



Our Joining-in Policy

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The Group keeps to the equal opportunities policy of The Scout Association and is open to all young people, aged from 6 to 18 years, subject to places being available and sufficient adults in the Section to run safely and successfully.

We operate a single Joining-in List for the entire Group, which includes anyone who wishes to join and is waiting for a place to become available within the appropriate Section, including young people moving into the area. So, this means that if a young person is unlucky not to obtain a place in one Section, we kept them on our Joining-in List for the next age group and offer them a position once they are less than six months of reaching the starting age of that Section. There is no need to reapply for each Section.

Places within Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be allocated in the following priority order; subject to the young person being able to spend at least six months in the appropriate Section, before reaching the age that they will have to leave that Section:

- Young people who are already a member of the Group, moving up to the next Section, i.e. moving from the Beaver Colony into Cubs and from the Cub Pack/s into Scouts;
- The children, or grandchildren, of Leaders and full-time helpers who invest time in helping to support Wedmore Scout Group; including new adults joining the Group in these roles;
- Young people moving into the area who are already a Member of the Scout Movement;
- Young people living in Wedmore, and the villages and hamlets of Bagley, Blackford, Clewer, Cocklake, Crickham, Heath House, Latcham, Mark, Mudgley, Panborough, Sand and Theale; or within the remainder of the BS28 postcode area;
- Young people living outside the BS28 postcode area, but who have a sibling in the same Section, or one of the other Sections;
- All other young people.

Within these groups, we allocate priority according to age and the length of time they have been on the Joining-in List.

If a young person fails to meet the standards required by their Section, their place may be withdrawn and offered to someone on the waiting list. In particular, this means regularly attending meetings and events and includes other factors, such as behaviour and paying subscription fees.