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Hastings, Rye & District Explorer Welcome Pack



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Explorer Scouting – What's it all about?

Young people aged from 14 to 18 are called Explorer Scouts - the 4th section of Scouting.

Welcome to Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts!

EXPLORERS  Explorer Scouting allows young people to take part in life challenging adventures, meet up and have fun with other people of their own age, and to become Young Leaders. In our District, Explorer Scouts meet on a weekly basis currently at two units in Hastings and one Unit in Rye. Each Explorer Scout Unit (ESU) has its own identity and programme but links very closely on regular occasions with other Explorers in the District and County.

Explorer Scouts can use many of their exciting and challenging activities to count towards the Chief Scouts Awards (Platinum and Diamond) and their Duke of Edinburgh Award (Bronze and Silver).

Each Explorer Scout District has a DESC. This is a District Explorer Scout Commissioner, who organises and manages Explorer Scouting within his or her District. A DESA (District Explorer Scout Administrator) supports the section and liaises with Scout Troops and the Network Section. Explorer Scout Leaders (ESL) and Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders (AESL) manage each unit and ensure the programme is implemented.



Could you be a Young Leader?

All Explorers working in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Section must be members of the Young Leaders Unit. They are Explorer Scouts who choose to devote all or a large proportion of their time in Scouting to service in another section.

The Young Leaders' Scheme helps Explorer Scouts to make a valuable contribution to their community and give service to others. The scheme also helps them fulfil the service elements of their Explorer and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

Young Leaders are still Explorer Scouts and are encouraged to take part in the balanced programme provided by their District ESU's. They are also members of the District Young Leaders Unit.

Young Leaders undertake a training scheme comprising modules and project work. Examples of these include programme planning, challenging behaviour and First Aid.

While a Young Leader is working in a Section, the Section Leader is responsible for their safety and welfare. The Section Leader however must ensure that the Young Leader becomes a real part of the Leadership team and is given real responsibility.

If the Young Leader takes part in any residential or adventurous activities, the section leader should always obtain their parent or carer's permission. Consideration should also be given to the sleeping arrangements, as the Young Leader is not permitted to share accommodation with either the adult leaders or the young people.



Section Leaders may be asked to sign off various elements of awards that the young person is working towards or provide evidence for qualifications, such as NVQ's.

Remember, with the right support and opportunities, Young Leaders can be a valuable part of the Leadership team. They can help provide better Scouting for more young People.

Coordination of the Young Leaders Section in Hastings, Rye and District.

The Young Leaders Section is the responsibility of the DESC as it is a unit within the Explorer Section. However, any enquiries regarding Young Leaders, should be made to our two coordinators who manage the unit and provide the training and support:

Juliet Fisher – 07593 074399 – juliet5532@gmail.com

Roger Plumb – 07974 501855 – roger.plumb@mypostoffice.co.uk

Explorer Scouting in Hastings, Rye and District

HYDRA EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Meeting Place: The Boathouse
Cinque Ports Way
St Leonards on Sea

Directions: The boathouse is located after turning into Cinque Ports Way, St Leonards on Sea. Follow the road until you see the Sea Cadet HQ on your right. Park here and walk through the barrier ahead of you and follow the track next to fence on your right. The boathouse will be directly ahead on the bend in the track.

Time: 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Day: Tuesday

ATLANTIS (formerly Cerberus) EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Meeting Place: 24th Hastings Scout HQ
William Parker School
Hastings

Directions: The HQ is in the grounds of William Parker School, next door to the Hastings and Bexhill Rugby Club. Approach via Park Avenue, go past to the right of the School buildings and up to the top playground. You can park here in the evening.

Time: 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Day: Monday

CAPTAIN CORY'S EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

Meeting Place: 1st Rye Scout Hall
The Grove,
Rye, TN31 7ND

Directions: Location is within the grounds of Rye Leisure Centre.

Time: 7.30pm – 9.15pm

Day: Friday

PHOENIX EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT (Opening 6th September 2018)

Meeting Place: St Luke's Church Hall (Silverhill) & Oxford Road Scout Hall

Directions: This unit will meet at the above locations on alternate weeks.
St Luke's Church Hall Post Code is: TN37 6QT
Oxford Road Scout HQ Post Code is: TN38 9ER

Time: 7.15pm – 9.15pm

Day: Thursday

For more information or to join Explorer Scouts, please contact:

Hastings Explorer Scouts – hrad.explorers@gmail.com

The Explorer Scout Leadership Team.

