1st Grundisburgh Scout Group
&
Fynn Valley Explorer Unit

WELCOME PACK

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On behalf of the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group and the Fynn Valley Explorer Unit we welcome you to the Worldwide Family of Scouting.

The Scouting Movement was started by Robert Baden-Powell (born in 1857). When Baden-Powell left School he joined the Army and became an Officer, later becoming a War Hero at the Battle of Mafeking in South Africa. It was during his time in the Boer War he learnt and taught outdoor survival skills to the local people and in particular the boys who helped with First Aid, carrying messages and running errands.

When Baden-Powell came back to England he wrote a book about training in the Army called ‘Aids to Scouting’. This became such a popular book with boys as they liked to read about the stories and try out the skills for themselves.

In 1907 Baden-Powell ran a Camp for 20 boys from different social backgrounds, on an Island called Brownsea in Poole Harbour, Dorset.

The boys enjoyed playing sports, camping, cooking, tracking and learning the art of knot making.

From this first successful camp Baden-Powell decided to write down all his ideas in another book called ‘Scouting for Boys’ and very soon across the United Kingdom boys had formed themselves into Boy Scouts and had to ask adults to run their Scouting Meetings.

By 1910 there were over 100,000 boys in Scouting and in 1916 Baden-Powell created Cub Scouts (known as Wolf Cubs) for the ages 8 to 10 years.

In 1929 Baden-Powell was made Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell and to the present day the Scouting Headquarters is still based at Gilwell Park in Chingford near London.

Over the years Scouting has changed to suit the needs of society and in 1986 Beaver Scouts was formed for the 6 to 8 years. Later in 2001 Venture Scouts was renamed Explorer Scouts for ages 14 to 18 years and females are now accepted in all the Sections of Scouting.

In 2007 we celebrated our Centenary of Scouting where across the World 28 Million members renewed their Promise and we look forward to continuing success with the Scouting Movement based on the Promise that we have made.
HISTORY OF 1ST GRUNDISBURGH & FYNN VALLEY

1st Grundisburgh Scouts was first formed in 1921 but actual records were lost. (as a matter of interest our Cub Flag dates from this era and has the name Wolf Cubs embroidered on it. The Flag has a Brass Wolf on the top piece; this is believed to be the only one in the District)

In 1936 the Group was started again but due to the Second World War the Group was disbanded. Then in 1956 the Group was reformed and since then for over 56 years has provided Scouting to Grundisburgh and the surrounding villages.

The Fynn Valley Explorer Unit evolved originally out of the Senior Section of Scouts that had been created in November 2000. They were called 1st Grundisburgh Explorer Unit until in 2005 the Unit accepted Scouts from 1st Otley, 1st Westerfield and 1st Woodbridge Scout Groups and so changed its name to what it is today.

The current Explorers are from a wide background of Scouting from villages and towns, but we also draw in Scouts from as far as Framlingham, Earl Soham, Debenham and Ipswich.

Both the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group and Fynn Valley Explorer Unit come under the Deben District, an area which covers Scouting from Kesgrave to Framlingham to Leiston and Woodbridge. There are 12 Scout Groups in our District with 6 Explorer Units.

The District then comes under the County of Suffolk and there is a further 7 Districts in the County. Each of our Sections will always have an opportunity to take part in District events and occasionally on County activities.

‘THE SCOUT HUT’

In 1956 when the current Group formed the meetings were held in the stables of the Old Rectory in the village. In 1963 the Group acquired a building which was moved on the back of a tractor to its present location on Grundisburgh playing field. This building still stands as the main part but in 1987 it was extended at the back to create three areas and a storeroom.

This Hut remains the general meeting place for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers as well as Brownies and Guides within Grundisburgh, although we do occasionally meet elsewhere for various activities and events.
The Scouting Sections

The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group and Fynn Valley Explorer Unit can cater for any age from 6 to 18+

The Beaver Colony meets on a Monday evening from 5.50pm to 7pm.

Young people can join Beavers when they are 6 years old and can remain in the Section until aged 8. The Beaver Motto is ‘Be Prepared’ and they undertake a wide variety of activities such as games, crafts, collecting Badges and learning the basics of Scouting.

The Cub Pack meets on a Friday evening from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Young people can join Cubs when they are 8 years old and move up to Scouts when they are 10½. There are a lot of Awards and Badges that the Cubs can achieve and we usually take part in two Camps per year within the District or on our own.

The Scout Troop meets on a Monday evening from 7.15pm to 9.00pm.

Young people can join Scouts when they are 10½ and move on to Explorers when they are 14. Scouts can achieve many Badges during their 4 years and are more active than Beavers or Cubs as we tend to go on Camp three or four times a year and have a varied programme which involves activities like Shooting, Archery, Hiking and Cooking.

