



34th Chesterfield (Brimington) Scout Group

Fundraising Policy

Purpose

The Group aims to keep subscription fees as affordable as possible for families while continuing to provide a varied, high-quality programme of activities and experiences.

An important part of achieving this is through **fundraising**. Funds raised help to support the ongoing running of the Group, purchase and maintain equipment, subsidise activities and camps, and enable us to keep Group subs and other costs as low as reasonably possible.

Supporting Fundraising

We ask all members and families to support the Group's fundraising efforts wherever they are reasonably able to do so.

Fundraising may include activities organised by the Group, individual Sections or the wider Scout movement, as well as events and initiatives involving parents, carers, young people and volunteers.

Support may take a variety of forms, including:

- taking part in fundraising activities;
- helping to organise or run fundraising events;
- selling or promoting approved fundraising activities;
- helping with the collection, handling or administration of fundraising income; or
- suggesting new fundraising opportunities.

We recognise that families and volunteers have different circumstances and availability. The Group therefore aims to provide a range of ways to support fundraising rather than expecting every member to participate in every activity.

Use of Fundraising Income

Money raised through fundraising will be used for the benefit of the Group and its members, in accordance with the Group's charitable purposes.

The Group will seek to use fundraising income responsibly to maximise the benefit to our young people and to support our aim of keeping subs and other participation costs as affordable as possible.

Fundraising income may be used to:

- support the ongoing running costs of the Group;
- purchase and maintain equipment;
- subsidise activities and camps; and

- help keep Group subs and other participation costs as low as reasonably possible.

Fundraising and Subs

Fundraising is an important reason why the Group is able to keep its subs lower than they might otherwise need to be.

We therefore ask families to recognise that **keeping subs low is a shared effort**. Paying subs is only one part of the financial contribution that enables the Group to operate; supporting fundraising also helps us to provide Scouting opportunities at an affordable cost.

No individual young person will normally be required to raise a specific amount of money as a condition of membership. However, we strongly encourage all members and families to contribute to fundraising efforts wherever they can.

Fundraising Costs and Handling of Money

All fundraising activities must be approved in accordance with the Group's financial procedures.

Money raised on behalf of the Group must be handled, recorded and banked in accordance with those procedures.

Volunteers should not retain Group fundraising income or mix it with personal funds.

The Group will ensure that fundraising activities are conducted appropriately and in accordance with relevant Scout and legal requirements.

Responsibilities

Volunteers are responsible for:

- supporting approved fundraising activities where reasonably able to do so;
- following the Group's financial procedures when handling fundraising income;
- ensuring that fundraising money is not mixed with personal funds; and
- raising any concerns about fundraising activities or opportunities with the appropriate Group representative.

Parents/carers and young people are encouraged to support fundraising in ways that are appropriate to their circumstances and availability.

The Group Trustee Board is responsible for ensuring that fundraising is undertaken appropriately and that fundraising income is used in accordance with the Group's charitable purposes and financial procedures.

Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed at least annually, or sooner if there are significant changes to the Group's fundraising arrangements or relevant guidance.

Any amendments to this policy must be approved by the Group Trustee Board.