

15th Romsey (North Baddesley) Scout Group & Crusader Explorer Unit

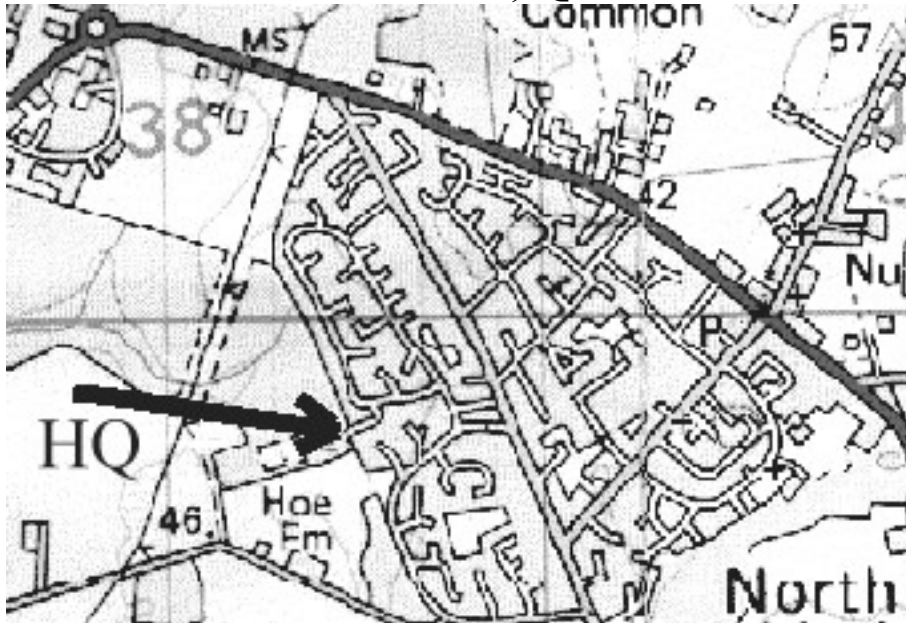


Information Pack for New Members

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Group Headquarters Mountbatten Park, Queens Ride



15th Romsey (North Baddesley) Scout Group serves the North Baddesley Area. Membership is available for boys aged between 6 years and 18 years and girls aged between 10½ and 18 years. The Group is run entirely by volunteers.

Our Headquarters is in the Car Park at Mountbatten Park. This is accessed from Queens Ride which is off Ringwood Drive, almost opposite to Hollywood Close. (There is a post box opposite the turning and a Scout sign on the Queen's Ride road nameplate)

The Group is divided into four youth sections:-



Beaver Scouts

Age Range 6yrs - 8yrs

Meet

Tuesdays 17.45-19.00 hrs

Beavers belong to the Beaver *Colony*, with the boys split into "Lodges" Learning is developed on the basis of having fun and making friends

Badges: There are three "challenge badges" called Discovery, Friendship and Outdoor encouraging the Beavers to undertake a balanced programme of fun and adventure following each of those themes.

In addition there are 5 Activity Badges (Animal Friend, Creative, Experiment, Explore and Faith). The top award for Beaver's will be the Chief Scout's Bronze Award.



Cub Scouts

Age Range 8yrs - 10½yrs

Meet

Fridays 18:45 - 20.00 hrs

Cubs belong to the Cub *Pack* with the boys split into 4 "Sixes". The Cubs start developing ideas of responsibility and self reliance through a range of indoor and outdoor activities.

Badges: For the Cubs, there are five Challenge Badges (Caring, Creative, Fitness, Global and Outdoor) and 32 "Activity Badges" (replacing the old Proficiency Badges) The top award is the Chief Scout's Silver Award



Scouts

Age Range 10½ - 14 yrs

Meet

Mondays 19:15-20:30 hrs

Scouts belong to the Scout *Troop* with the youngsters split into Patrols. The Patrol is a vital part of the Troop, with many of the activities planned and carried out in the Patrol. The Patrol is led by a Patrol Leader who represents the members of his Patrol at the "Patrol Leaders Forum". This helps develop a sense of responsibility within the individuals, and an appreciation for the needs of others,

Training: In Scouts there are eight Challenge Badges (Adventure, Community, Creative, Expedition, Fitness, Global, Outdoor and Outdoor Plus) and 72 Activity Badges. The top Award is the Chief Scout's Gold Award



Explorer Scouts

Age Range 14-18 yrs

Meet

Thursdays 20:00 - 21.30 hrs

Explorer Scouts offer the Members a wide range of activities and experiences through an integrated programme run by Romsey District.. We have our own unit affiliated to the Group that undertake their own activities as well as joining in the District Programme.

Training: The members are encouraged to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Awards - but there are also 14 Activity Badges for the Explorer Scouts. There are three "top awards" - Chief Scout's Platinum Award, Chief Scout's Diamond Award and the Queen's Scout Award.