The Explorer Unit meet on a Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Young people can join Explorers when they are 14 and finish at 18 when they eventually move on to University, Employment or decide to join the Leadership Team and take out a Warrant to lead Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

During their time at Explorers the members are able to go back to their old Scout Troops and become Young Leader Explorers who can help the Warranted Leaders to run games and activities for the younger Sections. The Explorers are the most active and some even go on a Camp every month. They are able to gain Badges and Awards through the Scouting programme and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

All details of camps, events and the weekly programme will be emailed to Parents or can be seen on our websites: [www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk](http://www.grundisburghscouts.org.uk) or [www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk](http://www.fynnvalleyexplorers.org.uk)
The 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group accept Girls in any of our Sections, however, due to high numbers in Cubs, Brownies, Scouts and Guides and with each of them operating their own waiting list, we now have to ask Parents and Girls to choose between which Section they want to attend - Cubs or Brownies, Scouts or Guides.

If a Girl starts in Beavers the Group will automatically assume they will move up to Cubs at 8 Years old and space in the Cub Pack will be provided. However at aged 8, Girls must decide to either join Brownies, continuing onto Guides or stay within the Scout Group and move on to Cubs and eventually Scouts. All sections have fun and exciting programmes but if a Girl is a member of both ‘age similar’ Sections, they are potentially using a place that could be filled by someone else on the waiting lists.

Each of the Sections would not be able to exist without adults putting in a lot of effort to run the varied programmes and events. There is always preparation for the weekly activities, Camps and Meetings with the Group Committee or District personnel.

The Leaders are all volunteers and are not paid for the time they give. Anyone who is associated with our Groups freely gives up their spare time to provide activities and opportunities for the members but we will often require help from parents. This help will take many forms whether it is additional support on an evening meeting, transportation of children or helping on Camps.

As well as the Leaders providing the weekly activities we have a Committee mostly created from parents who look after the finances, resources and the building. Every term they meet with the Section Leaders to discuss matters arising and fundraising. One of our current big fundraisers is the Duck Race held in July where not only the Committee but other parents volunteer to help which in turn provides much needed income.

The typical Scouting activities would include cooking, knots, painting, crafts, pioneering (this is to make large structures from wooden poles), camp fires, First Aid, swimming, air rifles, games, quizzes, hiking and the most important of all - Camping. Most of the activities you will be informed of beforehand, however, special activities, camps, letters and notes will be sent home explaining how the event will be run, what monies needed and other important information.

As a Group we have a particular enthusiasm for Archery as a number of our Leaders are Grand National Archery Society Instructors and able to teach this traditional Scouting pursuit. We have had much success with archery both at a District level by winning local competitions and at a National level by winning team and individuals trophies and medals. Some of our Scouts and Explorers are the best in the country!

Four times a year all Sections will Parade at Church – these being Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Parade all at St. Mary’s Church in Grundisburgh and St. George’s Day Parade which is a District event at various locations with the other local Scout Groups in the area.
The Groups are financed in a number of ways, these being Subscriptions from Members, Fundraising events and projects and donations from Parish Council, local organisations and private individuals. Our Membership Fee per year is currently set at:

£80 for the Scout Group & £80 for the Explorer Unit

Out of this fee £32 is paid out for our National Scout Headquarters insurance and administration with the remaining money paying for the use of our building, electric and meeting resources like cooking ingredients, craft supplies etc.

Currently we have a number of different Fundraising projects which provide more income for larger and sometimes unforeseen expenses such as building maintenance, equipment repairs and purchasing new equipment.

In July every year we hold a Duck Race with fantastic prizes donated by local businesses. With a BBQ and a variety of stalls on offer we have raised a large sum of money over the years since the first duck race in 2007.

Our 2000 plastic Ducks are all numbered and race down the River on the Village Green. They make their way down stream to behind the Parish rooms where the finish line is. This event has become very popular and is now part of the annual village events like the Village show also in July.

We also manage a Textile & Clothing Recycling bin which gets emptied every 4-6 weeks by Wilcox Textile reclaimers which they then send payment for the value collected. The bin is located in the Grundisburgh Pavilion and Playing Field Car Park and is well used by residents.

You can throw away any Clothing, Shoes, Curtains, Rags, Bed Sheets, Pillow Cases, Towels, Hand Bags, Cuddly Toys, Fabrics, Throws and Hats into the bin which will all be recycled.

In recent years we have also been involved with the Ipswich Scouts Christmas Card postal scheme. This great service means you can send cards to anyone with the IP1 to IP5 Ipswich Town post codes and other areas like Claydon, Barham, Great Blakenham, Playford, Great & Little Bealings. We also deliver cards in Grundisburgh Village too! The scheme operates from 25th November to a set date so that all cards collected by the 9 participating Scout Groups can deliver them in time for Christmas.

As a Registered Charity we also claim Gift Aid from the Government based on the membership fee. This means that 25p out of every £1 you pay we can claim back.

We can do this if you are a UK Tax Payer and able to sign the Gift Aid Declaration Form which is with this Welcome Pack.

