



Odiham District

Odiham is one of 30 Scout Districts in Hampshire. It comprises Church Crookham, Crondall, Dogmersfield, Fleet, Long Sutton and Odiham. Its membership of about 600 youngsters and adults form 7 Scout Groups:

- ▶ **1st Crookham**, Basingbourne Den, Church Crookham.
- ▶ **2nd Odiham (Town)**, Baker Hall, Odiham.
- ▶ **6th Fleet (Ancells Farm)**, Ancells Farm Community Centre, Fleet.
- ▶ **22nd Odiham (Fleet)**, Calthorpe Park Den, Fleet.
- ▶ **26th Odiham (Fleet) Sea Scouts**, Calthorpe Park Den, Fleet.
- ▶ **28th Odiham (Dogmersfield & Crondall)**, Scout Centre, Crondall.
- ▶ **29th Odiham (Pondtail)**, Farnham Road Den, Fleet.

The District is headed by the District Commissioner (DC), supported by a uniformed team of Assistant District Commissioners (ADCs) and District Advisers. They are supported by a non-uniformed Executive which helps to provide local administration and form a link between Groups, District, County and National Headquarters.

The District is responsible for the production of a monthly newsletter 'Hart Beat', running a website, updating the District Directory, the distribution of information from National and County Headquarters, the collation of the national annual census and the collection of membership fees. It also runs a Scout Shop and maintains the District Equipment Store, both of which are based at Crondall Scout Centre.

The appointment of Leaders is another important part of the Executive's role, as is the administration and supply of activity and award scheme badges.

District Scout Fellowship

One of the Scout Association's strengths has always been its ability to attract a strong element of adult support for Leaders. Men and women over the age of 18 are welcome to join the Scout Fellowship, whether or not they have had any previous connections with Scouting. By joining the Fellowship, they have the opportunity to contribute to Scouting in whatever way they are able.

To find out more about Scouting in Odiham District, visit the District website at www.odihamscouts.org.uk For further information on Scouting in the United Kingdom, telephone the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818, visit the members' website at www.scoutbase.org.uk or the corporate website at www.scouts.org.uk



Scouting

in the Odiham District

- an Introductory Booklet

The Scout Promise

On my honour, I Promise to do my best,
To do my duty to God and to the Queen,
To help other People, and to keep the Scout Law.

The Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted.
A Scout is loyal.
A Scout is friendly and considerate.
A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful
of possessions and property.
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.



What is Scouting?

Scouting is a world wide, values based, educational movement.

The origins of Scouting

The World Scout Movement began in the United Kingdom in 1907 with an experimental camp arranged by Robert Baden-Powell on Brownsea Island off the coast of Dorset. During the week long camp he, and the small group of boys with him, put into practice his idea for training young people in responsible citizenship. In August of the following year the first official Scout Camp was held at Humshaugh near Hexham in Northumberland.

Today there are over 28 million members in 216 countries and territories, and the Movement is still growing. Two-thirds of the world's Scouts live in developing countries.

A Co-educational Movement

Scouting in the UK is firmly committed to co-education so that boys and girls can meet the aims of Scouting through one programme.

The Aim and Method of Scouting

The aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, as responsible citizens and members of their local, national and international communities.

The method of achieving the aim is through the provision of an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based on The Scout Promise and Law guided by adult leadership.

Promise and Law

The Scouts, with the Guides, are unique amongst youth movements in having a promise and a law which members willingly accept as a guide to the standards of conduct required of them.

Safe from harm

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all its young people by endeavouring to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional harm. This is brought about by adhering to the Association's effective system for vetting adults coming into the Movement, and by following the Association's 'Young People First' policy which includes a code of good practice for adults in Scouting.

The Programme

The Programme is a seamless progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything young people do in Scouting from the age of 6-25. It's delivered in five age groups known as sections:

- ▶ **Beaver Scouts** – 6-8 years
- ▶ **Cub Scouts** – 8-10½ years
- ▶ **Scouts** – 10½-14 years
- ▶ **Explorer Scouts** – 14-18 years
- ▶ **Scout Network** – 18-25 years

The Programme is based around helping young people achieve their full potential in many areas of their own personal development and to ensure that they are learning by doing.

Organisation

Scouting in the United Kingdom is administered by The Scout Association whose headquarters are based at Gilwell Park, Chingford, London, E4 7QW. The Association employs about 180 full time staff to support the work of its adult volunteers. There are just over 8,600 Scout Groups in the United Kingdom, each one of which comprises one or more Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack and Scout Troop.

The Groups are supported locally by just over 9,200 Scout Districts which, in turn, receive support and guidance from 114 Scout County organisations.



This booklet forms a very fundamental introduction to Scouting, particularly Scouting in Odiham District. It is hoped that it will prove useful and informative to new members and their parents, as well as to those thinking about volunteering to join Odiham District in whatever capacity. Adult help is always needed, is greatly valued and enables the District to continue to thrive and provide exciting and challenging Scouting to the many young people wishing to enjoy and benefit from all it has to offer in the 21st century.