



Returning to Scouting

All three sections have now drawn up plans to restart Scouting w/c 17/8 and with those plans comprehensive risk assessments and procedures to ensure that everyone stays safe whilst enjoying their Scouting. These were approved by the Group Executive and sent to the District for their approval. The risk assessments and plans behind them are available on the Group Website at <http://www.37thayrshirescouts.co.uk/page10.html>

Each of the section leaders will be contacting parents in the next few days to outline the specific plans and preparations for each section.

We have also decided to stop collecting cash at the start of the meetings for a number of reasons in addition to the current issues of handling cash. We will be using OSM (Online Scout Manager) to collect the subscriptions on a monthly basis via a direct debit. In the next few days you will receive an email asking you to set up this direct debit with a first payment on 1st September and then on the 1st of every month thereafter. We ask that you help us by making sure you complete the form as soon as possible. As always if payment by direct debit is going to cause you any issues please contact your Section Leader or me.

We discussed the monthly amount at a recent executive meeting and we decided to include the annual capitation money that we have to pay on behalf of every young person and leader to Scout HQ in the monthly amount. This means that we will not have to ask you for an additional amount around Christmas as we have done in the past. The Scout Association have already told us that the capitation will be increasing by at least £6 to cover the losses they have incurred during lockdown which means that the annual figure will be more than £40. Taking this into account we decided to ask for £12 a month throughout the year. It is really important to say that this amount will cover all activities except camps. So that is a proportion to cover the costs of running the hall, including, heat light insurance and maintenance. The rest will go to the sections to cover the costs of running meetings, providing badges and neckies, and maintaining and purchasing equipment. We hope that you will feel that £12 a month is good value for money for what the Group provides.

It goes without saying that if you have difficulties at any time with paying subs please talk to us.

In the meantime, we will continue to keep you as up to date as possible. If you have any queries or problems, please contact your Section Leader or me.

Regards

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