We would much appreciate it if you can complete this as it is a very easy way for us to raise money.
Each Section has its own Uniform which is a recognised symbol of the Scouting Movement.

We encourage new parents to buy a Uniform for members **after** a few weeks of attending to see if they would like to fully join.

**The Beavers wear a turquoise sweatshirt**

**The Cubs wear a green sweatshirt**

**The Scouts wear a teal green shirt**

**The Explorers wear a khaki shirt**

These can be purchased at a number of locations including:

- *The National Schoolwear Centre, Westgate Street, Ipswich*
- *Craftability, St Lawrence Street, Ipswich*
- *Online at the Scout Shop: [www.scoutshops.com](http://www.scoutshops.com)*

Another essential part of the Uniform is the scarf.

The 1st Grundisburgh Group scarf is gold and royal blue halves with a sky-blue trim (see below) at a cost of £5 each which can be bought at the Scout Hut.

The Fynn Valley scarf is scarlet and gold halves with a purple inner border and sky-blue trim (see below) which comes provided when you pay your first subscriptions fee.

Beavers and Cubs will need to also purchase a plastic woggle which costs 20p. Scouts and Explorers will need to purchase a leather woggle which costs £1.

All of these can be bought at the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Hut.

We require members to wear their uniforms, however the Scout Association has activity trousers which can be purchased but we leave this to the individual parents to decide as we do not think it is necessary for the weekly meetings.

The third essential part to the uniform is the Badges and Awards that members should proudly display. These badges are all provided by the Groups and are paid out of your subscriptions; however, all the badges have a specific place on the jumpers or shirts.

**The following diagrams show where each badge needs to be placed and sewn on.**

**Please keep this safe within your household for future reference.**
INVESTING YOUR CHILD INTO THE GROUP

Becoming a member of the Grundisburgh Scout Group or Fynn Valley Explorer Unit means you join the Scouting Movement and you will be asked to make a special Promise once you have bought your shirt, scarf and woggle. The various Promise and Laws for each Scouting Section is the one thing that unites all 28 million Members over the World as you Promise to do your best for your Faith and Country.

The Promise and Laws are as follows....

**BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE:**

‘I Promise to do my best, to be kind and helpful and to love God’

**BEAVER SCOUT MOTTO:**

‘Be Prepared’

**CUB SCOUT PROMISE:**

‘I Promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law.’

**CUB SCOUT LAW:**

‘Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day.’

**THE SCOUT PROMISE - FOR ALL SCOUTS, EXPLORERS, LEADERS AND ADULTS:**

‘On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.’

**SCOUT LAW:**

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions & property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.
Supplied with this Welcome Pack is an A3 double-sided green Health Form which we require to be completed for all new members and existing members.

This Health Form must detail your child’s information regarding address, parent’s telephone numbers, email address, your child’s medical needs, if any, and other relevant information that we must know. Also contained in the Health Form are certain permission sections regarding activities like air rifle shooting and any water activities plus the important declaration itself.

Please read these sections carefully and sign in the appropriate place because without a signature both the 1st Grundisburgh Scout Group and Fynn Valley Explorer Unit will not be able to let your child attend or take part in that specific event.

This Health Form must be returned with the Gift Aid Declaration to your Section Leader or the Group Scout Leader Stuart Ross.

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‘What can I do to Help?’

We often ask Parents to help on rotas and at camps or events. As a Scout Group we need to ensure the safety of all members, we therefore may ask you to complete an OH/CRB Form (Occasional Helper/Criminal Records Bureau) when your child joins the Group.

There will be a Parent Rota for the Beaver Scouts so a Parent will need to complete the form to provide assistance on the night that you are on the duty rota.

‘What else can I do?’

**Become a Leader, Assistant, Instructor or help at the meetings.**

You do not need any particular special skills, just be enthusiastic and willing to join in with the fun.

All training is provided by the Groups and this can be fitted in around your personal life.

So why not attend a Meeting, ask a Leader and find out what goes on!

**Become a Parent Representative**

Each year we will be looking for parents to represent the various Sections and this is a great opportunity for you to put your views forward as to how the Groups should develop.

There are only three Executive Committee Meetings per year plus our Annual General Meeting in the Summer.

**Help with Fundraising**

To keep the Groups running effectively does require a great deal more money that what we are able to raise from subscriptions. We have a hut to maintain and run, and there is always equipment that needs to be renewed, updated and purchased.

Please support us by joining in the fundraising events we run each year.

**Help with Section Activities**

There is always a need for help with activities such as providing transport, putting up tents, catering or making some cakes.

Please support us where you can.

**Support for your Child**

This is simply what your child can achieve at home to gain the numerous Badges and Awards. Most of the time during the weekly Meetings we do not have a chance to go through many of the Badges and therefore you can help your child by looking at the Badge requirements on the Scout website: [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

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