

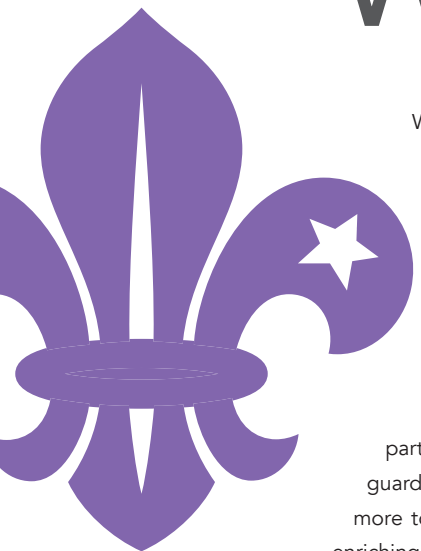
1st Crownhill Scouts

Welcome Booklet



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Welcome



Welcome to the 1st Crownhill Scout Group! This booklet is for new joiners to 1st Crownhill to give you some of the basic information about our Scout group, including where to buy uniform and how to earn badges. If you have a question that's not answered in this booklet, you can visit the FAQ page on our website which has more information, email info@1stcrownhill.com, or you can always talk to any of the leaders at the group.

All our leaders and volunteers are DBS checked and take part in leader training that includes modules on first aid, safeguarding, protection of information, special needs inclusion and more to allow them to create an environment that is fun, safe and enriching for each and every child.

Term Times

Our terms follow the same patterns as most primary schools, with the same half terms and holidays. We feel that this makes it easier for Scouting to fit in with most children's routines and schedules. The section's meetings are weekday evenings with different sections on different days - for more details on a section's meeting times please get in touch with a leader.

Other activities, such as camps, activity days and fundraising events will usually take place on weekends and during holidays. You will be told about these by your section leader at the end of the meeting during the closing ceremony or via email if you have subscribed to our email updates.

About Scouting

There are different sections in Scouting for each different age bracket:

Beavers6 to 8 years

Cubs.....8 to 10 ½ years

Scouts10 ½ to 14 years

Explorers.....14 to 18 years

Network18 to 25 years

There are over 100 Scouting counties and areas in the UK, and active Scout groups in 216 countries. As a member of Scouting you become part of a worldwide organisation.

Younger sections concentrate on having fun, making friends, and working with others. As the sections progress, more traditional Scouting skills begin to be introduced including camping, hiking, fire lighting, cooking and more.

Explorers and Network are encouraged to do their Duke of Edinburgh and Queen Scout Award, and begin to have more of a role in the community. They are free to attend other activities and camps hosted by other groups in Devon as they begin to become young adults.

Getting Emails and Joining us on Facebook

Between nights at the hut, we will send you emails with everything from timetables and event notifications to camp permissions forms and reminders for payments. You will need to follow the steps below to sign up to our email system:

- Step 1** Enter the following url into your browser: www.eepurl.com/cb8t4H
Please be aware that this url is case sensitive.
- Step 2** Fill in your details, including which section you will need to receive updates for. You can tick multiple sections if you need to.
- Step 3** Log into your emails and click the confirmation link to confirm your email address.
- Step 4** You will now receive updates from us! Remember to ask your leader how to update your section when you move up so you get the correct updates.

We also have 2 Facebook pages. The first is a public facing page which displays fundraising dates or events that group attended, and is open for anyone to see.

The second one is a private group which we use for posting more sensitive information such as when and where a camp will be held or pictures of the children doing activities that we just want to go to parents, guardians or other members of 1st Crownhill.

To get updates via Facebook, you will need to find the 1st Crownhill group (not page) and click the 'join' button to request to join the page. Don't forget to answer the questions when prompted. Every request is reviewed by our admins to control who can see the page. If you can't find the page, please chat to your leader who will be able to show you how to join it.

Joining Scouting

You don't need to have been a member of Scouting before to join. If you have been a member before however, we ask that you bring along any records of badges earned, nights and hikes away and details of the sections and group you were in previously for our own records.

Trying out your new Section

You don't have to decide whether you want to join right away! We always encourage children and young adults who want to join Scouting to come and have a 4 week trial period. Come along and take part in the games and activities and see what we're about without feeling pressured to join straight away.



Getting Invested

Once you've decided that you want to join, you can be invested. You'll need a uniform from the Scout Shop then your section leader will help you decide which night you'll be invested. Parents are welcome to come along and take photos of their children as they say their new Scout promise - it's a special occasion after all!



Moving Up

As you get older, you will reach the end of the age range for your section. At this point you will have your own 'moving up' ceremony, similar to your investiture, and will be officially invested into the next section up. All members of Scouting, children and adults, also gather each year on St George's day to renew their promise together.

Subs and Gift Aid

Subs are £30 per term and cover all the activities that the Cubs do during their evenings, ranging from purchasing materials for DIY projects to organising outdoor activities and hikes. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim back the tax on your subscriptions, which is a great fundraiser for us and doesn't cost any extra.

