

## SCOUTS

The Scout Troops meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00-9.00pm. Children join Scouts at 10½ and leave at 14 years old. The children work for a number of challenges and proficiency badges with the ultimate achievement being the Chief Scouts Gold Award. There are a number of camps throughout the year and the opportunity to try numerous activities such as canoeing, cycling, go karting, archery, shooting, fishing, cooking, snorkelling, skiing and hiking.

## EXPLORERS/NETWORK

By the time the children are 15 years of age they must leave the Troop and move on to the District based Explorer unit. At present this section has about 20 members and have been on a number of camps and activities such as fishing, golf and horseriding. When the children are 18 they move on to the Network which is a County based organisation which started on 1st January 2004.

## LEADERS

All the leaders put in a lot of effort to run their section. It is not just an hour a week. There is preparation for weekly meetings, activities to organise and attend at weekends and Group management meetings. The leaders are all **volunteers** and are not paid for the time they give. They are using their spare time to provide activities and opportunities for members of the Group and will often need help and support from parents.

## SCOUT GROUP MANAGEMENT

The Scout Group is led by a Group Scout Leader with the support of the Group Executive Committee. This committee consists of the Group Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, Section Leaders and parent representatives. The Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the HQ, Group finance, public relations and fund raising which in our Group is managed by a separate fund raising committee.

## FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

This committee comprises parents and supporters of the Group. Its aim is to raise funds to finance the Group so that the leaders can concentrate on running their section. Events include the annual Family Day and Firework Night together with jumble sales, christmas card collection, etc.

## FINANCING THE GROUP

The Group is financed in two ways: by membership fees and fund raising. Each boy is asked to pay membership fees of £24.00 per term for 2008/09 and this is collected termly. We run a gift aid scheme for the payment of fees, which allows the Group as a charity to recover the tax paid by the members' parents. All parents need to do is sign the membership envelope and we recover £18.00 per member per year.

## THE PEOPLE

### *Chairman:*

Mr Carl Gloess, 5 Elmers Lane Ips 626451

### *Group Scout Leader:*

Mr Andie Morris, 10 Goodall Terrace Ips 611317

### *Secretary:*

Mrs Karen Turner, 28 Fox Lea Ips 611472

### *Treasurer:*

Mrs Celia Comber, 7 Quantock Close. Ips 622185

### *Hall Booking Secretary:*

Mrs Judith Francis, 58 Quebec Drive Ips 625716

### *Thursday Beaver Leaders: (Gipping)*

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### *Friday Beaver Leader: (Stour):*

Mr John Bayle, 35 Terry Gardens Ips 612215

### *Friday Beaver Leader: (Fynn)*

Mrs Irene Dadswell, 26 Cedar Avenue Ips 622660

### *Monday Cub Leader (Bader):*

Mrs Lesley Creasey, 43 Glanville Place Ips 626779

### *Monday Cub Leader (Constable):*

Mrs Tracy Scase, 13 Edmonton Road Ips 625168

### *Wednesday Cub Leader (Wolsey)*

Mrs Hazel Aldous, 32 Quebec Drive Ips 611367

### *Tuesday Scout Leader:*

Mr Nicky Dadswell, 26 Cedar Avenue Ips 622660

### *Thursday Scout Leader:*

Mr Alan Comber, 7 Quantock Close Ips 622185

### *Explorer Leaders:*

Mr Nik Bestow, 17 Lancaster Drive, MH Ips 625070

Mr Matt White, 78 Heathfield, MH Ips 625602

## HISTORY

The Group was formed in 1927 and moved into its old headquarters in 1972, the present headquarters was opened in 2004. The Group comprises three Beaver Colonies, three Cub Packs, two Scout Troops, and is associated with a district Explorer unit (approx 240 members in total). The Group belongs to the Deben Scout District, which covers the area from Kesgrave to Leiston.

## SCOUT GROUP HQ

The Scout Group moved into the new Headquarters in January 2004. The land is leased from Tesco on a 125-year lease and we have paid for the building. This has cost £400,000 and we have raised this money from the charity shop, donations and fundraising events. We did not get any help from the Lottery. R G Carter built the shell of the building and we spent 15 months fitting it out. Contractors did some of the work and some was done by parents. We are particularly grateful to Paul Brown, Gary Marsh and Roger Waters who gave their expertise freely to help with the building and to the small team of regular volunteers who could be found at the hall nearly every weekend painting, cleaning and putting up fittings.

The Hall gives us a much wider range of facilities and will be used by the Group every night of the week but we do hire out the HQ for Birthday parties, other community groups, meetings etc and if you require further information then please contact Judith Francis (lps 625716).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- *Become a leader, assistant, instructor or help at meetings*

You don't need special skills just enthusiasm and commitment. Training is provided. Why not visit a meeting to find out what is involved.

- *Become a parent representative*

Put your views forward about how the Group should develop. There are only three executive committee meetings a year.

- *Help with fund raising*

To keep the Group running effectively requires a great deal of money. We have a HQ to run and maintain and kit to purchase and renew. Please support us by joining the fund raising team or help by taking part in the numerous fund raising events we run each year.

- *Help with section activities*

There is always a need for help at activities such as providing transport, putting up tents, catering or making a few buns. Most sections run a parent rota for help at meetings. Please make sure you help when it is your turn.

- *Support your child*

There are numerous activities and badges to be undertaken and your child will need your help to achieve his full potential.

If you would like any further information or you feel that you would like to help in any way then please contact Celia Comber (lps 622185) or email [celia.m.comber@btinternet.com](mailto:celia.m.comber@btinternet.com)

To join the waiting list please contact Karen Turner (lps 611472) or email [karen.turner9@btinternet.com](mailto:karen.turner9@btinternet.com)

## WELCOME

Thank you for showing an interest in 1st Kesgrave Scout Group. It is our aim to provide relevant and exciting Scouting for the youth of Kesgrave. We are a strong, active Group providing camps, activities and events such as Firework Night, Family Day and the Kesgrave Kapers (Gang Show) as well as the regular weekly meetings which are held at the Scout Hall during term time. There are four Scouting sections within the Group which cover all ages from 6 to 18 and each section has its own programme of activities suitable for its age group.

## BEAVERS

Beavers meet on Friday evenings. Children join Beavers when they are 6 years old and remain in the section until they are 8. The Beaver motto is '*Fun and Friends*' and the children undertake a wide variety of activities including working for badges. When possible we offer the children the chance to camp with a parent to see at first hand what happens when the older children go to camp.

## CUBS

The Cub Packs meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Children join Cubs when they are 8 years old and move up to Scouts when they are 10½. There are a number of awards and proficiency badges for the children to achieve and they have a handbook, which lists these or details can be found at [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk). The Cubs usually take part in at least one camp a year and a number of Section, Group and District activities including competitions, canoeing and church parades.