

Scouts Bromyard – Membership Payments Policy

Last review date: 23 Sept 2022

Next review date: 23 Sept 2023

Fees

Scouts Bromyard fees are:

- £10 joining fee
- £120/year membership fee (per child)

Notes:

- Membership fee is payable as 12x £10 monthly payments, cancellable at any time.
- Joining fee will be waived where a sibling is already actively in the Group (each family will only pay one joining fee).
- Scouting uniform is also a requirement and has additional cost.
- Some optional activities (eg. camps) will have additional cost.
- Membership Fees are subsidised by local fund raising.

New Members

New members are eligible for a maximum of 2 initial sessions before initial joining fee and monthly subscription fees are required. Joining fees cover the cost of initial necker, woggle and badges, which will be provided during an investing ceremony.

Subscription Fees

The subscription fees contribute towards the running costs of the Group, including badges and activity resources for each section and the annual fee paid to The Scout Association. All leaders and helpers are unpaid volunteers.

The fee is due the first day of every month until the member leaves the Group. The preferred method of collecting subscriptions is via an online payment service, this allows for the monthly recurring fee to be paid as an automatically recurring payment.

The payments system is managed by our secure online management tool (Online Scout Manager).

Hardship Support

Our policy is to support any family who would be precluded from joining due to the cost of membership. This should be discussed in confidence with the relevant Section Leader and approved by the Group Scout Leader (GSL@ScoutsBromyard.com).

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows charities to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 received. Scouts Bromyard is an excepted charity and can claim Gift Aid.

Parents/carers will receive information on Gift Aid registration after signing up for online payments.

Missed Payments

Individual circumstances where there is difficulty in paying should be discussed with section leaders, who may speak to the GSL and/or Group Treasurer in confidence. Continuous missing agreed payments will be discussed by the charity Trustees and may result in the young person being asked to leave the Group.

Exceptions

Exceptions to this policy may be made in exceptional circumstance and subject to the approval of the Group Scout Leader/Group Chair

Appeals

Appeal to this policy are initially to the Scouts Bromyard Trustees Group. A second appeal may be made to The Shire Scout District/Hereford & Worcester Scout County.