



November 2023

Third Hampton Welcome Pack

Welcome to Third Hampton Scout Group!

The experiences your son or daughter has as a scout are likely to stay with them for the rest of their lives. Scouting is all about adventure- at all levels and in many forms. Whilst the activities they take part in will depend on their age, each section gives young people the opportunity to learn by doing.

When your child joins Third Hampton, the whole family joins too. Scouting will benefit your child and any help you can give will really make a difference. You may feel that you have no skills to help with Scouting – but everyone has something to give. Do you have any hobbies and interests that you could share? For example, do you enjoy cooking? Are you a qualified First Aider who could run an interactive session or do you have an interest in nature and could take your child's section on a fun walk through the local parks? If you don't have time in the evenings when one of Third Hampton sections meet, could you use your work skills to help out at a time to suit you? Are you a gardener, an accountant or in Public Relations for example? Perhaps you could take some young people to your place of work such as a police station or garden centre.

At the back of this Welcome Pack you will find a Family Information Form asking some important information about your child, your contact details and information about your job, skills and interests. You will also find a permission form to allow us to take photographs of your child during scouting activities.

Please fill these in and hand back to your child's leader as soon as possible.

All members of the group are expected to attend any parades that we take part in the year – at the moment this is only the Remembrance Day parade on Remembrance Sunday.

The Sections

The group is composed of a Beaver Scout Colony, a Cub Scout Pack and a Scout Troop.

Beaver Scouts (6 to 8 years old): Wednesdays from 6.15pm to 7.15pm.

Beaver Scout Leader: Andrew Montgomery

Mobile: 07791517773

Email: andrew.p.montgomery@gmail.com

Cub Scouts (8 to 10 ½ years old): Thursdays from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Cub Scout Leader: Liz Goode (Akela)

Mobile: 07771518179

Email: tissieanna@gmail.com

Scouts (10 ½ to 14 ½ years old): Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Scout Leader: Nigel Waine

Mobile: 07715760400

Email: nigel_j_waine@hotmail.com

Group Scout Leader: Andrew Bignold

Mobile: 07950022400

Email: andrewbiggerz@aol.com

At the age of 14 ½, Scouts move up to Explorer Scouts. These are linked to the District and so, not officially part of the Group. However, Hampton Explorers meet at Third Hampton Headquarters on Mondays from 8.15 pm to 9.45 pm.

The Uniform

The uniform for all sections is:

Plain navy activity trousers (multi-pockets style)

Dark socks and smart black school shoes for parades and “full uniform” occasions, trainers otherwise

3^d Hampton dark green scarf

3^d Hampton tee-shirt

Additionally,

Beavers need a Beavers turquoise jumper

Cubs need a Cub green jumper

Scouts need a Scout shirt and a Scout belt.

3^d Hampton tee-shirt is available from your section leader (£10 each)

The scarf and woggle will be given to your child at investiture.

Where to find the uniform:

From the District: contact the District Shop

email: shop@richmondscouts.org.uk or call 0203 651 4615

<https://www.richmondscouts.org.uk/shop>

Online:

<http://www.scoutshops.com/acatalog/scouting-uniform.htm>

<http://www.scout-and-guide-shop.co.uk/acatalog/Scout-Uniform-4u.html>

Our Website

<http://3rdhamptonscoutgroup.com>

A brief history

On 26 October 1916, Miss J Jansson founded the 3rd Hampton Troop, Baden-Powell Boy Scouts at the old Post Office (now 21 Thames Street) with Miss E. Wilkins leading the Cubs. When the present headquarters (originally a 1st World War Nissen hut!) was opened in 1921, Third Hampton had occupied six different buildings: old Post Office; Bell Hotel stables; Berkeley House; 123 Station Road; Infants School and Percy Road HQ.

Miss Jansson retired in 1920 and was succeeded by E. R. Homegall as SM, Frank Walker taking over the Cubs. Together they saw the Troop grow to 200 strong including a drum, bugle and flute band led by Mickey Francis. Also the 3rd Hampton became the first complete Group in the district with the introduction of its Rover Scout crew. In the mid-20's a de Havilland bi-plane was purchased and kept at Beveree, making Third Hampton one of the first Groups to offer air training.

By 1927 A. E. Bott was Scoutmaster, assisted by "Frizz" Fry and Stan March, who became GSM and SM respectively when Mr Bott retired in 1930. During 1934, both F. McNelly and J Shead were GSM's and Fred de Graaff became Cub Master.

