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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!



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 at four units within the 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. To support this role we have a DESA, District Explorer Scout Administrator, who manages the records for each Explorer Scout and organises Explorer contact between Scout Troops and Scout Network Units. 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?

The Young Leaders' Scheme is just one of the exciting programme elements in the Explorer Scout section. All leaders in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Section who are between the ages of 14 and 18 must be members of a Young Leaders Unit. They are Explorer Scouts who choose to devote a large proportion of their time in Scouting to service in another section.

The Young Leaders' Scheme helps Explorer Scouts to develop and grow as individuals. It allows them 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 awards.

Explorer Scouts can help in the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, and Scout Sections. 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 partake in a voluntary training scheme comprising a number of modules and project work. Examples of these include programme planning 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 in the Section in which they work.



As a Sectional Leader you 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.

Explorer Scouting in Hastings, Rye and District

KRAKEN EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

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



Directions: You will find the HQ 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 playground. You can park here in the evening. Then walk up the steps; you can see our HQ to the left of the Rugby club.

Time: 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Day: Monday

HYDRA EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

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



Directions: You will find the boathouse 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

PHOENIX EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT

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



Directions: You will find the HQ 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 playground. You can park here in the evening. Then walk up the steps; you can see our HQ to the left of the Rugby club.

Time: 7.15pm - 9.30pm

Day: Wednesday

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. It is the first building on your left as you enter the car park.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Day: Thursday

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

Andy Bishop (DESC) - bish7774@orange.net

Fiona Adams (DESA) - fadaadaa@sky.com

Hastings Explorer Scouts - hrad.explorers@gmail.com

The Explorer Leader Team within Hastings Rye and District Explorer Scouting:

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. **Andy Bishop is the current DESC and can be contacted on bish7774@orange.net**

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. The DESA also manages the finances within the section. **Fiona Adams is the current DESA and can be contacted on fadaadaa@sky.com**

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:

Luciano Frige – Kraken Explorer Scout Unit - lucianofrige@googlemail.com

Graham March (Acting) – Hydra Explorer Scout Unit - graham@gmarch.orangehome.co.uk

Adam Weddle – Phoenix Explorer Scout Unit. wedelec@hotmail.com

Bill Perfitt – Captain Cory's (Rye) Explorer Scout Unit. william50@talktalk.net

For enquires regarding the Young Leaders Unit, please contact Fiona Adams (DESA) who co-ordinates this.

EXPECTATIONS

During your time with us, leaders and Explorer Scouts should work together with mutual respect. In order 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 us 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 will not be tolerated by any member of the unit.
- 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 us.

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. You should expect this from us at all times.

Yearly Subscriptions and Insurance

Scout Term Subscriptions.

Every year whilst with us, you will be expected to pay £60 to whichever unit you belong to.

This money is vital as in addition to any fundraising, it covers the numerous running costs of the Explorer Unit 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 local school terms. £20 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 to cover their insurance, Badges, Scarf, woggle and welcome pack.

All subscription and joining cheques should be made payable to the unit you are joining (Kraken ESU, Hydra ESU, Phoenix ESU or Captain Cory's ESU) All cheques should have the Explorer Scout's name written on the back.

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

Should you require more information regarding our insurance policy, please do not hesitate to contact one of the leader team.

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 and personal challenges.

- **What happens to the money raised?**

All the money that is raised during each bag packing event is divided in three, a third goes to each individual based on hours attended, a third goes to main unit funds and a third goes to a specific camp or activity. All other fundraising goes to main unit funds.

Individual money raised can be used to pay for certain activities and events throughout the year. Records of this will be kept centrally.

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.

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 from outside the Movement.

Scout section members complete the Moving-on Award from the Scout Section.

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.

Application for membership of Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts

Personal Details:

Surname..... Forename(s).....
Address..... Date of Birth.....
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Post Code..... Previous Scouting Experience.....
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Telephone..... (Home)..... (Mobile)
E-mail Address..... Religion.....

Next Of Kin:

Parents/Guardians: Name.....
Name.....

Name, address and telephone number of alternative contact in case of emergency.

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Relationship to young person.....

Please list any hobbies or interests; the young person may have other than Scouts.

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Please detail any other relevant information that may assist us in ensuring your young persons safety and enjoyment.

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Unit Applied for:... **KRAKEN/HYDRA/PHOENIX/CAPTAIN CORY'S (Please Circle)**

Signed..... Print Name.....

Date.....

**The information on this sheet is required for the health and safety of the young person whilst in our care.
The information will be used only by those authorised to do so by the Scout Association.**

Please ensure that all sections are completed accurately and the form signed and returned as soon as possible.

Please return to Fiona Adams –

fadaadaa@sky.com



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN MEDICAL FORM & GIFT AID DECLARATION FORM





EXPLORER MEDICAL FORM



CHILD'S FULL NAME	
DATE OF BIRTH	
MALE / FEMALE	
NATIONAL HEALTH NUMBER	

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME	
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
MOBILE PHONE NUMBER	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	
ADDRESS	
POST CODE:	
ALTERNATIVE CONTACT	
RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	
MOBILE NUMBER	
WORK PHONE NUMBER	

DOCTORS NAME	
SURGERY	
PHONE NUMBER	
DATE OF LAST TETNUS	
ANY ALLERGIES TO MEDICINE Eg Penicillin/Plasters	

SWIMMING	ANY DETAILS
CAN YOUR CHILD SWIM CONFIDENTLY YES / NO	

FOR GIRLS ONLY	ANY DETAILS
HAS YOUR CHILD STARTED HER PERIODS	YES / NO
IN THE EVENT OF STARTING / GETTING HER PERIOD ON CAMP, DO YOU GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE LEADER TO PROVIDE SANITARY TOWELS:	YES / NO
TAMPONS	YES / NO
DOES YOUR CHILD SUFFER FROM:	CIRCLE AND GIVE DETAILS
TRAVEL SICKNESS	
FOOD/DRINK ALLERGIES	
INSECT ALLERGIES	
HAYFEVER	
ASTHMA	
FITS/FAINTING	

HEADACHE/EARACHE	
BED-WETTING	
EPILEPSY	
DIABETES	
ADHD	
HYPERACTIVITY	
SLEEPWALKING	
SEVERE NOSE BLEEDS	
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	

IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE GIVE ANY EXTRA DETAILS IN BOX BELOW, INCLUDING MEDICATION, EG. PAINKILLERS/INHALER.

HEADLICE	ANY DETAILS
IS YOUR CHILD PRONE TO PICKING UP HEAD LICE	YES/NO
IF YOUR CHILD HAS HEADLICE ON CAMP CAN TREATMENT LOTION BE USED	YES/NO

ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WISH TO PROVIDE ABOUT YOUR CHILD:

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE LEADERS TO ADMINISTER FIRST AID TO MY CHILD AS NECESSARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DETAILS PROVIDED BY MYSELF IN THIS FORM

SIGNED.....PARENT/GUARDIAN

PRINT NAME.....DATE.....

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY WHEN A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY MEDICAL TREATMENT, OR FOR AN OPERATION FOR MY CHILD, I GIVE PERMISSION FOR AN EXPLORER LEADER TO SIGN ON MY BEHALF.

NAME OF CHILD.....

SIGNED.....PARENT/GUARDIAN

PRINT NAME.....DATE.....

Explorer Scout Uniform Requirement and Order Form.

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

Within Hastings, Rye and District, we obtain all of our Explorer Uniform from the Scout and Guide Shop.co.uk.

The uniform you will need to obtain is:

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

These items can be viewed online at: http://www.scoutandguideshop.co.uk/acatalog/Explorer_Uniforms.html and ordered by using the form below. If you cannot access details on line, please inform a leader as soon as possible.

Once complete, please return to the unit leader with the full payment, cash or cheque. (**Cheques made Payable to Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts**). We will order through our section account and supply you once your items have been received. The Unit will provide Scarf, woggle and badges.

Name _____ Unit _____

Explorer Scout Shirt/Blouse - £23 @each (please circle required choice)

XS - Extra small Ref:	S - Small Ref:	M - Medium Ref:	L - Large Ref:	XL - Extra Large Ref:	XXL - Extra extra large. Available in SHIRT ONLY Ref:
1007202 Bls	1007213 Bls	1007214 Bls	1007215 Bls	1007216 Bls	1007201
1007196 Sht	1007197 Sht	1007198 Sht	1007199 Sht	1007200 Sht	

Explorer Scout Activity Trousers @£30.00 Each

Waist Size _____ . Leg Length _____

Scout Belt and Buckle £14.00 @each (Please circle required choice)