District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) – This is the manager of the Explorer Scout section within Hastings, Rye and District and is responsible for the running of all Explorer Scout Units and the programmes they provide. If you have any questions or concerns that cannot be dealt with by your Explorer Scout Leader, please contact Andy Bishop: andybishop43@gmail.com – 07811 339626

District Explorer Scout Administrator (DESA) – This is the administrator for Explorer Scout Section within Hastings, Rye and District and supports the DESC and Unit Leaders with their membership records and communication. All membership enquires go through the DESA, using our email address hrad.explorers@gmail.com The current DESA is Mark Charlesworth

Explorer Scout Leader (ESL) – This is a leader responsible for the day to day running of an Explorer Scout Unit. We have four units within Hastings, Rye and District with an ESL for each. The following are the ESL's in this District and the Units they are responsible for:

Adam Nichols – Hydra Explorer Scout Unit.

a.cl.nichols@gmail.com

Graeme Stoodley –Atlantis Explorer Scout Unit.

graemestoodley@hotmail.com

Stephanie Wittman – Captain Cory's (Rye) Explorer Scout Unit.

swittman@live.com

Sarah Griffin – Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit

Gsj.griffin@btopenworld.com

Hastings, Rye and District Scouts has its own website –

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

Lots of other information and contact details can be located at the sites.

What is expected of you?

During your time with us, leaders and Explorer Scouts are expected to work together with consideration and mutual respect. To achieve this and for you to get the most out of your time with us, both parties will need to work closely together and using the following as its guidance:

Communication

- Making your ESL aware prior to any Scouting event if you cannot attend or you might be late.
- If you have any issues within Scouting, no matter how small it seems, please approach any leader in confidence.
- Communicate your thoughts on the unit, if feel you something could be changed for the better we will listen and act accordingly.

Respect

- Please listen to others, important information can be missed if you do not.
- Inappropriate language and/or behaviour will not be tolerated by any member of the Section.
- All events require a great deal of time and effort to organise, participation and support is required unless previously discussed.

What you should expect from the Explorer Leaders.

It is our duty as leaders to ensure that all Explorer Scouts get the most out of their time with us. This may be at a camp, activity or a weekly unit meeting. We're here to mentor and support you during your time in Explorers.

How much will Explorer Scouting cost?

Every year, you will be expected to pay £90.00 to whichever unit you belong to this is known as your subscription, or 'Subs'

Even if you are only acting as a young leader with a Scout Group, you must register and pay your subscriptions. Even though you do not belong to a unit, you are entitled to attend ALL Explorer activities and events.

This money is vital as in addition to any fundraising, it covers the numerous running costs of the Explorer Unit/Young Leaders Scheme and your yearly insurance cover. Running costs will include administration, unit hall hire, badges, scarves, unit evenings, subsidising unit activities and camps.

The year is split into 3 terms which closely match the old school terms.

£30.00 will be collected on the first night back of the new term. The terms we use are: January – April, April- July and September – December.

All new members joining during a term will be expected to pay a joining fee of £20.00 only (and NOT the £30.00 termly Subs), to cover their insurance, Badges, Scarf, woggle and welcome pack.

All money, (subscriptions, joining fees and activity payments) should be made payable to 'Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts' All cheques should have the Explorer Scout's name written on the back and the reason for the payment clearly marked.

We will shortly be moving over to a completely electronic form of payment, but in the meantime, please continue to pay cash or cheques to your main Explorer Scout Unit.

The Scout Association Insurance Cover

All members who appear in the annual census and genuine prospective members are covered by the Scout Association Insurance Policy provided by Unity Insurance Services.

You are covered for an accident which arises whilst you are travelling to, participating in or travelling home from any authorised Scout activity. The insurance covers legal liability, personal accident and medical cover.

Supplementary insurances will be sought for activities that require them and will be included in the final cost i.e. overseas camps and activities

FUNDRAISING

You should be aware any Scout section needs various sources of income to cover its costs. As a member of the Explorer Scout section, you will be expected to support us in our efforts to raise funds.

- Bag packing

Over the year the unit normally obtains a certain amount of dates at any of the local supermarkets to pack shopping bags in return for donations from the public. We attend in full smart uniform and pack bags for a specified time.

