



PICTURE ABOVE: BEAUDESSERT CAMP MAY 2017

Parent Contract

63rd Derby
(Darley Abbey)
Scout Group

TYPICAL SECTION ACTIVITIES

Welcome to our Scout Group

This leaflet is intended to help your son/daughter get the most out of Scouting and to establish a partnership between our Scout Group and parents.

A little bit about us....

Our Scout Group, 63rd Derby (Darley Abbey), was formed in 1927 and is the oldest in Derby North District and the 5th oldest in Derby. All our leaders and helpers are unpaid volunteers who give up their time to organize and run our Scout sections. Each registered volunteer has been vetted by the Scout Association and our Leaders undergo structured training in accordance with Association Policy to enable them to offer safe and challenging programmes for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Safeguarding

It is the Scouting Association policy that all adults coming into contact with children doing scouting activities will have been DBS checked. All leaders and helpers in the 63rd group have been, as have many of our parents. Parents may be involved in group activities at some point, even just providing transport somewhere or being on the parents rota to help at evening meetings, therefore we may ask you to fill out a DBS form when

your child joins. Any costs of the process are borne by the Government and the Scout Association, and the results of the check are totally confidential, as regulated by the Data Protection Act 1998. If you are worried about undergoing this process, please contact the Group Scout Leader to discuss your concerns in confidence.

Our sections...

Our youngest members are our Beaver Scouts with an age range of 6 to 8 years. The Beaver Section meet for an hour on Tuesday evenings starting at 6pm. The programme of activities in the section reflect the Beaver motto 'fun and friends' and concentrate on games and crafts.

Our Cubs are between the age of 8 and 10 1/2 years old and meet on Monday evenings from 6:45pm to 8:15pm. The activities within the Cub section are designed to be a little more challenging and include a programme of badgework reflecting individual achievement and progress.



Beavers Polish a Pew

The Beaver Scouts took part in a fundraising activity to raise funds for our 'Save our Hall' campaign



Cubs Nature walk

As part of Cubs normal meetings, we regularly take advantage of our local outdoor spaces including the Darley Abbey Nature reserve

Our Sections cont...

Our Senior section is our Scouts who meet on Friday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The Scout Section further develops the skills of our members with increasing emphasis placed on encouraging Scouts to plan and meet each challenge for themselves. The programme of badgework through the section can culminate in achieving coveted Scout awards that are recognized by future prospective employers.

And the challenge doesn't stop there – on leaving our Group many of our Scouts move on to new challenges within the Scout Association. This is usually through involvement with District Explorer Scout and Scout Network sections. Our nearest current Explorer scout group is Olympus Explorers in Allestree.

Our Aims...

Our aims and objectives are in keeping with those of the Scout Association.

"...to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local national and international communities."



We believe that these objectives can best be met with the co-operation of the immediate community and our member's parents (that's you!). We want your son/daughter to have a long and happy Scouting career and are committed to providing the challenge, adventure and fun that Scouting offers.

FIELD DAY FUNDRAISER (JUNE 17)

The above picture is from our annual field day fundraising event, showing our members having a tug of war competition.

HEAD OF FUNDRAISING

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Parents/Scout Group contract

Our Promise to you...

Joining our group...

Due to the success of the 63rd, nearly all the children in the group start at Beaver age and come up through the sections. We also generally have a lengthy waiting list. If your son/daughter would like to join our Group, please ask our Beaver Scout Leader (BSL) to put their name on the waiting list well in advance of them turning 6 (*Ideally from the age of 4 or earlier*).

Every effort will be made to accommodate new members who have not come up through the sections from Beaver age, but this is dependent on us not exceeding safe numbers in sections. We will always try to offer a place within our Group for new members providing perceived safe numbers are not exceeded and the quality of membership is not compromised. Priority will always be given to children moving from section to section within the Group, and we cannot guarantee places to others.

The size of our group is also dependent on the number of leader volunteers we have so if you can help this enables us to keep our activities going for our young members.

Normally we will only accept new members from the area of Darley Abbey and Allestree to the east of the A6 (Duffield Road). Exceptions may be made particularly when siblings are already in our Group or when exceptional circumstances dictate. If we cannot take a new member we will try and assist parents to find a place in other local Scout Groups.

Progression through the Group...

We will try to provide a place in the Cub and Scout sections for every boy and girl joining our Beaver Section. By careful control of numbers and based upon expected movements of members, we have a high degree of confidence that this continuity will be possible.



Beavers enjoy the climbing wall at Drum Hill activity Centre

To help meet our objective we have drawn up a contract that should assist you and us to "do our best" Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all required to make a promise when they join their section. Our contract is a promise between our Scout Group and our Parents...we'll go first!

Programmes...

We will try and provide an interesting varied and enjoyable programme of activities for all our members to encourage their development as individuals and their continued involvement in Scouting.

Challenges...

We will never allow a member to be forced to take part in any challenging activity that they do not wish to experience. Such activities will normally be a of a physical nature e.g. climbing, abseiling, canoeing, hiking but could include activities requiring skills in numeracy or literacy.

Qualifications...

We will never permit a member to take part in any adventurous activity without the appropriate equipment, training and supervision. Only persons qualified to relevant required Scouting Association standards or better will be permitted to instruct, lead or supervise such activities.

