



Dear Beaver, Cub, Scout and/or Parent/Carer

## WELCOME TO 1<sup>ST</sup> BRAINTREE SCOUT GROUP

Thank you for enquiring about and/or coming along to a 1<sup>st</sup> Braintree Scout Group meeting. This fact sheet will give you all the basic information you initially need about the group and its people.

The Scout Group is split into 3 sections, each of which meets at the Scout HQ on John Ray Street in Braintree, during school term time:

- Two Beaver Colonies for ages 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  – 8, meeting on a Monday or on a Wednesday between 17:15 and 18:30.
- A Cub Pack for ages 8 – 10  $\frac{1}{2}$ , meeting on a Wednesday between 19:00 and 20:30.
- A Scout Troop for ages 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  – 14 meeting on a Friday between 19:30 and 21:30.

For young people between 14 – 18 years, the Three Rivers District Explorer Scout unit meet at the HQ on a Monday evening between 19:30 and 21:30.

Scouts is a uniformed organisation and all members will be expected to obtain the correct uniform for the Section being joined. The Section Leader will advise you of the correct uniform and also let you know where it can be obtained locally. On investiture, we will provide you with a Group scarf, together with badges. There will be a range of further publications, particularly on badge requirements that you will be able to purchase.

Whilst you are trying the group out, there will be no charge to you, unless you wish to attend a group outing, camp or other activity outside of normal Section meeting nights. However, after investiture, subs will be payable, which are currently set at £30 per school term (payable at the beginning of term by cash or cheque) or by Standing Order at £10/month (payable monthly, for 9 months of the year). This is a competitive rate within the Scout groups in the Braintree District.

Please note that the adult membership of the group is entirely voluntary, at all levels. We currently have vacancies both in terms of active leadership positions (helping out at group evenings) or more administrative positions (for example fund raising, committee membership, etc). If you are interested in helping out in any way, however small, please let me or a leader know. There is a modular, experience based training programme available, free of charge to participants, for any adults who would like to get involved with the group.

Please be aware that any adult involved in the group or who wishes to attend any events organised by us will need a current Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check with the Scout Association. These can be time consuming to administer, therefore it is recommended that any adults who may wish to become involved with the group or attend events complete a CRB form at their earliest convenience. Please see me or a section leader for CRB forms and instructions on how to fill them in.

Should you have any questions on any of the above or wish to know more about what we do, please speak to me or a leader. Also, please check out [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) for more information.

Yours faithfully  
Steve Denton