



Slough District Explorer Scouts

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Unit Information

General Information

Explorers is the Scouting section for 14-18 year olds. Unlike Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts which are run by Groups, Explorers is run at a District Level.

Slough District Explorer Scouts is formed of an Explorer Unit that meets regularly to take part in fun activities to achieve awards and develop practical skills, knowledge and personal skills, and a Young Leader Unit, consisting of young leaders within the District.

We try to ensure that all members have the opportunity to take part in challenging adventurous activities and overnight experiences.

Membership

Slough Explorers welcomes new male and female members from any ethnic, social or religious background.

By becoming a member of Slough District Explorers, you have access to the whole of the Explorer programme, whether that involves coming to the regular meetings every week or solely being a Young Leader within a group, or anywhere in between.

Subs

If you are a member of Slough Explorers, and attend regular meetings, there is a subscription charge of £11.66 per month, payable by Standing Order (details in Appendix 3)

If you are only a Young Leader, subs will be charged by the group that you are a Young Leader with and should be discussed with your Group.

Meetings

Meeting Location: Slough District Scout Headquarters, Behind Ross Stonecraft, Elliman Avenue, SL2 5AZ

Meeting Day: Tuesday

Meeting Time: 20:00 – 22:00

Programme

The Explorer Scout programme for the current quarter is published on the Slough District Website:

<http://sloughscouts.org.uk/who-we-are/explorers/explorer-programme/>

Leaders

There are various adult volunteers involved in the running of the explorer unit:

District Explorer Scout Commissioner	Alexandra Keane	desc@sloughscouts.org.uk
Explorer Leaders	John Higgins	explorers@sloughscouts.org.uk
	Dave Shaw	
	Claudio Arzuffi	

The Leaders always appreciate offers of help from parents, for example transporting equipment for camps, or helping to organise sessions where they have specific skills or contacts.

Communication

Facebook:

The Explorer unit has a Facebook Page, where public information is shared: <https://bit.ly/2QqgXIU>
There is also a closed group for Parents and Explorers: <https://bit.ly/2y9j5YH>

Whatsapp:

A closed WhatsApp group is available containing Explorers and Leaders, please speak to a leader to be added to this group.

Email:

Emails may be used to send out event information and invitations. It is important that we have an up to date email address listed.

The leaders can be reached at the email addresses above.

OSM/MyScout:

All personal details for Explorers are contained within the Online Scout Manager system, which is also used to generate emails, manage events and handle payments for camps and activities.

Uniform

Explorer Scouts are required to have a uniform to wear to most Explorer meetings (unless otherwise noted).

Explorer uniform consists of:

- Explorer Scout Shirt
- Smart Navy Trousers (for parades), sensible trousers (for normal meetings)
- Smart shoes (for parades), sensible footwear (for normal meetings)
- District Explorer necker (provided)
- Woggle (provided)
- Uniform Badges (provided)
- Optional casual clothing is also available.

Uniform items are available to purchase from the following suppliers:

Scout Shops: <https://shop.scouts.org.uk/uniforms/explorers>

Windsor Scout Shop -

Maidenhead Scout Shop - <https://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/>

School Days Direct - <http://schooldaysdirect.co.uk/>

Glasgow Scout Shop (online) - <https://www.glasgowscoutshop.com/>

Casual unit clothing is available from the following supplier:

Uniform Easy: <https://bit.ly/2y0Awue>

Casual scouting clothing is available from the following suppliers:

Scout Shop: <https://shop.scouts.org.uk/>

Glasgow Scout Shop - <https://www.glasgowscoutshop.com/>

Scouting Structure

Explorer Scouts are part of an Explorer Unit, supported by the Explorer Scout Leaders. The Explorer Unit is a part of the Slough Scout District, rather than being a part of an individual Scout Group (as is the case with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts). More information about Slough District can be found here: <http://sloughscouts.org.uk/>

Slough District is one of 11 Districts within Berkshire Scout County, who oversee the Scouting provision within the Districts. More information on Berkshire Scouts can be found here: <https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/>