Subscriptions: (As from 1st Sept 2009)

Current subscriptions are **£25 per term**, payable at the **start** of each term.
A **£2** discount (ie **£23**) is given if subs are paid by the second week of term.

Please make cheques payable to :-

"15th Romsey Scout Group" . (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts)

"Crusader Explorer Unit" (Explorers)

We do not usually issue receipts where subs are paid by cheque. Please ask if you require one.

These cover weekly running costs, badges and annual fees and insurance to District, County & Headquarters.

Camps and other activities are charged separately at cost.

Members of the Group are asked to help deliver the parish magazine "Baddesley Beadle" each quarter to assist with fund-raising and to help the Community.

The Group Supporters raise additional funds when needed to maintain the Scout HQ, and Camping Equipment etc. Help from parents is always welcomed - and is vital for the survival of the Group.

Uniform:

Uniform can be purchased from

John Lewis, West Quay, Southampton

Oasis Christian Centre, Church Street Romsey or

14th Eastleigh Group, Allbrook, Eastleigh, SO50 4LY. Opening hours are
14:00 to 16:00 Saturday and 18:00 to 20:00 Thursday.

It is the Groups policy to encourage all Members to wear uniform as appropriate, but no boy will ever be barred because he cannot provide his own uniform. In cases of difficulty, please discuss the matter in confidence with a Leader.

Beaver Scouts: (6-8 years)

Turquoise Sweatshirt
Activity Trousers or Shorts
Group (Mauve) Scarf ^{#1} & Woggle

Scouts: (10½-14 years)

Teal Green Long sleeve shirt or blouse
Activity Trousers & Scout Belt
with buckle
Group (Mauve) Scarf ^{#1} & woggle

Cub Scouts: (8-10½ years)

Dark Green Sweatshirt
Activity Trousers or Shorts
Group (Mauve) Scarf ^{#1}
(coloured woggles to denote "sixes"
are issued by the Cub Pack)

Explorer Scouts: (14-18 years)

Beige Long sleeve shirt or blouse^{#2}
Activity Trousers or School Trousers
& Scout Belt with buckle
Group (Mauve) Scarf ^{#1} for group events
District Explorer Scarf (Black and gold) for
District events - both with woggle

Note #1: Be careful to get the right colour scarf and shirt.

Note #2: We have been aware of some instances where the shop has provided "adult" Leader shirts to Explorer Scouts who require an "adult" size. Make sure you ask for an Explorer Scout shirt.

Details of Scout Network and Leader Uniforms available separately

Main optional extras:-

(There are also fleeces and waterproof jackets)

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| All Sections | baseball cap |
| | activity shorts |
| Beaver | turquoise polo shirt |
| Cub | dark green polo shirt |
| Scout | teal green polo shirt |
| Scout /Explorer Scts | navy sweatshirt |

Training Programme:

Each Section has its own training programme which helps the members develop as they grow. by teaching them self-reliance, and consideration for others whilst allowing them to develop their own individual skills through a variety of “activity badges”. Much of Scouting is based on outdoor pursuits because this is seen as encouraging a healthy lifestyle, but there is still room for many indoor pursuits.

The Scout Shop, (upstairs in “Outdoors” East Street, Southampton) sells books which give further details, but these can usually be borrowed from the Group for short periods.

“Patrol” System:

Scouting is founded on the basis of the members working in teams - helping them to develop a sense of fair-play as well as a responsibility for fellow members. These teams are known by different names within each section, and the degree of responsibility given to the members is increased as they move up through the sections

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| Beaver Colony | divided into led by | “Lodges” Lodge Leader |
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| Cub Pack | divided into led by | “Sixes” Sixer |
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| Scout Troop | divided into led by | “Patrols” Patrol Leader |
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*However there is more flexibility for everyone to gain
“leadership” skills*

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| Explorer Unit | Adhoc teams for activities with team leader chosen for that event |
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Activities

The Group has a well-equipped stock of camping equipment enabling members to take part in standing camps or lightweight expeditions.

We are able to provide the following activities through our own team of qualified instructors

Archery
Canoeing
Conservation work
First Aid
Cycling
Night navigation & hiking
Camp Cooking
Mountain biking
Pioneering
Swimming
Raft building
Visits

Through the Scout District and County, we are also able to provide a wide range of other activities as required. These are just some that we have undertaken recently:-

5-a-side football
Climbing & Abseiling
Hill Walking
High Ropes
Scuba
Cycle cross
Rifle Shooting
Circus skills

The Aim of The Scout Association is 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.

