



July 2009

**IMPORTANT LETTER – RESPONSE REQUIRED!!**

Dear Parent/Carer

**1<sup>st</sup> BRAINTREE SCOUT GROUP**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT SCOUT TROOP**

Due to continued phenomenal interest in the group from new families and as a result of the number of Cubs who are due to move on to Scouts in the near future, we are planning to open a new Scout troop after the summer holiday on a Thursday evening. The evening would run, as currently on a Friday from 7.30 – 9.30pm and would follow on from our proposed new early evening Thursday Cub pack.

We expect that the Thursday evening Scout troop will initially be smaller than its Friday counterpart, with a number likely to be in the order of 6 to 12 Young People, i.e. two patrols. We then anticipate that the numbers in the two troops would even out over time, with an ideal number in each of 20 to 24 Young People.

Initially, this brings opportunities for any current Scouts who are able to come on a Thursday and who would like to take on a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader role. Those taking on the new roles will be selected from existing Scouts who wish to come on a Thursday rather than on a Friday.

This move both adds flexibility to the Scouting being provided at 1<sup>st</sup> Braintree and also seeks to make each troop a manageable and sustainable size. It is proposed that programmes will be along similar lines in both troops, although ultimately it will be for the PL's and APL's in each troop to decide what they want to do, the leaders will then facilitate this.

To enable us to work out interest in the new troop, please complete the form below and return to us as soon as possible, preferably before the end of term. We will then contact all families during the summer holiday to confirm arrangements for next term.

We do need leaders and/or adult helpers within our new sections. If you or any family member is interested in joining the fun, please indicate on the form below.

If you have any questions about the proposals, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Steve Denton  
Group Scout Leader – 1<sup>st</sup> Braintree Scout Group

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Name of Young Person \_\_\_\_\_

Prefer Friday evening only

Prefer Thursday evening only

Available either Thursday or Friday

I would be interested in volunteering as a leader or adult helper

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_