



# 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scouts Welcome Pack

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Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne (Dabchick) Scout Troop. This pack is designed to give you all the necessary information to get your child started in the Troop.

It includes:

- Information about Scouting and our Troop
- Information about the awards and badges
- Information about the running of 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group
- The Scout Motto, Promise and Law
- **Forms 1-4 to be printed, completed and returned**

If you have further questions, which are not answered here, then please do not hesitate to contact one of the Scout Troop Leaders as follows:

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Scout Leader

Tel: 01249 443917

**Linda Maslin**

Assistant Scout Leader

Tel: 01672 540401

**Guy Watson**

Assistant Scout Leader

Tel: 01672 540833

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# Scouting and our Troop

## The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the Scout Association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so they may take a constructive place in society.

We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training based upon a Scout Law and Promise. All activities are guided by adult leadership.

## The Scout Troop

The Scout Troop is run by the Scout Leader and usually at least one Assistant Leader. **All leaders are volunteers** who give their time for free and receive special training for their role. The Leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at Troop meetings and special events.

Troop meetings are held every Wednesday night between 19.30 and 21:00 during school term time. The Aldbourne Cub Pack will be moving to the slightly earlier time of 18:00 to 19:30

The Scouts work in small groups called Patrols, which are led by older Scouts called Patrol Leaders and also Assistant Patrol Leaders (equivalent to the Sixer and Seconder in Cubs). Patrols take their names from animals.

## Activities and Awards

Scouts will enjoy a great deal of fun and adventure whilst in the Troop, which will lead to the award of badges to wear on their uniform. These are given in recognition of the effort made at their own level of understanding and development. Activities include Canoeing, Climbing, Shooting and Hiking

Each year some events and activities are undertaken along with other Troops from the District and County.

# The Uniform

Scouts wear a smart uniform consisting of a green shirt, blue activity trousers or grey school trousers, and black shoes. Uniform is available from Swindon Scout Shop at the following address:

Scout Centre  
28 Milton Road  
Swindon  
SN1 5JA  
Tel 01793 534500

The opening times (during school term time only) are:

**Mondays 7.00pm – 9.00pm**  
**Saturdays 10.00am – 4.00pm**

We recommend that you obtain a larger size shirt than you normally would to allow it to fit throughout your child's career in Scouts.

Our Aldbourne group scarf, which is yellow and green, is supplied by us, as well as all the badges your child will need. If your child was a Cub, the badges can be transferred to the Scout shirt as soon as you have it. If they were not a Cub, the badges will be presented on their investiture into the Troop. The illustration sheet at the end of this booklet shows the positioning of the badges on the uniform.

We expect a high standard of appearance and this is subject to an inspection each week contributing to a 'Best Patrol of the Month'. Please encourage your child to take a pride in this.

# The Awards and Badges

The Scout programme provides a balanced and exciting range of activities based on seven zones. These are the Outdoor Scouting Zone, the Fitness Zone, the Discovering The World Around You Zone, the Creative Zone, the Beliefs and Attitudes Zone, the Caring and Community Zone and the Global Zone. There are many badges Scouts can earn through participation in these zones and through work at home.

## The Ten Challenges

There are ten Challenge awards for Scouts as follows:-

- The Outdoor Challenge\*
- The Outdoor Plus Challenge
- The Creative Challenge\*
- The Fitness Challenge\*
- The Global Challenge\*
- The Community Challenge\*
- The Adventure Challenge
- The Expedition Challenge
- The Promise Challenge\*

## The Chief Scout's Gold Award

The highest award within the Troop section is the Chief's Scout Gold Award, and in order to achieve this a Scout needs to have attained all of the challenges marked with an asterisk above plus two of the others.



# Activity Badges

There are 69 Activity Badges a Scout can earn with a wide range of subjects available, each having their own laid down requirements. Some can be done within the Troop and some individually.