- Sponsorship

During the year, Explorer Scouts may be asked to collect sponsorship for certain events and activities. Examples of this could be Hastings Half Marathon or personal challenges.

- What happens to the money raised?

All money that is raised during each fundraising event is put towards each Explorer unit's running costs and towards reducing the cost of specific camps or activities.

We also use the money raised, to help support Explorer Scouts who are having a difficult time financially, in order that they can purchase uniform and/or attend events.

Fundraising is vital to the success of the Explorer Scout section. Without it we would not be able to provide the variety of activities within our programme.

We are aware that many Explorer Scouts have various other outside commitments and responsibilities that may prevent them supporting us 100% of the time. However, we still expect a high level of support as fairness to all members is a priority.

What is the age range of the Explorer Scout section?

The core age range is 14 years to 18 years old.

Some flexibility is allowed which means that a young person can move into the Explorer Scout section from 13½ years old.

Scouts MUST move into the Explorer Scout section by the time they are 14½ years old

Moving-on Award (Scout Troop to Explorer Scout Unit)



The requirements for the Moving-on Award are:

- Check that you are registered with your District Explorer Scout Administrator.
- Talk with your Scout Leader about the options available in Scouting.
- Take part in three activities that are of interest to you with the Unit or Units.
- Talk to the leaders of the Explorer Units that are of interest to you.

The Moving-on Award is presented by the Scout Troop leader, and the young person should wear the award throughout their time with the Explorer Unit.

Membership Award



The Membership Award is only completed by young people joining the Explorer section from outside the Movement.

If you are moving from a Scout Troop, you will complete the Moving-on Award.

To gain the Membership Award, the following requirements need to be completed:

- Describe the various options available locally to become an Explorer Scout.
- Show an understanding of the Scout Promise and Law.
- Demonstrate an understanding of local, national and international Scouting.
- After discussion with your Explorer Scout Leader, describe the Unit management and support available to you, including the Unit Constitution.
- Make the Scout Promise and accept the Scout Law.

Young people make the Promise and gain the Membership Award only once in Explorer Scouts, no matter how many Units they join.

The location for making the Promise should be decided by the young person and the Explorer Scout Leader, and should be appropriate and memorable. The Promise should be made in front of the other Explorer Scouts. This is called an investiture ceremony and will be fully explained by the leader team.

Young people should make the Promise within a period of between six and twelve weeks of joining. Those who have been Scouts will probably be ready sooner than young people who have not.

Apply to join Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts

The Application and health forms are now online to help simplify the data gathering process.

Please click [here](#) to go to the online form. Alternatively, you can type this address into your web browser.

<https://goo.gl/forms/Av87yiUSM5AkWww43>

If you would prefer a paper format, or have problems with accessing this form, please speak to your unit leader or contact the DESC or DESA at:

hrad.explorers@gmail.com

What do Explorer Scouts wear?

Explorer Scouting is a uniformed organisation, and each Explorer Scout will be required to wear this uniform many times throughout each year.

The uniform you will need to obtain is:

- Explorer Scout Shirt/Blouse,
- Explorer Activity Trousers,
- Explorer Scout Belt and Buckle.

- Please Ask for 'Hastings, Rye and District Explorers Black Polo Shirt' (Only from Superstitch 86)

Uniform will need to be purchased within 1 month of joining the section. If you have any financial difficulties which prevent these purchases, please speak with your unit leader who will be able to help.

Uniform can be viewed or ordered online at: <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/p-3755-explorer-l.aspx>

However, we recommend that you go directly to Super Stitch 86 who now sell both Explorer Scout Uniforms and Black Explorer Polo Shirts.

Super Stitch 86

7 Castleham Road
Castleham Industrial Estate
St Leonards On Sea
East Sussex
TN38 9NR

Opening Hours 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday-Friday
9.00am - 12.30pm Saturday

Extended opening times during the school summer holiday period

Tel: (01424) 852225
Fax: (01424) 852225

Web site: www.superstitch86.co.uk

Email: websales@superstitch86.co.uk

Thank you for reading this welcome pack and joining the Explorer Section.

Need more Information or have any questions?

For more information on anything found in this welcome pack, or any questions relating to the Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts, please contact - hrad.explorers@gmail.com