



GROUP Introduction Pack





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Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We warmly welcome you and your son/daughter into the 11th Gloucester (Hucclecote) Scout Group as well as to the worldwide scouting movement. This introduction pack is designed to provide information about Scouting and the Group.

With two Beaver colonies, a Cub pack, a Scout troop and Explorer unit, we are one of the biggest groups in Gloucestershire. As a charity, we also have a Group Committee, responsible for such things as Group finances, maintenance of our H.Q and equipment and organisation of group wide events.

We believe being part of the scouting movement provides your child, with many varied and beneficial opportunities, including:

- Widening their circle of friends within your community.
- Visiting places in the region
- Developing teamwork as well as individual skills through a wide range of age appropriate activities such as fun and active games, camping (in the UK and abroad), fund raising, rock climbing, supervised cooking on open fires, hiking (day and night), archery - to name but a few.
- Learning to be independent as well as giving parents/guardians the opportunity to be part of their scouting experience.

You might be interested to know that research undertaken by Edinburgh and Glasgow University found that “taking part in the scouts or guides appears to help lower the risk of mental illness in later life. The findings of the study suggest children who participate in the organisations – which aim to develop qualities such as self-reliance, resolve and a desire for self-learning – are likely to have better mental health in middle age.”

We hope you find this pack informative and, most importantly, you and your child enjoy your time with us at 11th Gloucester (Hucclecote)

11th Hucclecote Leaders and Committee.



History of Scouting

Summer 1907: Robert Baden Powell organised a camp at Brownsea Island, in Poole Harbour, where 20 boys from different walks of life were divided into patrols with an older boy in charge of each patrol. It was based on his experiences of his time in the army and included nightly campfires listening to B-P telling stories of his adventures.

January 1908: The Boy Scout movement in England began in conjunction with the first instalment of Baden Powell's 'Scouting for Boys', of which the last instalment was published in April 1908. It was based on a book Baden Powell had written while in the army, called "Aids to Scouting" which outlined his methods of Army Training. Girl Scouts also started up in 1908.

1916: Cub Scouting began when "Junior Scouts" became "Wolf Cubs".

1966: Several major changes were introduced into the Scout Movement as a whole and "Wolf Cubs" became "Cub Scouts". New Activity Badges were added to the Progressive Training Scheme with the emphasis now on the individual to reach their own level dependant on their individual talents and abilities.

1967: Venture Scouting was formed from the existing Senior Scout and Rover Scout sections.

1976: Older girls were first allowed in the Boy Scout movement.

October 1982: The Scout Association introduced 'Beavers' for 6 and 7 year old boys in response to a growing demand within the Movement for such an optional activity to be available at the discretion of Scout Groups.

April 1986: Beavers became a recognised training Section and took the title of Beaver Scouts.

2001: To meet the changing needs of new generations, two new sections were created for young people over the age of 14 - Explorer Scouts for 14-18-year-olds and the Scout Network for 18-25-year-olds were created.

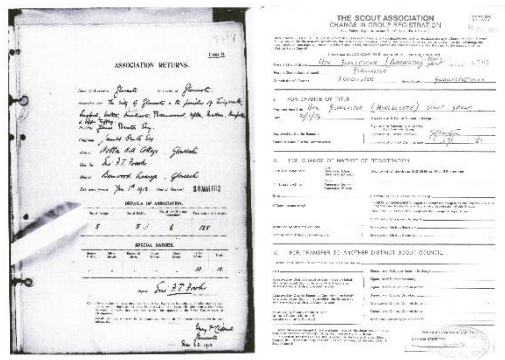
2007: Girls have been allowed in all age groups.

The current UK Chief Scout is Bear Grylls and is the youngest to be appointed, 34 years old.

History of the 11th Gloucester Scout Group

Firstly, we'd like to thank the Heritage section of the Scout Association and Terry Newland for providing information which has allowed us to document this history section.

- 1912 – Gloucester Scout Association return: First mention of a Scout Troop in Hucclecote
- 1916 – Gloucester Scout Association return: First mention of 11th Hucclecote (30 scouts)
- 1925 – Troop registration of 6th Gloucester (Hucclecote) (17 scouts)
- 1926 – Troop registration of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood) (10 cubs)
- 1928 – Group registration of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood) (7 cubs, 16 scouts).
- 1928 – Troop registration of 6th Gloucester (Hucclecote) replaced by Group Registration of 6th Gloucester (Hucclecote) (23 scouts). We can only assume it existed beyond this
- 1931 – Cancellation of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood)
- 1936 – Group registration of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood Parish Church) (14 scouts).
- 1948 – Cancellation of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood Parish Church)
- 1949 – Group registration of 11th Gloucester (Barnwood Church) (22 cubs, 10 scouts)
- A separate record exists which covers the years 1949 to 1982 and shows the existence of 11th Gloucester.
- **1974 – Registration of a change of name from 11th Gloucester (Barnwood) to 11th Gloucester (Hucclecote)**



Group Financing

This section gives a brief explanation of how the Group is funded and what the type of outgoings are.

