

SUNDERLAND DISTRICT
SCOUT ASSOCIATION

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THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

(incorporated by Royal Charter)

Patron: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Founder: The Lord Baden Powell of Gilwell, O.M.,
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Chief Scout: Peter Duncan

Enabling Young People

Background

Scouting is an international Movement with over 28 million members worldwide spread through 216 countries and territories. The number of countries recognising the values of Scouting and accepting its principles is steadily increasing.

The United Kingdom Scout Association accepts Members of all major faiths and offers equal opportunities to all young people in the community, no matter what their social, religious or ethnic background may be. It is an organisation with a religious policy which encourages young people to grow spiritually and develop within their own faith and denomination. It has a positive policy of integration and welcomes children and young people who have physical and mental disabilities.

There are over 540,000 young people in Membership throughout the United Kingdom, and these are supported by over 100,000 adults who have taken appointments as voluntary Leaders, Administrators and Supporters.

The Training Sections

At whatever age, a young person in the Movement is a 'Scout'.

The progressive scheme of training which spans the six to twenty-five age range is made up of five training Sections. Each Section has its own identity, ethos and style. They all have adult support which varies in the different age groups.

Beaver Scouts (six and seven year-olds) meet in 'Colonies'. Cub Scouts (eight to ten and a half year-olds) meet in 'Packs'. Scouts (ten and a half to fourteen years old) meet in 'Troops'. Explorer Scouts (fourteen to eighteen years old) meet in 'Units'. Network members (eighteen to twenty five year olds) meet in informal social groupings.

The Aim of Scouting

"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."

From its inception Scouting has had a simple and positive Promise that is required to be made by all its Members. Together with the Law, this gives a distinctive ethos to the practices of the Movement, and acts as a bond with Scouts in other countries.

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 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