Camping

Our Scout and Cub Scout members will be given the opportunity to attend a camp or pack holiday at least once every calendar year. In normal circumstance we would expect to offer at least two such opportunities per year.

Shooting and Archery

Our members may during their Scouting career be given the opportunity to use air rifles, archer equipment and "laser" weapons (laser clay pigeon shooting and/or Quasar). Trained personnel qualified to the exacting standards of the relevant National Supervisory body will supervise such activities. The Association will only permit such equipment to be used with the written consent of parents. Our Group will observe Scout Association guidance in this area and will not allow any member to take part in such activity unless the express written permission of a parent is obtained.

Complaints, concerns and commendations...

We will listen to and act upon any complaints, concerns or commendations received from our members parents. Please do not hesitate to come forward if you do have any comments, and don't forget we also like to know when we are getting it right!

In the first instance, and if you are happy to do so, please direct any questions or comments to the relevant section leader. If you prefer you can pass your comment on to your section parents' representative, a nominated parent who sits on the Group Executive Committee. Alternatively, you may wish to talk to the Group Scout Leader (GSL) or if you wish to talk to someone outside of the Group you could contact the District Commissioner (DC). The current post holders' names and contacts are shown at the end of this contract.

(Now it is your turn!)

Your Promise to us...**Uniform...**

We expect our members to attend in uniform unless otherwise stated. Often neckers and woggles go missing, replacements are available for a small charge. Uniform requirements may be waived for certain activities, hikes, visits, etc. In such instances notice will be given. Some Group T-Shirt and sweatshirts are available and may be worn as an alternative to the uniform at the discretion of the section leader.

Parades...

We ask all our members to make every effort to attend organized parades. Our group normally takes part in the St. Georges Day Parade in Derby City Centre every April in addition to occasional church parades.

Parents Rotas...

To be able to offer the range of activities to as many children as we do, the sections may ask you to go onto a rota to help at your child's section meetings. Please make yourself available to do so – we guarantee you will enjoy it, and it will give us and you a chance to get to know each other better.

Subscriptions...

Subscriptions are due three times a year at the commencement of each school term. Prompt payment of Subs is appreciated, preferably using our Online Scout Manager direct debit system. If you are paying by cheque, please make payable to "63rd Derby (Darley Abbey) Scout Group", Cash is also acceptable.



It is our policy to reduce or waive subs for anyone who may have genuine difficulty in paying. This is also the case for any camp or trip fees. Our intention is that no activity or opportunity should be denied because of insufficient funds. If you are unable to meet

any costs, please talk in the strictest confidence with any section leader.

We also routinely ask taxpaying parents to fill out a Gift Aid form as that raises additional revenue for the Group at no cost to our members' families. Please do not resist doing this for us as failing to do so means loss of potential funds for us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Gift aid forms and other forms can be found on our website: www.63derbyscouts.co.uk

OUR MEMBERS AT CAMP

Gradbach March 2017

Scouts listening to their Scout Leader for their instructions during the hike.

**Scouts planning**

The older scouts planning their expedition route and working as a team.

**Food time**

Scouts enjoying their food at camp lining up in an orderly manner

**Behaviour...**

All our members are expected to behave in a reasonable manner and to follow instructions from our leaders and helpers. We ask parents to support us and to help us to limit bad behaviour. Parents will be informed if their son/daughter's behaviour is considered inappropriate.

We are particularly intolerant of all forms of bullying, and anyone who persist in bullying will be requested to leave our Group. If you become aware of any instances of bullying, please inform us immediately.

Health...

We ask that parents keep us informed of any health issues that could affect the safety or comfort of their son/daughter. Known allergies, asthma or diabetes should be brought to the attention of the section leader. Please consider your child's current state of health if they are going on a hike, a visit or off to camp.

Dietary needs...

Parents should inform us of any special dietary requirements or preferences for their son/daughter. As food is often prepared and consumed during regular meetings do not wait until camp or pack holidays to let us know.

Waiting lists and absence...

Our Group is popular and there can be a waiting list to join all sections. To ensure all available spaces are taken, parents are asked to inform us as soon as possible should their son/daughter no longer wish to attend our Group. Any member who fails to attend for three consecutive weeks may be assumed to have left the group unless you let the Section Leader know to the contrary.

Change of contact details...

Parents are asked to inform us at the earliest opportunity of any change of their contact details including address, email or telephone number.

Fundraising...

Our members, in particular Scouts are expected to help at fundraising events especially our annual Field Day. Additionally, Scouts may be required to help distribute leaflets for fundraising events such as car washes, and 'Save our Hall' events.

Helping...

Over and above a parents rota, we always need the assistance of willing parents to help run busy meetings, and to get involved with outdoor activities. If you can assist in any way please contact your section leader, especially if you have any particular skills that overlap with our indoor or outdoor Scouting activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Our Website

www.63derbyscouts.co.uk

Our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Derby63rdScoutGroupDarleyAbbey>

GROUP SCOUT LEADER

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And finally, ...

The parent's role in Scouting is extremely important and our Group is privileged having good relationships with our parents and the local community. Without your help and support our Group could not be the success it is.

...Thank you

Group Scout Leader.