Berkshire Scouts are part of The Scout Association, who are the governing organisation and oversee Scouting at a National Level. More information can be found here: <https://scouts.org.uk/home/>

The Scout Association is part of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement, who coordinate Scouting around the World and organise international Scout events such as the World Scout Jamborees. More information can be found here: <https://www.scout.org/>

Explorer Badges and Awards

Explorer Awards

As an Explorer Scout, you will have the opportunity to work towards the following awards:

- Chief Scout's Platinum Award
- Chief Scout's Diamond Award
- Queen's Scout Award
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Explorer Belt
- Young Leader Belt

The requirements for each of these can be found on the Scouts website: <https://bit.ly/206GKhp>

Explorer Badges

Alongside the Awards, there are 27 Activity Badges and 15 Staged Activity Badges available to Explorers. Most of these badges require a prolonged involvement in the relevant activity and therefore require that Explorers wishing to achieve these badges will need to commit to it in their own time.

Young Leaders' Scheme

Young Leaders are Explorer Scouts who volunteer alongside adult leaders in a Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. A valuable asset to any leadership team, Young Leaders play an active role in the section, bringing a range of fresh ideas to the table, and acting as positive role models for the young people they work alongside.

Completion of the Young Leaders' Scheme can be used as part of University or Job applications and can be recognised as part of Adult Leader Training should the member go on to become an Adult Leader.

Training Modules

The Young Leaders' Training consists of 11 training modules.

All Young Leaders must complete Module A - Prepare for take-off within the first 3 months of their time as a Young Leader.

This training is organised by the Explorer Scout Leader team and in particular, the Explorer Scout Leader – Young Leaders, and may be offered in conjunction with neighbouring Districts.

Missions

There are four missions that should be completed during the Young Leader's time with their section:

- Mission 1 – Game
- Mission 2 – Activity
- Mission 3 – Programme Planning
- Mission 4 – Delivery

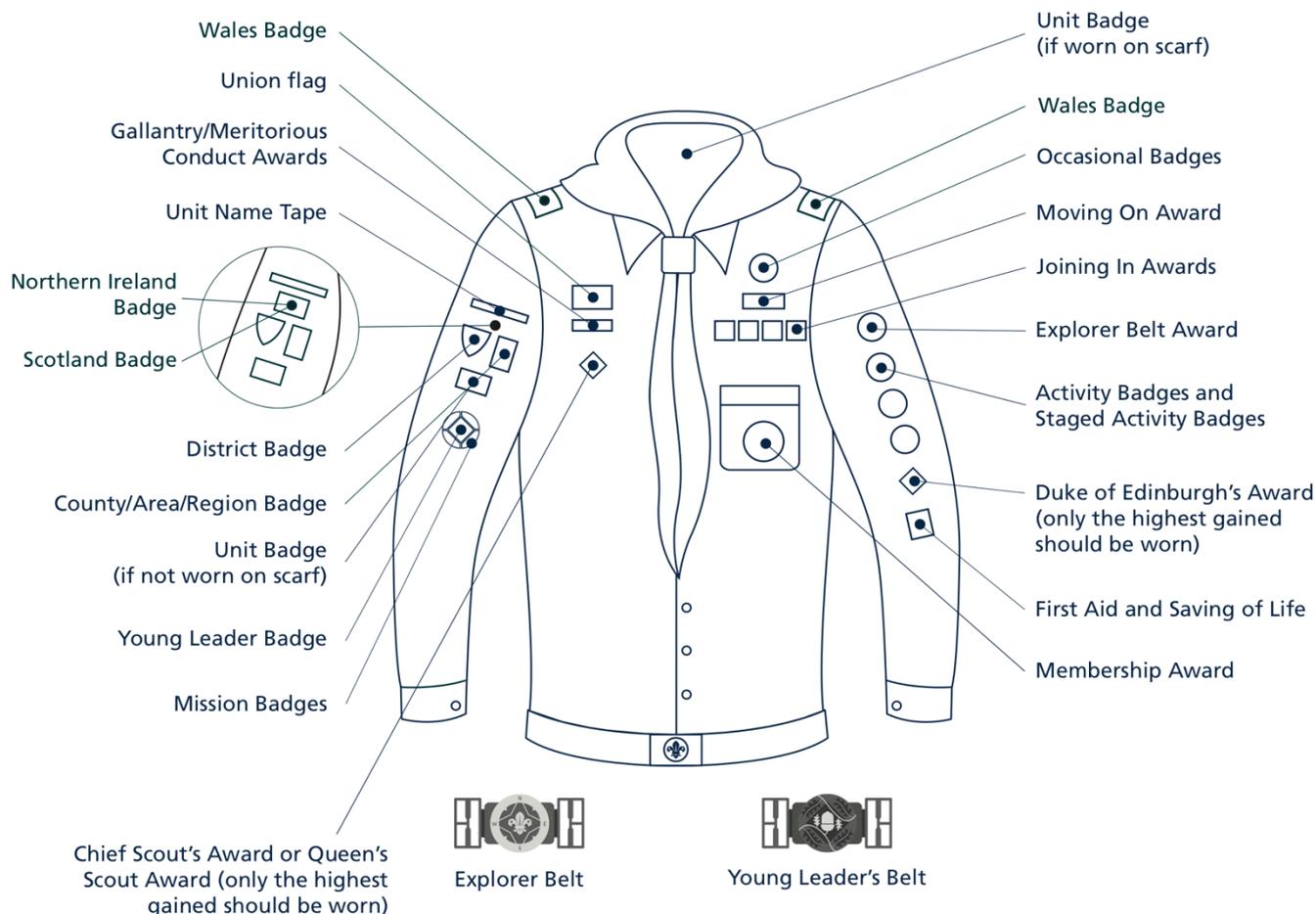
These will be completed as part of the volunteering with the support of the Section Leader.

