

3rd Hayling Scout Group

Subscriptions



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Introduction

Each year we review the cost of running the Hayling Scout Group and the level of Group subscription required to support this.

The purpose of this information leaflet is to explain what happens to the Subs you pay and explain how we determine if it is necessary to increase these.

How much are Subscriptions

Our subs are currently set at £90 per year with the last increase being introduced in April 2012. Our subscriptions continue to be one of the lowest in Scouting, with for example the average in Hampshire being nearly £115 per year.

When compared to the cost of other hobbies (e.g. martial arts, sport, dance, music etc) and consider the wide range of opportunities that Scouting provides I hope you will agree this remains great value for money.

Payment Options

We continue to offer 2 payment options:-

1. Our preferred method is by Standing Order at £7.50 per month
2. £30 per term, payable in the first 2 weeks of each new term

Benefit of Standing Order

Payment by standing order helps our Leaders by reducing the time taken at the beginning of each term to collect and record the subs and also our group treasurer from an administration perspective. It also means that for you it is one less thing to worry about at the beginning of each term.

An information leaflet for paying subs by Standing Order and a mandate form are included in the pack "A Parents' Guide to our Pathway to Adventure" and are also available at our web site by visiting the "Information for Parents" section and selecting "Subs".

The explanation leaflet also contains important information for those of you who complete your banking online.

Please consider paying subscriptions in this way if you can.

What are Subs used for?

The subs paid are used for 5 areas of cost:-

1. Scouting National Membership Fee (£35 in 2014)
 - A fee is payable to National HQ each March for every member of the group. The cost for the youth membership is paid from their subscriptions with the cost for other members (Leaders, Helpers, Executive Committee being covered by our fund-raising).
 - The Membership fee covers the insurance premium for every member, provides for a range of services from national HQ for the Leaders and also National and County facilities.
2. Section Running Costs
 - A portion of subs paid is returned as a float to the Leaders to cover the cost of consumables and section specific activities. (e.g. cooking evenings and to subsidise visits) .
3. Books & Badges
 - The cost of progress books, section training books and the badges gained by our members.
 - Each badge costs between 60p and £1.
4. Leader Training, Specialist Skills and Specialist Equipment
 - The cost of mandatory training such as “First Aid” and “Child Protection” and also the cost of special skills such as Archery, climbing and Rifle Shooting.
 - The ongoing cost of equipment and maintenance used in providing the specialist based activities.
5. Contribution to HQ running costs.
 - A proportion of the ongoing costs for our Headquarters which includes insurance, utilities and maintenance.
 - This also includes the ongoing maintenance of some of our important assets such as our trailers.

All other expenditure within the Group, for example the remaining HQ running costs, Camping Equipment and other projects are covered by our Fundraising.

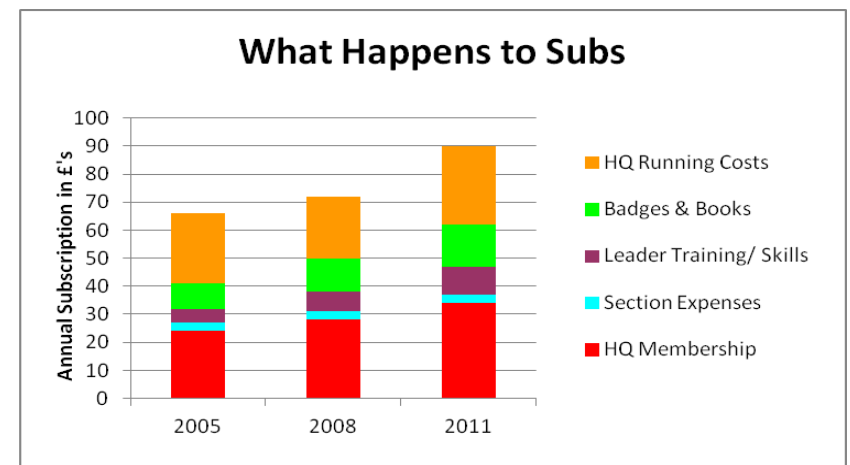
When do we increase Subs?

Our target is for Subscriptions to cover the cost of the national membership subscription, badges, books, the training provided to our leaders, the specialist equipment required to support our activities and about 70% of the HQ costs.

The chart below shows how the subs are distributed across the 5 elements. As you would expect the cost of the core four elements increases each year which results in a much smaller contribution towards the HQ costs, which also increase.

Our last two increases in 2009 and 2012 were introduced when the contribution towards the HQ costs had reduced to 55% of the total requirement.

Our review takes place in November each year with increases if required being implemented in the following April. We decided in November 2013 that no increase is necessary at this time.



If you would like any further information please contact Ian Hawke.