



Welcome to Lancaster 13th Scout Group!

Since 1925, the 13th Lancaster Scout Group has been involving children, their families and the whole community in a range of activities, outdoor pursuits and community projects. The hut is next to the Lancaster City Football ground car-park at Giant Axe, West Rd Lancaster LA1 5PE.

The group is made up of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and linked to the Castlelton Explorers. Each group meets weekly during term time and follows a programme of activities which is circulated at the start of each term. We aim to make friends, have fun, discover, learn and make progress through badge work and scout awards.

Group	Leader	Contact	Meet
Beavers	Debbie Smith	07999 387337 / 01524 32019	Monday 17:30 – 18:30
Cubs	Mark Bleasdale	01524 383175	Monday 18:45 – 20:00
Scouts	Graeme Bradshaw	01524 64803	Thursday 19.00 – 20.45

In addition, there are a number of camps throughout the warmer months of the year, in beautiful locations in Silverdale, Caton and Forton. Other events include an annual cycle ride, night walks, the spring plant sale and a Christmas bazaar. The group also joins with other scouting groups for the Lancaster Christmas post service. The proceeds from these events go towards purchases that benefit the whole group.

In this welcome pack you should find:

Forms to be completed and returned to your section leader:

1. **Gift Aid form.** *If either parent/guardian is a UK taxpayer and happy for the group to claim gift aid back from membership subscriptions, please complete this section.*
2. **Photo permission form.**
3. **Information and Medical Form:** *This is important for your emergency contact details as well as your child's medical conditions and permission for the leaders to administer first aid.*
4. **Direct Debit Mandate.**

Information for you:

5. **'A parent's guide to scouting'.** *This leaflet from the Scout Association explains more of the basics of scouting.*
6. **Adult Information Form.** *If you would like to become a member of the scouts association, you can complete this form and become a parent helper. It will also let us know what skills you can offer the group as well as how you would like to be contacted. (You will need to complete a DBS disclosure in addition if you are going to join us overnight on camps.)*
7. **(Behavioural Policy – beavers only)**

Communication

All information on events, kit lists, contacts, forms (for camps etc) where to sew badges etc is on our website:

<http://13thlancasterscoutgroup.org.uk/>

We also have a facebook page (invitation only!) where a closed group of leaders and parents can share messages and photos of memorable scouting moments.

In addition to letters home, we would like to be able to contact you via email. If you are happy for us to do this (and we will only do this for scouting events and notices), please provide an email address on the enclosed information form.

Membership subscriptions

Once you have decided to join the group, there is a monthly fee of £7. Payment will generally be made via direct debit/standing order:

Acc No 21510622; Sortcode 40-27-02

Please complete the enclosed direct debit to the section leader.

mandate and return it

Uniform

- Sweat shirt (turquoise for beavers; green for cubs. Approx £15 from the local scout shop*. (Buy a big one!)
- Necker (£5 from 13th – presented on investiture of child into section)). These are specific to each scouting group. Ours are royal blue with a gold edge.
- Trousers – dark colours advised.
- Footwear should be suitable for outside activities.

***The Scout shop is at 4 Moor St, Lancaster (behind Wilcos up cobbled street beside Amy's Teashop and Christian bookshop) (open Mondays 18:30 – 20:00 and Saturdays 10:00 – 12:00)- please use this shop if you can as any profits support local scouting – cheques and cash only - not cards, sorry.**

How you can help

- Encourage your beaver/cub/scout to read the weekly programme and turn up in the right gear at the right time!
- Support events – attend yourself and involve friends and family.
- Fundraising ideas and help are always welcome.
- You could even join the scouts yourself as a parent helper.

Do get involved – it's a vibrant, happy group but it does depend on its members for its success. We hope you have a fantastic time with the Lancaster 13th and will see you soon, and do tell us if you have special skills, or an interesting job or hobby which you could share with the colony, pack or troop on a section night.

Debbie, Mark and Graeme- main section leaders

Pat Griffin (Group Scout Leader),

Executive Kate Norman (chair), Rita Govindbhai (Secretary), Ian Greene (Treasurer)

Gift Aid Declaration

Title Forename Surname.....

Address

..... Postcode.....

I am a UK tax payer and would like the scout group to consider all payments I make after

..... (date of joining) in respect of membership subscription for

.....(Child's name) as gift aid donations.

Date

Signature



Photo permission

As members of the Scout Association, we do lots of interesting and exciting activities. Many section leaders would like to record these activities by taking photos of the members in action and enjoying themselves.

It would be beneficial to for us to be able to put photographs onto our website to show others that scouting is FUN and to advertise the scouting movement in general. We also have a facebook page which members of 13th Lancaster Group can join by invitation only. This is used to show photos as well as share information within the group.

We would like to ask you as a parent/guardian for your permission to take photographs of your child to put on the website and for general media use during his/her time as a scouting member. We assure you this will only be done as part of the scouting programme and you will be able to see any photos taken on request.

I give permission for my child

to have his/her photograph taken. I understand that any photographs may be put on the website

and for general media use. Signed Date

Direct Debit Mandate

Please complete and give this part to your bank:

Dear Manager,

Please Pay	HSBC 35 Market St Lancaster LA1 1JQ
For the Credit of	13 th Lancaster Scout Group
Bank Details	Acc No 21510622 Sort Code 40-27-02
The sum of	£7.00 per month
Commencing on _____ and thereafter on the ____ day of the month until further notice and debit my account accordingly	
Bank Address (your bank)	
Account to be debited (Account holders name)	
Account Number	
Sort code	

Signature _____

Date _____



Please return this part to your group leader to help us update your records:

Name of child _____

Section: Beaver / Cub / Scout

I have set up a direct debit to pay the subscription, starting from _____

Signed _____

Information and Medical Form

Name of child _____ Date of Birth _____
Section Beaver / Cub / Scout Date of Joining _____
Address _____ Ethnicity and religion _____
_____ Post code _____
_____ Landline Phone _____

(please indicate preferred emergency contact:)

Parent 1 _____ Parent 2 _____
Mobile No 1 _____ Mobile No 2 _____
Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

Any hobbies or skills you could share with the beaver cub or scout sessions?.....

Does your child have any medical conditions or disabilities? _____

Does your child have allergies to anything? _____

Is your child a Swimmer ? No Yes, <25m Yes >25m

Please indicate which local School your child attends.....

I give my consent for the following to be administered by a scout leader in my absence:

Sun Cream _____ (please sign each)
Antiseptic wipe/lotion _____
Adhesive plaster _____
Insect repellent _____ (Avon skin-so-soft woodland fresh)
Child's own medication _____ (Please label clearly with name and instructions)
Paracetamol _____ (for headache, fever or minor accident)

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.