



1st Ledbury Scout Group



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Dear Parent(s)

I am writing this letter to all who have a son or daughter in Ledbury Scout Group. The group is constantly evolving and as time goes on leaders move on. We are now at a stage where we are unable to guarantee weekly meetings to all sections due to a shortage of adult leaders and helpers.

The problem is that all of the leaders and helpers are volunteers; they have jobs and families just like everyone else. Unfortunately, about half of our leaders have to work away occasionally and are unable to make some meetings; this leaves sections short of adult help and for the safety of the children and leaders we may have to cancel some meetings.

Without volunteers Scouting will not exist. **So this is my call to all parents out there.** Please come along and see if you could be a leader or helper too. There are different levels of involvement as described below.

What you can do for Scouting:

Occasional Helpers: Help out at the occasional meeting night or event. Make drinks, help with equipment and tidying up. Maybe supervise a small group in a task. Most parents are already set to do this, all you need is a Scouting DBS check. (Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly known as a CRB Criminal Records Bureau). We'll provide this, if you can make some free time to help on a meeting night, usually on a rota.

Section Assistants: As above but with more emphasis on supervising and helping the children as most meetings and events. Uniform is optional, A DBS check and some minimal training modules usually done online.

Leaders / Assistant leaders: Put in 2-3 hours a week in meetings, during term time, plus some additional preparation time, commit a few weekends or part weekends in activities and training. There is a requirement to do a set programme of training over 3 years to gain your Wood badge, Once you have done the first 3 modules we can invest you into uniform. To help you section leaders usually work together to split the workload.

What Scouting can do for you

Free training, (You sometimes get lunch free too.)

Free DBS check every 5 years, (Only covers you for Scouting).

Satisfaction in knowing you are helping the next generation learn new skills.

Learning those and other new skills too.

Help, support and advice are free and abundant.

It looks good on your CV too.

Help is required in all sections; **we really need your help!** See what evenings you can help at and the age group you are most comfortable working with and contact me if you can help on a regular basis or would like to take up a role.

For Section Assistant / Leader roles you do not have to commit straight away, Come for a few meeting and see if you like it.

Thank you

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