Small/Medium - Ref:	Medium/Large - Ref:	Large/ExLarge - Ref:
1027056 Small / Medium - to fit waists - 24" to 30" - 61cm to 76cm	1027057 Medium / Large - to fit waists - 30" - 34" - 76cm - 86cm	1027058 Large / Ex Large - to fit waists - 34" - 44" - 86cm - 112cm

Polo Shirt (Activity Dress) @ £15 each (please circle)

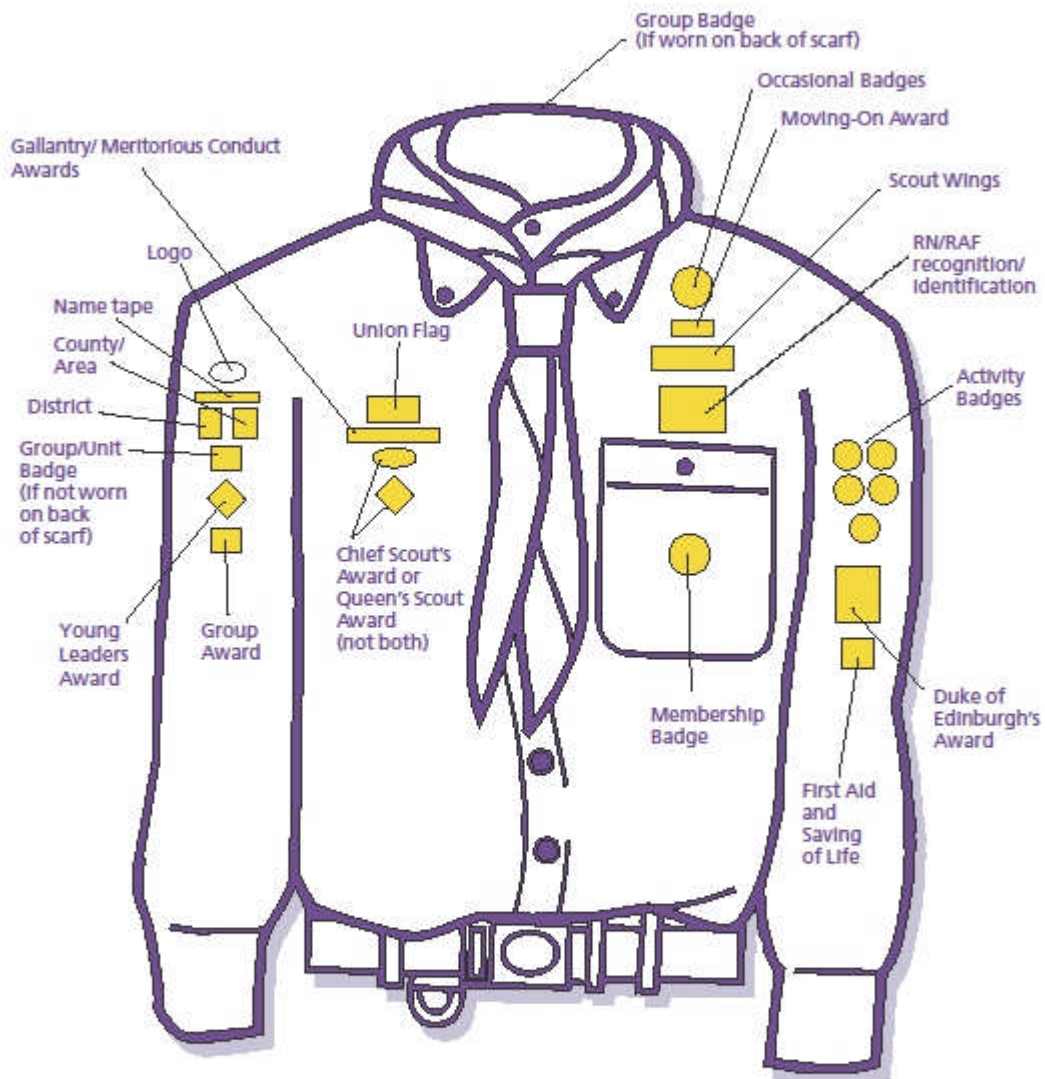
Size: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XL ___

I enclose full amount of £ _____

Name _____ Signed _____

Contact Number _____

Position of Badges and Awards for Explorer Scouts



Request for more Information / Questions?

For more information on anything found in this welcome pack, or any questions relating to the Hastings, Rye and District Explorer Scouts, or indeed anything related to scouting, please contact us at :-

hrad.explorers@gmail.com