Religious Policy:

The Scout Movement includes members of many different forms of religion. All Members of the Movement are encouraged to:-

- ◇ *make every effort to progress in the understanding and observance of the Promise to do their best to do their duty to God;*
- ◇ ◇ *belong to some religious body;*
- ◇ ◇ *carry into daily practice what they profess.(POR Rule 95)*

15th Romsey is an open Group (not sponsored by any church or school etc.), and so does not have regular church parades. Prayers are said at Meetings and at camps, based on broadly Christian teachings. If a Scout follows another faith, and you wish him to be excluded from these, please let a Leader know.

Parades:

Two formal gatherings are held each year, when all Members are asked to attend.

- ◇ *St George's Day Parade: Sunday p.m. near 23rd April: in Romsey*
- ◇ *Remembrance Day: Remembrance Sunday, November: North Baddesley.*

In addition all members and their families are invited to attend the District Carol Service held one evening shortly before Christmas at the United Reformed Church in Romsey. this is not a formal parade.

Photographs & Press Releases:

It is normal practice for the Group and Unit to submit articles to newsletters and the local press. These are sometimes accompanied by photographs of the youngsters undertaking activities, or receiving awards. The names of the children may also be included in the text of the article, or within the photograph caption.

If you do not wish your child to be included in such photographs and/or named in the article then please inform the Group Scout Leader in writing. We will then ensure that any such photographs do not include your child

Leaders & Adult Support:

Names and Addresses: (Please remember that Leaders are all unpaid volunteers, who have family and work commitments. Please do not expect them to be available during the working day, or late at night)

Group Scout Leader

*John Evans 73 Ringwood Drive
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e-mail (removed from on-line version)*

Group Chairman

Vacant

Explorer Scout Leader

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Scout Leader

*Adam Coulthards 43 Mortimer Way
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e-mail (removed from on-line version)*

Acting Cub Scout Leader

*Ian Housego 10 Rachael Close, Fair Oak ,SO50 8LJ
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e mail (removed from on-line version)*

Beaver Scout Leader

*Kate Moore 230 Ringwood Drive
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e-mail (removed from on-line version)*

Group Quartermaster

*Robin Taylor-Milton 4 Beech Close, Romsey
Tel 01794 512418
e-mail (removed from on-line version)*

Waiting List/Secretary

*Pat Leggett 12 Tornay Grove
Tel 023 8041 0946
e-mail (removed from on-line version)*

Adult Support

The Group is run in accordance with rules laid down by the Scout Association. A copy is available in the Leaders Room and can be seen on request.

All parents, supporters, Leaders, Helpers Venture Scouts, and Patrol Leaders are members of the Group Council.

The Group is administered by a Group Executive Committee which is appointed each year at the Group's Annual General Meeting. All members of the Group Council are entitled to attend and vote at this AGM.

The Group Executive comprises the following:-

- ❖ *Group Chairman (nominated by Group Scout Leader)*
- ❖ *Group Secretary (elected at AGM)*
- ❖ *Group Treasurer (elected at AGM)*
- ❖ *Group Quartermaster (appointed by Executive or at AGM)*
- ❖ *Group Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Asst Group Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Beaver Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Cub Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Explorer Scout Leader (appointed by District)*
- ❖ *Parent(s) of a Beaver Scout (elected at AGM)*
- ❖ *Parent(s) of a Cub Scout (elected at AGM)*
- ❖ *Parent(s) of a Scout (elected at AGM)*
- ❖ *Parent(s) of an Explorer Scout (elected at AGM)*

The executive can appoint other members

Forms to be completed and returned

Group/Unit Registration Details

Please complete and return this at your first meeting

Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) Disclosure Application Forms

The Scout Group is run entirely by volunteers, and great care is taken not to put the members at risk. Parents will be asked to help from time to time, with activities or transport. In order that we can safeguard the young members we ask that parents who help in any capacity, complete "CRB Forms"

A Leader or Group Administrator will ask you to complete the form. You will need to provide your National Insurance No and prove of identity by reference to a Passport, Driving license, Birth/Marriage Certificate etc. The form is quite complex and a separate instruction sheet will be provided to help you complete the form. Please return it as soon as possible as it can take several months for clearance to reach us.

The Scout Association can then carry out a confidential enquiry into your background. If you are concerned about this, I can give you more details of what this involves.

Data Protection Act Approval Form

It is necessary for us to keep records about the individuals that belong to the Group in order to monitor progress and to ensure the well being of all members. Some data is kept on computer, but medical, dietary, religious and special needs information is not. We ask that you sign the enclosed form to allow us to keep such records.

Gift Aid Declaration

If you pay income tax we are able to claim back the tax you have already paid on your child's subscriptions. There is no extra cost to you, but this enables us to keep subscriptions to a minimum. Please sign and return this form promptly. The Group can gain about £600 each year from this process.

Other documents enclosed for your information

Recent Newsletter

Details of coming events

Welcome Letter