Recognition

Once the Young Leader completes Module A, they can wear the Young Leader badge on their uniform. This gets surrounded by Mission Strips as the four missions are completed.

Upon completion of the four missions and 11 modules, the Young Leader is presented with the Young Leader Belt.

Appendix 1: Badge Locations



Appendix 2: Information Form

The details provided below will be used to add your son/daughter to the Slough Explorers OSM (Online Scout Manager) system. You will then be invited to provide the rest of their details via the online system.

Young Person's Details:

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth	

Parent's Details

First Name	
Last Name	
Phone Number	
Email Address	

Appendix 3: Subs Details

We want to make the process for payment and collection of Explorer Scout subscriptions easier for all. To this end, we would prefer if these payments were made directly from your bank or building society to ours, by setting up a standing order payment.

This will mean that our leader team spend less time, money and resources on chasing people for payments and it should also help you with your family budgeting.

Part A

STANDING ORDER

In order to do this, you will need to ask your bank / building society to set up a Standing Order payment as follows:

Amount £11.66 per month

Our bank details are:

Bank: Lloyds Bank
 Account Name: Slough District Scout Council
 Account Number: 31428768
 Sort Code: 30 96 26

It is important that you use a reference of SES followed by you son or daughter's initials, e.g. SES – APK, in the reference section of the form so that our District Treasurer can see straight away whom the payment has come from and for what.

When your child leaves Explorer Scouts on reaching age 18 or if they leave for any reason prior to that it is your responsibility to contact your bank / building society to cancel the order

The Explorer Scout's name(s) _____

Wording of reference used on bank form _____

Which date have you asked your bank / building society to start this from? _____

Part B

GIFT AID

I (name) _____ of (address) _____

Telephone number _____ would like Slough District Scout Council to reclaim tax on all donations I make on or after the date of this declaration and treat them as gift aid donations.

I pay income tax / capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims and expect this to continue. I will notify the charity if (1) I change my name or address. (2) I no longer pay sufficient tax/capital gains on my income (3) I wish to cancel this declaration.

Parent / Guardian signature _____ Date _____