

Welcome!



114th Fife (Linburn)

Scottish Charity SC032681

BEAVERS **cubs** **scouts** **EXPLORERS**



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Anything else you should know? Try our website:

www.linburnscouts.scot

Our Parents Pages will tell you how you can be an active Scouting family!

- ☑ **Our Sections** (what we do)
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What does it cost to take part?

Membership fees are **£15.00** per month, which should be paid to our CAF bank account on the 1st of each month. Our details are:

- Sort Code: 83-91-46
- Account number: 00500397
- 114th Fife (Linburn) Scout Group

Please speak to us if you have any problems with payment. If the 1st doesn't work for you, you **must** contact us to make an alternative arrangement.

Also see Gift Aid on the next page which will allow us to increase the value of the subs you pay to us

Other events and activities?

These are paid for separately. They are always on a "best value for money" basis and for big events we can look for opportunities to help young people raise funds to reduce the cost of the events.

Trips and days outs are at the best prices we can get - usually helped along by group discounts!

We operate an **Activity Bank** payment scheme, which allows you to pay for events and have a record of the payments made. We provide regular statements to your e-mail address, along with news and information about Group activities.

We want our members to get as much out of Scouting as possible and we're always happy to discuss any difficulties around payment.

What about uniforms and equipment?

Wearing a uniform is comfy and practical. It means no one feels uncomfortable or left out and helps everyone feel part of the group.

There are some activities and events when uniform is not needed, and we let you know this in advance. Our uniform consists of a **sweatshirt** (Beavers and Cubs) or **shirt** (Scouts and Explorers) and a **"Red McLean" tartan** scarf or 'kneckie' to represent the Scout Group.

You can buy a uniform online from our national Scout Store at:

shop.scouts.org.uk

Kneckies are also available from us in the Scout Hall, currently £10 each. Just ask.

Where do all those badges go?

Well, you can download a helpful guide from the **Parents Page** of our website, to make sure they end up in the right place!

Anything else we'll need?

For activities such as hikes and camps, you'll need to have access to some other personal kit, such as:

- Rucksack
- Sleeping bag
- Walking boots
- Waterproofs

Whilst you may want to have your own items, we maintain stocks of these items and you may be able to borrow from us when taking part in activities that might need them.

Anything else I should know?

Check our website for more information about:

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Staying informed

- We have closed **facebook groups** for each of our Sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) for messages and information, access available only to parents of members
- We'll send you a **regular e-mail**, normally on Sunday evening. It lets you know if your monthly fees are paid and will show you a record of payments for trips and camps (your Activity Bank).
- We'll send you a **regular newsletter**, usually every three months, with news, stories and photos about what's going on across the whole Scout Group
- Our Sections have individual **e-mail** addresses and will use these to contact you. We don't use personal e-mails for Scouting business.

Young People's Information

Along with most other Scout Groups, we use an online tool called **Online Scout Manager (OSM)** to store the information we need to allow your youngster to get the most out of being a member of the Scout Group. OSM is compliant with UK GDPR requirements.

You will be given access to OSM through a **Parent Portal**, allowing you to see what personal details and information we hold, and more importantly, allowing you direct access to change the information and make sure it is completely up to date. **It's particularly important that any health-related information is provided and kept up to date.**

You'll be given access to the Parent Portal as soon as your youngster is given a joining date and we would ask you to fill in the information we need. OSM also allows you to see all the requirements for our Scout badges and awards and to follow your youngsters' progress. You can even upload documents as evidence to complete some badges and awards!

We might use an OSM-based email system to send out Section messages to you.



In Touch by phone

- During meetings in the Scout Centre, our contact is landline **01383 695142**
- For outside events and activities, we have a special In Touch telephone number which is only used during activities outside the Centre and we'll provide that when needed
- We don't use or provide the personal phone details of our adult Leaders

Gift Aid it!

We can increase the value of your monthly subscription payments by 25% through the Gift Aid scheme. This allows charities to claim the tax which the Government has collected on your earnings. To qualify for this scheme, you should have paid an amount of UK tax (Income or Capital Gains) equivalent to the amount being claimed in that year under Gift Aid.

This can mean thousands of pounds for our Scout Group - each year. It's an amazing amount of money, helping to keep subs low. **PLEASE**, if you are a UK tax payer, follow this link on our website to complete the declaration. Takes just a few minutes:

<https://www.linburnscouts.scot/about-us/gift-aid-declaration/>

Or you can print, complete and return our **GIFT AID** form. It's the last page of this pdf pack.

Meeting times, Section Team Leaders and e-mail contacts



Carnegie Beaver Colony
Meets on Tuesday
6.45 to 7.45

Kimberly Simpson
beavers@linburnscouts.scot



Forth Cub Scout Pack
Meets on Monday
6.30 to 8.15

Kirsten Caldwell-Hay
linburncubsmonday@yahoo.co.uk

Tay Cub Scout Pack
Meets on Friday
6.30 to 8.15

Susan Weaver
linburncubsfriday@yahoo.co.uk



Scout Troop
Meets on Wednesday
7.15 to 9.00

Stuart Middleton
linburn.scouts@yahoo.co.uk



Explorer Scout Unit
Meets on Tuesday
8.00 to 9.45

Stuart Middleton
linburn.scouts@yahoo.co.uk

For other enquiries, the Group Leadership Team is:

Stuart Middleton

Group Lead Volunteer
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Ian Derrick

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And some final thoughts on supporting your child's scouting adventure

Top Tips

- Please return forms and make payments on time. You can speak to the Section Leader in confidence if you have any problems with this
- Deliver and collect at appropriate times and places
- Check an adult leader has arrived before leaving your child
- Children are never left alone but if collection of your youngster is consistently late we may need you to put in place other safe arrangements
- Ensure your child wears suitable clothing and footwear - soft sole shoes in our Centre please!
- Keep **OSM** details up to date at all times



We're a voluntary organisation and **ALWAYS** need more volunteers, such as:

- **Helping our Sections:** Be part of the Section Leader Team, join the Parent Rota, provide occasional help
- **Behind the scenes:** voluntary trustees, DIYers to maintain our Scout Hall & help organise fundraising events

Just ask us for more information.

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

☐ I want to Gift Aid any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

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I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details:

Title:	
First name or initial(s)	Surname
Full Home address	
Postcode	
Date	

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.