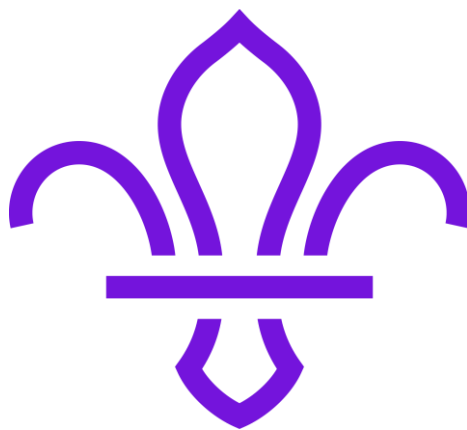




4th Salisbury Harnham Scouts Group

An Interest in Joining



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Welcome!

Firstly, we are very pleased to extend a huge welcome to you and your family. By expressing an interest in joining scouting, your child has taken the first step on a Big Adventure which has been enjoyed by young people around the world since 1907.

The Welcome Pack has been put together to provide you and your child with the information needed to enjoy Scouting.

What is Scouting?

Scouting is a global educational youth movement which provides young people with Fun, Challenge and Adventure.

With almost 500,000 members and membership open to boys and girls, The Scout Association is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK. Its' clear purpose is:

To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international community.

Developing Young People

In Scouting, we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing', when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves.

Development is guided by our Balanced Programme, a continuous progression of training, activities, badges and awards for all young people aged 6 to 25.

The Balanced Programme is designed to suit five core age groups:

- 6 to 8 years Group based 
- 8 to 10½ years Group based 
- 10½ to 14 years Group based 
- 14 to 18 years District based 
- 18 to 25 years District / County based

In addition to Section meetings your child should expect opportunities for outings, indoor residential and camping experiences and other challenges suited to their age and ability.

What Do Members Need?

For the first few meetings, your child needs nothing at all to experience the magic of Scouting.

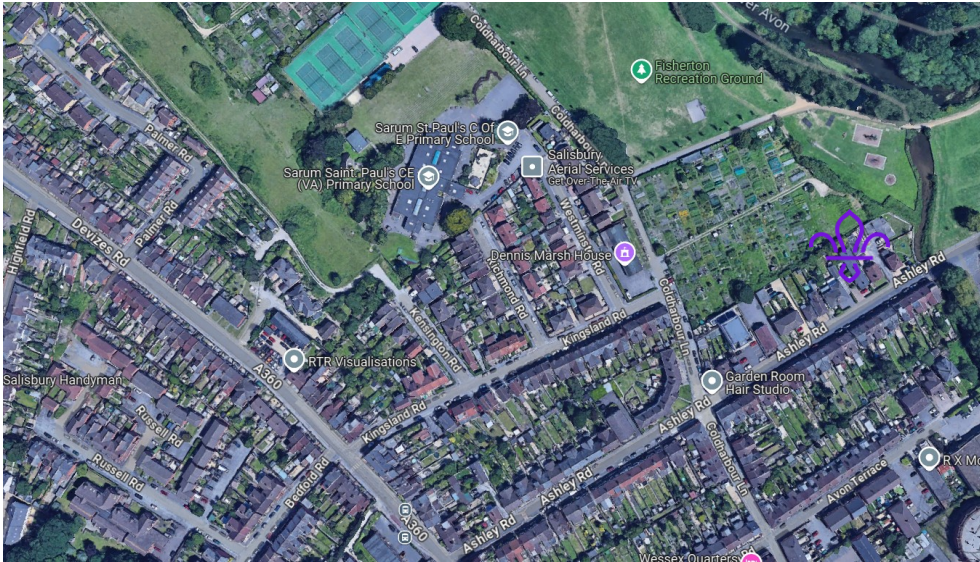
Please don't feel you have to rush into buying your child a uniform, especially if they are not absolutely sure that Scouting is for them. Casual clothes can be worn until they make up their mind. They will have about 4-6 weeks to decide, during which time they will get to know their Leaders and other members of their section.

Also during those first few meetings, your child will complete the requirements for the Membership Badge and, once completed, you will be invited to their Investiture at a section meeting or event.

This is the occasion for which they will need their uniform. This is a proud moment for children and parents alike and, unfortunately, involves some work as all their badges will need to be sewn on!

Scouting uniform

If your child wishes to continue with Beaver/Cubs/Scout the uniform can be brought from the Scout Shop which is found at The District Headquarters which is Dennis Marsh House, Kingsland Road, off Ashley Road in Salisbury, SP2 7DG.



Or second hand uniform can also often be purchased via ebay.

All members of the Group wear the Group scarf which is presented along with a woggle when your child is first invested into the Group. All uniform badges are provided by the Group.

More information into the Scouting adventure can be found <http://scouts.org.uk/home/>