

**Nottinghamshire Scouts  
Ashfield District   
New Leaders Information**









**A welcome from the DC**

Firstly **welcome** and **thank you**,

On behalf of myself and the rest of the District team I would like to welcome you into the City District and in fact wider Scouting Family in general. We are all here to help and support you through your role as a leader so feel free to ask us anything you may want to know.

This pack along with The County induction pack will give you information as you start your journey with us in Scouting.

Scouting aims to offer challenge and adventure to all its members. We believe in helping our young people fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We’re working to make Scouting available to all and we’re passionate about what we do.

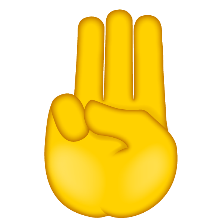
Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they’ll never forget. The sort of adventure we offer is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity for young people to discover their potential. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover or a Cub Scout has just got over their fear of heights by completing their first abseil – that’s adventure.

**All this is made possible by the efforts of our dedicated team of hard working voluntary adults – like you!!!**

Our training scheme and one-to-one support ensures that each of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents. Our adults have a responsibility to make the Programme fun and exciting. They also make sure that it is safe. Our policies, rules, code of behaviour and advice on child protection and safety are there to ensure our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

I hope that you find becoming a Leader as rewarding for you as it is for the young people

Thanks once again, and welcome aboard



Vicki McCormick  
District Commissioner - Ashfield

**District Team**

**Our groups:**

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| 1st Huthwaite  All Saints community Centre | Tue  6:00-7:00pm | Mon  6:00-7:30pm | Tue  7:00-9:00pm | Phoenix ESU  Tue  7:00- 9:00pm |  |
| 3rd East Kirkby, Brownsea centre | Mon  6:30-8:00pm | Thu  7:00 –8:30pm | Fri  6:30-8:30pm | Black Diamond  Wed  7:00-9:00pm |  |
| 2nd Hucknall | Wed  6:00-7:15pm | Mon  7:15-8:30pm | Fri  7:30-9:30pm |  |  |
| 1st Skegby | Tue  5:45-6:45pm | Mon  6:30-8:00pm | Tue  7:00-8:30pm |  |  |
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Out and About

Yes meeting up every week at the Scouting venue is great but Scouting is also about getting out and about and it’s great to plan such activities. However, we need to ensure that it’s safe to do and that someone knows. Before you plan an outdoor activity or any activities that not at your normal Scouting venue, notify your ADC via the NAN form (nights away notification) which can be found at <https://www.nottingham-scouts.org.uk/nan>

Also make sure you have assessed the activity for any risks and check to see if the Activity requires any special permits sure as rifle shooting. These can be checked on the Scout POR system - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por>

Whilst we don’t want this to seem scary and we want to offer fun and exciting activities we must do so remembering that the safety of the young people and indeed the leaders is of paramount importance.

Yellow Card

You may hear the term “Yellow Card” being used during your Scouting life. This is a safeguarding practice that all leaders are expected to follow. This will normally be given to you during the appointments process or by your group leader, however you can download a copy at the below link to refer back to:

<https://archive.scouts.org.uk/media/996788/Yellow-Card.pdf>





**Uniform**

You can purchase your uniform, if you need one, from the Blackwoods Scout Shop (open wed 6-8pm) or online at http://shop.scouts.org.uk/. If you are not sure what you need your Group Scout Leader will be able to help you.



**Finally**

Enjoy your time in Scouting, get as much out of it as you put in and you won’t look back. Remember there are always people here to help you, share ideas with and make lifelong new friends with. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.