During World War II Frizz and Stan kept the Group alive and by 1945 saw the loan on the HQ paid off. 1993 saw the Headquarters' major extension: building work started in the spring and the HQ reopened in November. The official opening ceremony took place on 16th April 1994.

The £160K cost was covered by fund raising within the group (40K) and a grant of 120K from the Hampton Fuel Allotment.

The Rover Crew was replaced by the Venture Scouts in 1967; the Venture Unit closed in 1994 when the Explorer Units (linked to the District rather than to the Groups) were created. Third Hampton Beaver Colony started in 1986 with Jackie Taylor and Debbie Wheeler as Leaders. The first girls joined the group in 2002.

Over the years many people have given their time and experience to Third Hampton, far too many to list them all here.

Third Hampton is one of the pioneer Scout Groups who are allowed to wear the "green scarf" – that worn by Baden-Powell's original Scout Troop. We have now worn this scarf with pride for over 100 years.

Subscriptions

Each year we, as a Group, have to pay the Scout association an Annual Capitation fee for every person who is in uniform, that's every Beaver, Cub, Scout and all uniformed Leaders.

We do not charge the Leaders, their fee is covered by the Group because, as I hope you are all aware, the leaders give up their time voluntarily every week to run each section and from time to time put on extra activities at weekends, they do all this because they enjoy it, not because they are paid to!

We also need money to cover the cost of badges, refreshments, arts and craft equipment and some activities etc...

We have combined these fees to make it easier for you to pay by one of the following methods. Subs for all sections are:-

Yearly payment: £144 Cheque, or Electronic Transfer.

Monthly Payment: £12 Direct Debit (via Online Scout Manager "OSM")

The preferred method would be via OSM, but we fully understand this does not suit everyone. If you want to pay by electronic transfer our banks details are:

HSBC Bank

Sort Code: 40-08-42

Account No. 31503596

As we are sure some of you are aware, it is now possible as a Registered Charity to claim Tax relief back from the Government, this is called Gift Aid. Once you are set up as a member on OSM please complete the online declaration re Gift Aid, it will enable us to claim tax relief on your payments back from the Government (We can assure it is not from you!).

The subscription fee breaks down to £12 per month and offers incredible value for money when you consider the time and effort all Leaders and the Executive committee members put in to help this Group of ours survive. That money only covers each section's various activities and the Scout Association Capitation Fee.

The day-to-day running and upkeep of the HQ and the grounds costs about £5000 per Annum, this includes: Gas, Electric, Water and Insurances.

We occasionally we occasionally hold fund raising events such as Quiz nights.

These are all organised to help raise money to keep the group flourishing and attracting people to join our community minded Scout Group.
Please come along and support any such events.

Please do not hesitate to contact the treasurer on the e-mail address stated below if you have any questions.

Third Hampton Group Treasurer: Ian Coggins

E-mail: ian.coggo@btinternet.com

Address: 34 Westbrook Ave, Hampton, TW12 2RE.

Family Information Form Part A

Contact Information

Child's name:	Date of Birth:
Religion:	Gender:
Child's address:	
	Postcode:
Tel home:	Ethnicity:
Child's email address (if applicable):	
School:	
Parents names:	
Parental contact tel no 1:	
Parental contact tel no 2:	
Parental email address:	
Alternative contact name (please state relationship):	
Alternative contact tel no:	

Medical Information

Please list any medical conditions, allergies or special requirements your child has (full information on the appropriate way to cater for these should also be given to your child's leader):

Please give details of any dietary requirements your child has:

Doctor's name and address:

Family Information Form Part B

Parents information

Full name:

Relation:

Occupation:

Mobile:

Have you ever been a member of the Scout or Guide Movement?

Time available per week/month/year for assisting with the group:

Skills or hobbies you have that could contribute to the running of the group
or the provision of activities:

Parental Signature:

Full name:

Relation:

Occupation:

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Parental Signature:

Family Information Form Part C

Photographic Permission

I give permission for photographs to be taken of my child, with the understanding that Third Hampton Scout Group will make sure they are of an appropriate nature, and not widely published.

Child's Name:

Relation:

Signed:

Print Name:

GDPR: Please find the Group Data Privacy Policy on the website.

I have read and understood the Group Data Privacy Policy (tick the box) ☐

Name and date of birth of siblings to add to the relevant waiting list: