



# Scouts

## Welcome Pack

**50th Cambridge  
(Milton and Landbeach)  
Scout Group**

## 1 Welcome by Group Scout Leader and Group Chair

Scouting is a modern, vibrant organisation offering young people an attractive, exciting and worthwhile pastime. It is the world's largest mixed youth organisation and in the United Kingdom well over half a million people experience the fun and friendship of Scouting.

Records indicate that Scouting started in Milton around 1921 and over the following 40 or so years ceased and reformed on a number of occasions. The present Group, known as the 50th Cambridge (Milton & Landbeach) Scout Group, was registered in May 1964 and has continued to go from strength to strength. It is currently one of the largest Groups in the Cambridge area offering a wide range of activities to around 100 young people from age six to seventeen.

In our Sections – Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10 years), Scouts (10-14 years) & Explorers (14-17 years) we offer a progressive training scheme, which is adaptable for all ages and abilities. Our aim is to actively engage and support these young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We want them to enjoy what they are doing and have fun whilst taking part in a wide range of activities.

To meet our objectives, we require a strong team of adults to organise and run the weekly meetings, provide additional activities throughout the year and support the community / fund raising events. We have a small dedicated core team, but always need more so that we can give our young people the best of Scouting. Please consider how you can support us – it's rewarding, enjoyable and fun for adults as well!

Elsewhere in this pack you will find more detailed information regarding the relevant Sections and how you can help to support the Group. There are also a number of forms which must be completed in order to safeguard the young people in our care. All personal information is stored in accordance with data protection rules and regulations.

Thank you in anticipation of your help and co-operation. Please feel free to contact us or the appropriate Section Leader as necessary.

Rob Farrington  
Group Scout Leader

Marcus Williams  
Group Chair

## 2 How can you get involved with our Scout Group?

**It is an expectation that as a parent or carer of a young person involved in our Scout Group that you will assist with our fundraising activities and events.**

Not only do these fundraising events provide our group with an income, they are a fantastic way to get involved in Scouting, meet new people, make new connections and most importantly, have a bit of fun!

It doesn't matter if you don't have previous experience in any of our fundraising events, there'll always be someone there to help you along the way.

Our subscriptions are some of the lowest in Cambridge District, and we can only keep them this low because of the income we receive from fundraising events.

All our adult leaders and helpers are volunteers who give up their time to plan and run evenings and the administration of the sections. All leaders are DBS checked and receive training from the Scout Association.

## 3 Ways that you can join in

### 3.1 Join the Group Executive

Whilst it may sound daunting, this is a group of parents who contribute to decisions that shape what the Group does. We are always looking for people with different skills and experience to join in. By being part of the committee, you would be involved in:

- maintenance of the Group's property and equipment.
- raising of funds and administration of Group finance.
- insurance of persons, property and equipment.
- group public occasions.
- assisting with the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support.

If you're interested in joining the Group Executive, then please talk to the leader that you regularly see. Alternatively, please email the Group Chair - [chair@50thcambridgescouts.org](mailto:chair@50thcambridgescouts.org)

### 3.2 Barbeques

Each year, the Scout Group provides three barbeques across the year for both the Milton Colts Football Teams and Milton Primary School. There are several ways that you can help us with this, from helping load up and set-up our equipment, to serving and cooking, or packing up.

If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch with the Group Chair - [chair@50thcambridgescouts.org](mailto:chair@50thcambridgescouts.org).

### 3.3 Join our Marquee Crew

The Scout Group own two marquees and a base tent which we use for activities such as going away on camp. To fundraise, we hire them out to local organisations during school term times from May to September. For each hire, we supply a crew to erect the marquee or base tent at the customer's site and then return at the end of hire to take it down. We always require at least six people to help because of safety reasons so a large pool of helpers is always great to ensure we can get a crew together. After each marquee, all our hard work is rewarded with a pint at a local pub!

If you are interested in joining our crew, please email [gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org](mailto:gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org).

### 3.4 Helping with our Jumble Sales

We hold two jumble sales each year on a Saturday in March and September. There are always several jobs involved in making the jumble sale a success for the Group and for customers:

- **Publicity:** The village is leafleted, and adverts are placed onto social media. There is a publicity coordinator and we always need plenty of hands to deliver leaflets in Milton.
- **Collection:** The Scouts and Explorers collect the jumble from Milton on a Friday evening. If you have a van or larger vehicle, it would be great to hear from you to enable us to collect all the jumble from the village.
- **Sorting:** The jumble is taken to the Community Centre, where it is sorted and set out on the various stalls, ready for sale on Saturday.
- **Selling:** On Saturday afternoon, we open our doors to our customers. We typically have two people on the door to collect the entrance fee, and need the stalls manning ready to sell! We provide a small café type service and are always happy to have help in here making teas and coffees!
- **Clearing:** Each year, we arrange the disposal of unsold jumble to an organisation, typically a charity, who is able to further sort it and sell it. Usually this requires us to pack the unsold jumble into transport and take it to their location.
- **Accounting:** We count the cash we have taken and pay the expenses from the jumble sale. The balance then goes into our Group fund.

If you are interested in joining in with our jumble sales, then please email us on [gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org](mailto:gsl@50thcambridgescouts.org).

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## 4 Subscription fee

Our subscription fee is currently £25.00 per term which is payable at the beginning of each new term. The terms are January, after Easter and September. You will receive reminders regarding subscriptions.

Please pay your subscription on time. Leaders spend a lot of time chasing parents because of late payment. Please pay subscriptions by electronic transfer - 50<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Scouts Sort Code: 20-17-22 Account: 60938637. Please put your child's name in the reference field. This account is only for subscriptions and is used for all sections.

If you are not able to pay by transfer, you can either pay by cash – please place the cash in an envelope with your child's name on it, or cheque – please put your child's name on the back on the back of the cheque. This is made payable to '50<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Scouts'.

## 5 Gift Aid

You will be invited to join Gift Aid on Online Scout Manager. Please take time to complete this, it takes less than a minute. Our Scout Group relies heavily on the income generated from Gift Aid, the government scheme that gives us 25 pence for every pound donated to us, which includes the membership fees that you pay.

If you pay from a joint account, only one tax payer needs to complete the declaration.

You will receive reminders regarding signing the declaration. If you wish to opt-out to avoid further reminders, please fill out the declaration but type 'opt out' in place of your name.

## 6 GDPR

We will use the personal information that you provide us in accordance with applicable data protection laws and our Privacy Policy. The main way in which your data will be used will be to contact you about scout events and activities including our group fundraising events and if we need to contact you whilst your child is in our care. For our full policy please visit our website or request a paper copy.

If you do have any queries regarding how we handle or store your data, then please contact [secretary@50thcambridgescouts.org](mailto:secretary@50thcambridgescouts.org).

## 7 Useful contacts

Position	Name	Email
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## 8 Staying in touch

<http://www.50thcambridgescouts.org/>

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