Details of requirements are listed at

[http://www2.scouts.org.uk/scouts/badges/badge\\_index.html](http://www2.scouts.org.uk/scouts/badges/badge_index.html)

Canoeist



Climber



Cyclist



Master at Arms



DIY



## The Scout Moving On Award

This award is intended to help a Cub make a smooth transition into the Scout Troop.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Group is made up of three of the sections within the scouting movement; the Beaver Colony, the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop.

## The Aldbourne Scout Group Headquarters

The Aldbourne Scout Group headquarters is a hut in the centre of Aldbourne that is shared with the Guiding movement and is managed by a Supporters Committee, who provides the facilities at no charge to the movements.

This takes a large burden off our shoulders and enables us to keep our subscription fees as low as possible. Please support the Committee's fund raising events each year so that the hut can be maintained and further improved for everyone's benefit.

## The Aldbourne Scout Group Executive

The Scout Group has to elect an Executive Committee each year consisting of a number of parents and various leaders of the Scout Group. The Committee has the responsibility for day to day tasks such as account keeping, secretarial support as well as fundraising. They play an essential part in maintaining an effective and successful Scout Group and are required under Scouting rules to be in place, otherwise a Scout Group has to close.

## Parental Help

Your child will gain much more from Scouting if you are prepared to offer your support. We publish a regular parental help rota for our Troop evenings and we hope you will be able to attend and help out on your allocated date. There are many additional ways you can also help;

- Offer a skill or hobby to train or test the Scouts for badge or award work.
- Help with Troop or Group events.
- Help transport Scouts and equipment to events outside the village, such as camps.
- Support the Scout Group's Annual General Meeting and other special events.
- Join the Scout Group Executive to support the Group through fundraising for new equipment, leader training etc.

Or how about our taking an active role in one of the sections either as a regular helper or as a full time warranted leader? If this interests you then please discuss this further with any leader. All help is valued and no experience is necessarily needed. Full support and training can be arranged.



## The Scout Motto, Promise and Law

Scouts, as part of their investiture ceremony, are asked to make a Promise.

The Motto is as follows:

***Be Prepared***

The Promise is as follows :

***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.***

The Scout Law is as follows:

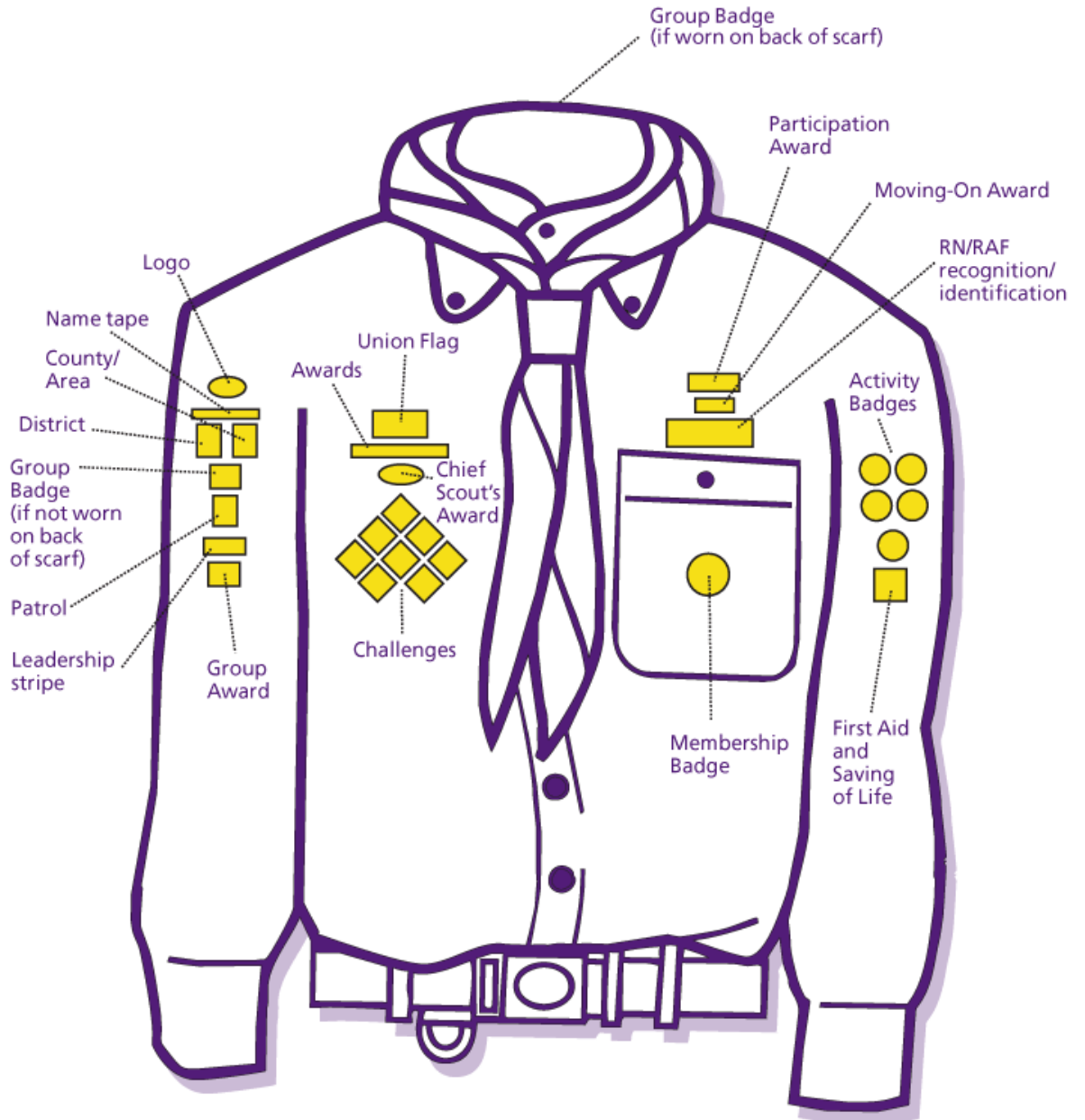
***A Scout is to be trusted.  
A Scout is loyal.  
A Scout is friendly and considerate.  
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.  
A Scout has courage in all difficulties.  
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of  
possessions and property.  
A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.***

promise



# Position of Badges on the Scout Uniform

uniform





## Code of Behaviour

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The following is an excerpt from the Association's "Yellow Card" – a Code of good practice for Adults in Scouting which all leaders must follow.

yellow card

### Code of behaviour

- Do** put the 'Young People First' guidance into practice
  - Do** treat everyone with respect
  - Do** provide an example you wish others to follow
  - Do** plan activities, which involve more than one other person being present, or at least are within sight or hearing of others
  - Do** respect a young person's right to personal privacy
  - Do** have separate sleeping accommodation for leaders and young people
  - Do** provide access for young people to talk about any concerns they may have
  - Do** encourage young people and adults to feel comfortable and caring enough to point out attitudes or behaviour they do not like
  - Do** avoid situations that compromise your relationship with young people and are unacceptable within a relationship of trust (e.g. a sexual relationship between a leader and a youth member over the age of consent)
  - Do** remember that someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned
  - Do** recognise that caution is required even in sensitive moments of counselling, such as when dealing with bullying, bereavement or abuse
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- Do NOT** permit abusive peer activities (e.g. initiation ceremonies, ridiculing, bullying)
  - Do NOT** play physical contact games with young people
  - Do NOT** have any inappropriate physical or verbal contact with others
  - Do NOT** jump to conclusions about others without checking facts
  - Do NOT** allow yourself to be drawn into inappropriate attention seeking behaviour such as tantrums or crushes
  - Do NOT** show favouritism to any individual
  - Do NOT** make suggestive remarks or gestures, even in fun
  - Do NOT** let suspicion, disclosure or allegation of abuse, go unrecorded or unreported
  - Do NOT** rely on just your good name to protect you
  - Do NOT** believe "it could never happen to me"