Subs are now being paid online, with a simple process to set up a direct debit for your Subs payments. You will be sent a link by our online admin system and asked to put in the relevant details. Payments will be due at the beginning of every term.

If you have a genuine reason why you cannot pay online, Subs can be paid by either a cheque or cash - if this is the case, please put the payment in an envelope with your child's name and section and "Subs" written on the front for your leader.

Camps and weekend activities attract an additional cost, which you would be advised of at the time.

Buying Uniform

Blindman's Wood Scout Shop

324 Outland Road

Plymouth

PL3 5TB

01752 773717

Opening Times

First Monday of the month

6.45pm - 8.45pm

Thursdays 6.45pm - 8.45pm

Uniform can be purchased from the Scout shop or via the online Scout shop at www.shop.scouts.org.uk. If you have any questions about purchasing uniform you can ask your section leader for more information.

You will need to know the name of the section you want the uniform for and that you will need a 1st Crownhill scarf. (Don't forget to ask for the child size)

Go to www.1stcrownhill.com/sections and click on the section you're interested in to see where badges go on the uniform and to find out what badges you can get.

Earning Badges

There are different types of badges you can earn in Scouting, including activity badges, staged badges and challenge badges.

Activities you take part in at the hut and away on camp are designed to let you work towards and achieve badges. By coming along you'll be able to earn badges from backwoods cooking to digital citizen and many more. The best way to see all the badges on offer is to get the My Badges App.

Just because you'll be working towards badges at the hut doesn't mean you can't find a badge you want and start completing it outside of the Scout meetings!

You might play football with your local group, go cycling with your friends or take swimming lessons. These are perfect examples of badges to complete at home - it's very difficult to try and organise swimming or cycling as a whole-group activity on a section night!

Volunteering

Everyone at 1st Crownhill, from the Leaders who run the evenings to those doing the admin behind the scenes, are volunteers.

Section meetings, camps and weekend activities sometimes also require parental help. You can help by participating in the running of games and activities, setting up refreshments and generally just joining in the fun!

Dates of committee meetings are posted on the notice board, newsletters, website

and Facebook page, and are a chance to get parents more involved in 1st Crownhill, whether it is just a chance to feedback to the group or become involved in planning fundraising activities.

Visit www.1stcrownhill.com/volunteering to find out more about becoming a volunteer and see what roles are available, or you can talk to a leader about coming along one evening.

Hiring the Hall

Endeavour hall plays host to our various Scout sections during weekday evenings, but is available for hire during the days, at weekends and during school holidays.

It's perfect for children's birthday parties, with the hall space for games and activities, kitchen facilities and tables and chairs for

your use too. There is also plenty of free parking for your guests in the adjacent car park.

If you'd like to book the hall, visit our website at www.1stcrownhill.com/hall-hire to submit a hire request or pop in to the hut to pick up a form.

Policies and Forms

Policies including our behaviour policy and our policy on photography and social media usage can be found on our website:

www.1stcrownhill.com/downloads

You'll also be able to find other public documents and blank forms if you need to download extra copies or fill a form out before coming along to a meeting. If you can't print them or don't have a printer, just ask your leader to print one off for you.

We are a Charity

Scouting does not exist to make money, and Scout groups are registered charities. As such, we rely on fundraising and subs paid by parents to pay for everything from running camps and buying equipment and food right through to paying insurance for every child and adult in the group and for the hut itself.

Every single adult involved in Scouting is a volunteer, and to raise funds for the group we organise events such as our Christmas Reindeer Racing night and annual Field Gun Run.

Parking Information

Free parking for the hut is in the **WPS Car Park**. The road leading up to the hut is resident parking only, and we have been asked to keep the area and access to the garages clear. For this reason, we ask all parents and visitors to park in the WPS car park and walk children down to the hut.

The entrance to the car park is on Budshead Road, opposite the entrance to Crownhill Police station. If you have any trouble finding the car park, please let us know and we can send you further information.

Fundraising made Easy...

While we like to run fundraising events throughout the year, we understand that not everyone can always get the time off to join in and support as they might like to. Fortunately, we have the support of online fundraising platform Easy Fundraising which collects free donations for us on your behalf when you purchase things online. If you're getting your weekly shop delivered, or browsing Argos, Amazon or a host of other sites, EasyFundraising can collect a free donation from the retailer and sent it on to us. It takes no extra time and has no extra cost to you. What could be easier?

Simply go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stcrownhillscout/>

or

Head to the app store and search for 'EasyFundraising'

Coop Fundraising

If you shop at your local Coop store, even occasionally, then you can raise money for 1st Crownhill, by scanning your membership card at the till. Just remember to log on to the Coop website and choose 1st Crownhill as your chosen charity. Go to the link below to find out more:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/18460>

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