

Oldham District Scout Council

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<http://www.oldhamscouts.org.uk>



New Member Information document

Dear New Member / New parent

Tonight you have had your first experience of Scouting in Oldham through visiting your local Scout group within Oldham District. We hope that you have enjoyed your first night and hope that this will be the start of a new and exciting Scouting adventure for you.

This letter has been designed to give you a little bit of information to introduce you to Scouting within Oldham District.

The group you have visited tonight is 1 of 18 groups in Oldham District, each group is separated by a group number and the colour of the neckerchief that they wear. Within Oldham groups are spread out from the Saddleworth villages to Fitton hill. Oldham District is 1 of 15 other Districts that make up the County of Greater Manchester North which covers Districts from Bolton, Bury and Radcliffe to Middleton, Chadderton and Oldham.

The World Scout Movement began in the United Kingdom in 1907 with an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset. During the week-long camp, Robert Baden-Powell and a small party of boys put into practice his ideas for training young people in responsible citizenship.

Scouting is today one of the largest youth organisations in the world. Within Oldham there are around 500 members, within the UK there are over 400,000 members. Scouting is world-wide, there are well over 28 million Members in over 216 countries and territories and the movement is still growing.

The Aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. The Method of achieving the Aim is through the provision of exciting and adventurous activities

Depending on your / your child's age depends on what section they join and the activities that they do:

Age (years)	Section	Uniform
6 to 8	Beavers Scouts	Turquoise Sweater, Activity pants and Neckerchief
8 to 10½	Cub Scouts	Green Sweater, Activity pants and Neckerchief
10½ to 14	Scouts	Green Shirt, Activity pants and Neckerchief
14 to 18	Explorers	Dark Beige Shirt, Activity pants and Neckerchief
18 to 25	Network	Light Beige Shirt, Activity pants and Neckerchief
18+	Leader	Light Beige Shirt, Activity pants and Neckerchief

The following information may prove very useful please keep it safe:

Group Name _____

Section information and leader contact details

Group Scout leaders Name _____ Telephone number _____

Email address _____

Beavers

Meeting time _____ Beaver Leaders Name _____

Telephone number _____ Email address _____

Cubs

Meeting time _____ Cub Leaders Name _____

Telephone number _____ Email address _____

Scouts

Meeting time _____ Scout Leaders Name _____

Telephone number _____ Email address _____

Explorers (Units are run at a District level)

Meeting time _____ Various _____ Explorer Leaders Name Barry Ratcliffe _____

Telephone number 07979 243 019 _____ Email address ESL@OldhamScouts.org.uk _____

Some useful information can be found at the following websites

www.OldhamScouts.org.uk – This is the Oldham District website which updated on a regular basis

www.GMNScouts.org.uk – The County website with details of County events

www.Scouts.org.uk – This is the official Scouting website packed with useful information on Scouting