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## Form 1 - Registration

Please complete Forms 1-4 to register your place and return the signed copies to:

**Linda Maslin**  
**Assistant Scout Leader**  
**3 Cook Road**  
**Aldbourn**  
**SN8 2EG**

**Tel: 01672 540401**

Name

Home address

Home telephone number

Parent's mobile number

Parent's email address

School attended

Date of birth

Age

registration

Have you previously been a Cub?

If so, in which Pack?

Please list any medical conditions or allergies that could affect enjoyment of our Scouting activities

Please list activities you would like to try in the new Scout Troop

### **Data Protection Act**

I accept that the Scout Association will be keeping information about my child's Membership of the Scout Movement. I understand it will only be used for Scouting Purposes.

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my child's Health; Disabilities; Religion or Faith; Race or Ethnic Origin for Scouting purposes.

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date

Print name (Parent/Guardian)



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### Form 2 – Website Consent

The 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Troop website features news and information about the Troop as well as photos from recent Troop events. It is designed to help new Scouts and parents learn about what we do, as well as being a fun site for Scouts to look around and see fun photos of themselves. They will be encouraged to write articles and reports themselves that would also appear on the site.

Due to the public nature of an internet site, we would like your permission to be able to include your child on the site. Please note the following points about the site:

- The site will have links from the village and school websites.
- Photos will always be of a group of Scouts, and/or the leaders. They will generally be from events such as Scout camp, the Christmas party, Troop outings etc.

I give permission for my child to be included on the 1<sup>st</sup> Aldbourne Scout Troop website

Your child's name

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date



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## Form 3 – Scout’s Interests

The Scout programme has 69 Activity badges available for you to take part in. Please tick those in the list below that are of interest to you.

interests

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Administrator            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Interpreter              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aeronautics              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Librarian                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Air Researcher           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifesaver                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Air Spotter              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Martial Arts             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Angler                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Master at Arms           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Artist                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mechanic                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arts Enthusiast          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Meteorologist            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Astronautics             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Model Maker              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Astronomer               | <input type="checkbox"/> | My Faith                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Athlete                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Naturalist               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Basic Aviation Skills    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Basic Nautical Skills    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aviation Skills          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nautical Skills          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advanced Aviation Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> | Advanced Nautical Skill  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Aviation Skills training | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nautical Skills training | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Camp Cook                | <input type="checkbox"/> | Navigator                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Camper                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orienteer                | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Campsite Service         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Parascending             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Canoeist                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Photographer             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Caver                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Physical Recreation      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chef                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pioneer                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Circus Skills            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Power Coxswain           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Climber                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Relations         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Communicator             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pulling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Craft                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Quartermaster            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cyclist                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Smallholder              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dinghy Sailor            | <input type="checkbox"/> | Snowsports               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D.I.Y.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sports Enthusiast        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dragon Boating           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Street Sports            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Electronics              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Survival Skills          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Entertainer              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Water Sports             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Equestrian               | <input type="checkbox"/> | World Faiths             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fire Safety              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Writer                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Forester                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Activity PLUS            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Global Conservation      | <input type="checkbox"/> | Instructor badges        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Guide                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                          |
| Heritage                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                          |
| Hiker                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                          |
| Hill Walker              | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                          |
| Hobbies                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                          |



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### Form 4 – Gift Aid Declaration

I would like the Scout Group to treat all my payments in respect of the membership subscription for the Group as Gift Aid. I confirm I pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the group will reclaim on the payments (currently 28p for every £1 you give).

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Scout Group. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address.

Name

Scout's name

Home address

Signed (Parent/Guardian)

Date