uniform, please don't hesitate to contact the Section Leader.



Please refer to the following pages for the positions of badges on each section's uniform.

PLEASE, PLEASE, REMEMBER TO NAME YOUR CHILD'S WHOLE UNIFORM AND COAT.

EXPLORER/YOUNG LEADERS/NETWORK SCOUTS

Explorer scouts are aged from 14½ - 18 years and are a district run section. Scouts when reaching that age, move onto this section but keep links with PG in various way and still wear the PG neckerchief.

Some of the scouts become **Young Leaders**; these youngsters then help at Cubs, Beavers or Scouts whilst still attending Explorers.

Following on from Explorer scouts is the 18-25 section for ages 18 - 25, which is a District run section.

DISTRICT ACTIVE SUPPORT

The Active Support is a section for everyone over the age of 18, which everyone automatically belongs to. The Active Support is a resource, the members will assist at any function if asked including competitions, tea making at St Georges Parade etc.

The Active Support in Maidenhead has monthly meeting

SCOUT MOVEMENT SERVICE AWARD

The day you are invested in the Scout Movement in whichever section is the day from when your service award is counted from. After each full year you will be awarded a service badge with the corresponding number upon it. Therefore, it is possible to reach 9 years' service at PG if you are a Beaver, Cub and Scout and a further 3 when you join Explorers. The day you are invested in the Scout Movement in whichever section is the day from when your service award is counted from. After each full year you will be awarded a service badge with the corresponding number upon it.

THE DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) ENQUIRY FORM

From time to time we need to ask parents/Carers for assistance in the supervision and/or transportation of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts - often at short notice.

If a parent/Carer helps more than one a month with a section activity or meeting, you will be asked to complete a Scout Association Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) enquiry form. **This should be completed and returned as soon as possible.**

The details on the form are checked against information held by the Disclosure and Barring Service Bureau on behalf of the Scout Association. The personal safety of all members of Pinkneys Green Scout Group is of paramount importance and it is for this reason that we ask **those who help more than once a month or take part in a residential experience** to complete the form. All adult leaders and assistant leaders and all group helpers and instructors have been checked.

We have a clear code of behaviour (Yellow Card) which is given to all adults working in scouting regardless of their role and all that complete a DBS form. This is also included in leader training and gives advice about how young people should be treated and we expect everyone to follow it.

All DBS's are renewed after 5 years.

Please do not hesitate to talk to *GSL Erica Hunter* or a leader if you have any questions regarding the DBS form.

THE BEAVER SCOUT COLONY



Welcome to Beaver Scouting

Beaver Scouting provides the first opportunity for youngsters to join the exciting world of scouting. At Pinkneys Green (WH) and Littlewick, (LG) both colonies meet on Monday evenings from 6.15pm to 7.15pm

Who are Beaver Scouts?

Beavers Scouts are youngsters between the ages of six and eight years. They meet together as a colony and for some activities are divided into smaller groups called "Lodges".

What do they do?

Beaver Scouts enjoy an informal and flexible programme providing the youngsters with all kinds of activities to **HAVE FUN** and **MAKE FRIENDS!**

The Membership badge

When a new youngster comes along to join the Colony, they will take part in three or four meetings before taking their Beaver Scout Promise and being presented with their World Membership Badge. Parents/carers are invited to the ceremony.

The Beaver Scout Promise is *I promise to do my best to be kind and helpful and love God.*

The Beaver Scout Motto is *FUN AND FRIENDS*

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 SCOUT TRAINING PROGRAMME

Outdoor activities feature prominently. The highlight for most Scouts is the Summer Camp and much of the year is devoted to preparing for this. Even in winter there may be Patrol hikes or weekend camps, as map reading, camp cooking, first aid and other skills can be practised at any time of the year. At the beginning of the summer holiday the Leaders and the majority of Scouts camp for ten - fourteen days and take part in adventurous activities like climbing, pioneering, and kayaking. Previously we have been to Wales, Hampshire, Wye Valley, Oxfordshire and Cornwall.