The committee Trustees (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) have overall accountability for the financial stability of the Group, including section accounts. Each section is responsible for the management of their own finances.

The committee manages the Group bank account, which is used for such expenses as capitation paid to the district for each child attending section meetings, Group kit purchases and maintenance, maintenance of the H.Q and so on.

The main Group income comes from Gift Aid (see later) and a proportion of the subs parents pay the section, referred to as per capita. Any other income required comes from fund raising activities.

The sections are responsible for funding their meetings and includes such expenditure as stationery, badges, kit and equipment only they require, per capita payments to the committee etc. The money for this comes from the subs parents pay and any fundraising undertaken.

Group Composition and Main Contacts

Group	Age Range	Meeting Night	Contact Name	Contact Details
Beavers	6-8	Monday 6-7.15pm	Jackie Burge	07517 760345
Beavers	6-8	Thursday 6.30-7.45pm	Nikki Hughes	07906 274416
Cubs	8-10½	Wednesday 6.45-8.15pm	Peter Shute	01452 618652
Scouts	10½-14	Friday 7-9pm	Steve Plant Terry Newland	07833 401016 01452 521664
Explorers	14-18	Friday 7.15-9pm	James Newman	01452 542571

H.Q. Address: Deer Park Rd, Hucclecote, Gloucester, GL3 3NA

Other Useful Contact Details and Information

Group Scout Leader	John Morris	01452 612477
<i>(For District Scouting activities and Child Safeguarding)</i>		
Group Committee Chair	Mark Gaulton	07515 191318
Group Committee Treasurer	Hannah Bradley	01452 621672
Group Committee Secretary	Vacant	

Group E-mail: hucclecotescoutgroup@gmail.com

Group Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/11thHucclecote/>

The Group Committee

The Group Executive Committee (GEC) plays a vital role in running of the 11th Gloucester (Hucclecote) Scout Group. The GEC makes decisions and carries out administrative tasks to ensure that our leaders can focus on continuing to provide the best quality Scouting for the young people in our Group.

Key Committee tasks include:

- Ensuring the safeguarding of our young people
- Management of the Group finances
- Maintenance of the headquarters
- Organisation and communication of Group Events such as our Halloween/ Firework display

The GEC holds a monthly meeting as well as an Annual General Meeting each March, to which parents are more than welcome to attend.

Our biggest project at present is to purchase the land on which the headquarters sits, from the council. This requires raising a significant amount of money. If we are successful it will mean we no longer pay the lease to the council, allowing us to further invest in our young people.

As a charity, we are always looking to attract new volunteers who can give up any of their time to help in numerous ways, big or small to fit your availability. The formal roles can be added to a CV. Contact mgaulton@sky.com.

As of April 2017, we are keen to fill the following roles:

- Secretary – this is a formal role and we would be asking for this person to attend the monthly meetings and AGM.
- Event Coordinator – this is not a role which would necessarily require regular attendance at the committee, but as we regularly discuss the next event, as much time as possible would be appreciated.
- Anyone who wants to take an active role in shaping and running the Group.

We are also interested to hear from anyone interested in joining as a warranted leader and assistant helpers for all our units. Please contact John Morris if you are interested – contact phone number on previous page.

Friends of the Committee

In addition to the committee roles, we are always on the lookout for volunteers, which we refer to as Friends of 11th Hucclecote, who can allocate any time they can to help with any of the following:

Building Maintenance:

- Electrician
- Builders/Roofers
- Plumbers/Drains
- Gardeners: Grass cutting, tree work, hedge cutting
- Kitchen Fitter
- Floors
- Decorating and general DIY
- Cleaning of the H.Q

Helpers for Group events such as:

- Halloween: Cooking, selling
- Fund raising events, applying for funding from other organisations
- etc.

If you can dedicate any of your time to volunteering for any of the above or wish to know more, please contact either Mark Gaulton (Group Chair) at mgaulton@sky.com. Please state how you are willing to get involved and provide contact details so that we can get back to you. We are pulling together a contact list of anyone who can help.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is an important source of income for us, as a charity and helps us to keep down the subs you pay. As such, we please ask you to fill out and return the form titled 'Gift Aid Declaration' in the 'Form' pack, ensuring the Group can claim as much Gift Aid as possible. Even if you are not able to claim Gift Aid, please also complete a form so that we know not to keep chasing you. In case you are not aware, it costs nothing to you. If you need a form, please post a request on your section Facebook page and we will provide this. We will also keep a stock of them in the kitchen at the HQ.

It also ensures we have an up to date register of all our young people.

This gift aid declaration helps the Group until your son/daughter leaves and helps us to keep the subs you pay down.

Due to the importance the Group has on receiving as much Gift Aid as possible, we will ask for Gift Aid forms to be completed before your child is invested into Beavers.

Please complete a **new** form in the following instances:

- Financial situations change and you are no longer eligible for Gift Aid donations.
- When your child moves up to the next age group.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact your leader or post a question on Facebook