



Admissions Policy

3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group opened fully in January 2026 to meet increasing demand in the Wintringham, and wider St Neots area. Most of our sections were reached capacity with active waiting lists soon after opening.

We manage admissions to ensure each section has a spread of ages, and to ensure that anyone who joins the Group will be able to move up to the next section when they reach the appropriate age. 3rd St Neots is open to all young people from age 4 through to age 14.

We will usually invite young people to join the Group at the beginning of each term. If a young person moves into the immediate area, having been an active member of a Scout Group elsewhere, we will try to accommodate them within the relevant section as soon as possible. Once a young person has joined the group, we will ensure that they will always be able to move on to the next section when they reach the appropriate age.

Priorities for admission

1. Young people moving into the area from elsewhere, who are already active members of a Scout Group, and for whom 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) is the nearest scout group.
2. Young people with a parent who is a uniformed leader or Trustee in the Group, or who is committed to becoming a uniformed leader or Trustee.
3. Younger siblings of young people already within the Group.
4. Anyone else on the waiting list, of an age that we can accommodate, with priority given to those who have been waiting longest, and for whom 3rd St Neots (Wintringham) is the nearest Scout Group.

We believe that Scouting is for all, and work hard to be as inclusive as possible. We will not discriminate on young people based on gender, race, religion, disability or additional needs.

Where a young person has a disability or additional needs which would mean they required additional support, our team will work in partnership with their parent/ carer to create an individual care plan to support that young person. This may include extra support in meetings from their parents/ carers.

Approved by the Trustee Team: 11/04/2026

To be reviewed: Every three years, or sooner if required.