

166th (Mickleover) Derby Scout Group

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To All Parents and Carers,

Hope everyone is keeping well and surviving these strange times.

It has been a while since we contacted you with regard to payments for your Young Persons membership. The Scout Association annual census has just been completed and we are anticipating an invoice from the SA in the region of £2000/£2300. This is to cover the cost of membership of the SA and includes Public Liability Insurance for every member of the Group. The cost of this is included in the monthly subs we charge for each Young Person. The remainder of the subs payment is divided between the Scout Group and the relevant section. The Groups portion being used for maintenance and bills at our HQ, minibus costs, Insurances for minibus, building and equipment and any remainder is put towards buying new equipment and providing extra activities for your children. The portion received by the section used to pay for all badges, craft supplies, and extras we use in our weekly meetings and subsidising activities i.e. paying for guest speakers on Zoom when in lockdown and contributing to trips/visits when we are Face to Face

We would like to Thank You all for continuing to contribute in whatever way you can throughout the lockdown period, as although the HQ has been closed, resulting in reduced Utility bills, all other costs have continued as normal, with a fantastic amount of Badge work being completed in all sections.

However, we thought it might help if we re-outlined the payment options for normal Monthly Subs payments to make sure everyone is clear on what is "the norm"

*All members have to pay a Monthly Subscription Fee, currently £12 per calendar month, and we require this to be paid by **Standing Order**. You can setup the Standing Order to make the payment on the day of the month that best suits your family's finances.*

*The information you need to setup the **Standing Order** is: -*

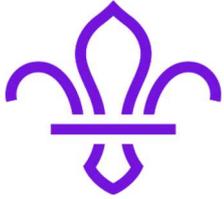
- The Bank Name is **Lloyds Bank**
- The Bank Sort Code is **30-92-59**
- The Bank Account Number is **77021660**
- The Bank Account Name is **166th (Mickleover) Derby Scout Group**

To enable us to allocate monies received to the correct child's records, please can we ask that you: -

- 1. Enter your child's name at the start of the 'Description' / 'Reference' field.*
- 2. If you have more than one child in the group, please set-up one Standing Orders for each child.*

Of course, if anyone is struggling due to furlough/laid off then the £3 per month option is still there, as this will ensure the payment we have to make for each Young Person's membership to the Scout Association is met. If anyone is having difficulties please speak to your Section Leader, we do not want finance to be a barrier to any Young Person being a member of the 166th.

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Moving on to the Return to Face to Face Scouting. We have had notification from the Scout Association that we can return to F2F from April. I will leave the detail of each sections return to be communicated by the relevant leadership team of the groups. However, there are a few things that **MUST** be completed before any Young Person is allowed back to F2F meetings. We have to have a signed/digital: -

1. Declaration from Parents. [Link here](#)
and
2. Up to date Contact Information form. [Link here](#)

Some of you have already submitted these forms last year, Thank You, but I must repeat, if we do not have these returned, we are forbidden to allow a Young Person to attend a F2F meeting. I would therefore urge you, if you have not already done so, to complete and return them ASAP in order for us to prepare, so when the time comes we can embrace the fun of F2F with no holdups.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Young People on how they have dealt with the past year. It has been a very trying, difficult time and many of us have suffered both physically and mentally. But a good proportion of the Young People have adapted to virtual meetings with enthusiasm and good spirits. Also, I hope you will join me in saying a huge Thank You and Well Done to the Leaders for continuing to deliver a varied and enjoyable programme throughout. I think it fair to say that we have all learnt new skills during this time and, judging by the amount of Parents we see on the Zoom meetings it would seem that this has been a great opportunity to get involved with the Scouting experience. I would urge any of you who have enjoyed being involved to carry it on into the actual meetings whenever you can. We are always open to offers of help with all aspects of running the meetings and the Group, either as a leader, an occasional helper or a committee member. Please do get in touch and ask us for more information, we really do have a lot of fun!!!!

To conclude, we look forward to brighter times ahead and keep our fingers crossed the numbers continue to fall, and the light at the end of the tunnel remains on.

Keep safe and look after each other,

Julie Skivington Group Scout Leader
Mark Adey Exec Chairman