Scouts are offered a wide range of activities from technology-based subjects such as electronics, computing or amateur radio to cultural activities, including our annual pantomime, all of which are embodied in a continuously updated training scheme designed to encourage and support youngsters as they move through Scouts. Each scout should achieve the **Gold Chief Scout's Award** during their time with the troop this is done by completing 9 challenge awards. There are also numerous activity badges that can be gained.

All Scouts are expected to wear *full Scout uniform* to and from Troop meetings and activity wear (PG T-shirt and Scout Navy shorts on or above the knee) should be brought to change into. This not only gives the youngsters more freedom, but also preserves the uniform for important occasions and parades.

The Scout uniform is *green Scout shirt, navy Scout combat shorts, Scout belt, woggle, and Pinkneys Green neckerchief. Soft shoes (i.e. plimsolls or trainers without large tongues) should be worn to troop meetings; brown or black shoes should be worn for parades, etc.*

(PG T-shirts can be purchased from Raksha)

THE SCOUT TROOP

Welcome to the Troop

The **Winter Hill Troop** meetings are on **Friday** evenings between 6.45pm and approx 9.15pm, year-round including during school holidays. **Littlewick Troop** meetings are on a **Monday** evening between 7.30pm and 9pm at Scout Hall in Winter Hill.

The Scout Troop's aim is to promote the development of young people to enable them to achieve their full potential. This is accomplished by an enjoyable and fun-filled scheme of progressive training, based on the Scout Promise and Law.

You are invited to your child's investiture into the Troop, during which they make their promise.



The Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to The Queen, to help other people and 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 worldwide 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 Troop consists of small units (patrols) of six to eight youngsters, led by a Patrol Leader (PL) who shares responsibility with the adult Leader for maintaining standards and training of other members of the patrol. Together, the PLs form a Patrol Leaders' Forum, which organises the Troop programme and activities plus the training of Scouts.

Dropping off and collecting at Meetings

Parents/Carers are expected to leave and collect their children from **INSIDE** the Hall. Youngsters must not be allowed to come into or leave the hall on their own.

Parents/Carers Help at Meetings

Parents/Carers are asked to help at Beaver Meetings at least once a term. Please talk to the Beaver Leader for more details.

Training

As well as enjoying a fun packed programme, a Beaver may also gain the **Chief Scout's Bronze award**, which is gained after completing 6 challenge badges. There are also several activity badges. Please ask a leader for more details of these badges.

Beaver Scout Uniform



Beavers are expected to wear their uniform at all times. The Beaver Scout uniform is a *Beaver turquoise sweatshirt and navy scout shorts, a Pinkneys Green T-shirt, a purple woggle and the Pinkneys Green neckerchief.*

(PG T-shirts can be purchased from Raksha)

THE CUB SCOUT PACK

Welcome to Cub Scouting

Pinkneys Green Cub packs both meet on Wednesdays from 6.25pm to 8.00pm, during term-time and during half term holidays.

Cub Scouting, by tradition, has adapted ideas from Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book". You will find that some of the leaders are known by the names of the animals in this book, such as *Akela, Raksha, Baloo, etc.*

The Cub Scout leader (*Akela*) and their assistants have undertaken designated training in order to run an imaginative and active programme.

The Cub Scout Pack caters for youngsters of between eight and 10½ years old. The Pack is divided into small groups called "Sixes", each one named and identified by a coloured woggle, which are led by the Sixer and a Second.



The Pack has simple ceremonies and you are welcome to attend your child's Investiture when they make their promise.

The Cub Scout Promise is:

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

The Cub Scout Law is:

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

The Cub Scout Training Programme

After investiture the Cub Scout will hopefully, during the full programme achieve the **Chiefs Scout Silver award** by completing at least 6 challenge badges.

There is also a moving-on award for a Cub Scout joining the troop.

The progressive awards are supported by a large number of *Activity Badges*. Details of all these badges can be obtained from *Chil*.

Cub Scout Uniform



Pinkneys Green Cub Scouts wear full Cub Scout Uniform at all times. The Cub uniform is *green Cub sweatshirt, Pinkneys Green T-shirt, navy shorts, long grey socks, Pinkneys Green neckerchief and soft shoes (i.e. plimsolls or trainers without large tongues).*

(PG T-shirts can be purchased from Raksha)