



Subscription and Fees Policy

3rd St Neots (Wintringham) Scout Group strongly believes that everyone should be able to join the fun and challenge of scouting. We don't want any young people to miss out due to the cost. We aim to keep our subscription fees and the cost of camps and other special events as low as possible.

Subscriptions

Each young person is required to pay termly subscription fees (subs). The amount of subs varies per section and is calculated to take into account hall hire and activity costs. Subs are due in January, April and September. Families can also opt to pay their subs in 12 monthly payments.

We pass part of the subs on our District (Hinchingbrooke), County (Cambridgeshire) and The Scout Association. This pays for the national scout headquarters as well as services such as DBS checks and training for our volunteers and insurance.

The remainder is used to cover:

- Hire of the school Studio
- Insurance of our equipment
- Materials and resources for our weekly meetings
- Badges earned for activities and challenges

All of our leaders, helpers and trustees are unpaid volunteers. Major equipment purchases, such as camping equipment, are paid for primarily through grants and fundraising.

All payments are made through the Online Scout Manager (OSM) system, using the GoCardless payments system

Joining Fees

When a young person joins the Scout Group, regardless of section, they are required to pay a joining fee. This covers the cost of their core badges (membership, District, County and Group badges) along with their necker and woggle.

In Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, their woggle is returned as they move up through the sections. In Scouts, they receive their final woggle, which they keep when they complete Scouts.

Events

For day camps, nights away camping and some off-site events we have to charge a fee to cover the cost of those activities.

Hardship Fund

We are committed to ensuring finances are never a barrier to a young person taking part in Scouting. If a family is either unable to sign their child up to Scouting or is likely to have to remove their child from Scouting due to financial hardship, then our Hardship Fund is designed to support them.

Further details of the Hardship Fund can be found in the Hardship Fund Policy and Application Form.

Approved by the Trustee Team: 11/04/2026

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