

THE BRENT (6th Dartford) SCOUT GROUP



Dear Parents & Carers

The Brent 6th Dartford Scout Group has grown from humble beginnings to now being among the largest groups in Dartford and in wonderful headquarters which we waited a long time for and are now settled into.

This is because we run a good group and give your young people the full fun and adventure that the Scout movement offers.

Finances

At our group we have each section that manages their own accounts from day to day running including the Group Levy and Capitation costs. We also have Group accounts that are managed by the executive team. Any fundraising we do, goes into the main group account. Out of this account comes the costs of running the group.

Things like repairs and renewals of our equipment as it becomes necessary to replace it, buying new equipment required as the group expands, Gas, Insurance for equipment, First Aid and Tee shirts. Website and costs associated with St Georges and Remembrance Day etc....

We are having difficulties getting parents to engage with any fundraising we do and sadly this has now been left down to the leaders and assistant leaders who are raising money for your child's Scout group with very little (but welcomed) help from a few parents and members of the group executive team.

We feel all adults that volunteer in our group do enough with running the sections each week along with camps etc and should not be giving more time to raise money for your child's scout group.

Please keep a watch out for future fundraising events and we ask you try to support them. Just one or two hours each would make all the difference.

All sections have the income from the subs you pay and have no other source of income.

From that money the sections buy badges (currently they are around 90p per badge given to each member)

Group levy that is payable to the group account is currently £1 per week per person.

Hall hire, tuck, section meeting running costs (activity expenses, drinks, biscuits etc) and the biggest cost to every section is the insurance called Capitation. This is paid annually to County Scouts and is currently £56 per scout member. This payment is compulsory so this is a cost all sections have to make.

Below is a general breakdown:

Out of your £4.50 paid each week. (Based on 20 members)

£1.08 is taken for Capitation (Scout Association costs and insurance)

£1.00 is taken for Group Levy (upkeep of the groups assets)

£1.19 for the building rent/hire

£0.35 is for refreshments

£0.65 is for badges, scarfs, woggles ect

This leaves just 23 pence to run any activity costs!

Leaders have been in lots of discussions along with the Group exec team at our last meeting to find ways to help cover the costs in running your child's section. We don't want to ask you all for the £56 for Capitation in one go as some groups do.

We have made the decision to increase the monthly subs to £20.

This way we can continue to cover the increasing costs to running the Beavers, Cubs and Scout sections with the expenses as above being met.

Thank you for your understanding.

This will come into effect from the beginning of April.

If you have any questions please speak to us.

Even if your child does not turn up, the costs are still there and we still have to cover them.

We have done our best to hold off raising subs for as long as we could.

Unfortunately, the majority of our reserve funds were swallowed up through Covid and things have become much tighter for everyone since then.

Thank you for your co-operation and support because The Brent 6th Dartford Scout group is great because of all our superb Leaders and assistants, our young members and you parents who make up the group. Please support your child's section and any fundraising we do as we do need you all on board.