

WELCOME TO

LONG WHATTON AND DISEWORTH SCOUT GROUP . . .



...EVERYDAY ADVENTURE

www.longwhattonscouts.org
Est. 13th June 1997

Welcome

Dear Parents & Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your child to the Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group.

Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church and the local Primary School. The Group was started in June 1997 and attracts young people mainly from Long Whatton and the local area. There are around 55 young people and 15 adults in the group today and the group is one of 15 Scout Groups in Loughborough District.

Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group offer challenge and adventure to all its members. We believe in helping our young people fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We are working to make Scouting available to all and we are passionate about what we do.

Get set for adventure

Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to try exciting activities in a safe environment and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they will never forget. The sort of adventure we offer is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity for young people to discover their potential. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover or a Cub Scout has just got over their fear of heights by completing their first abseil, that's adventure.

Delivered by trained volunteers

All our adventures are made possible by the efforts of our dedicated team of hard-working adult volunteers. Our training scheme and one-to-one support ensures that each of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents. And it's easy for you to get involved. Find out more at longwhattonscouts.org/join.

Our policies, rules, code of behaviour and advice on child protection and safety are there to ensure our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

Thanks once again for joining Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group and welcome aboard!

Colin + Jenny

Scouting - Scouting started in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell. BP ran a camp at Brownsea Island and wrote a book called 'Scouting for Boys'.

Having just celebrated our first 100 years, you have joined Scouting at a time when it is more relevant to young people than ever. We are moving and adapting with the technologies and aspirations that surround young people now. Nearly 500,000 people in the UK are involved in the Movement along with another 32 million people worldwide. Not a bad achievement for something that started with a dozen young people on an island in Dorset.

The Purpose of Scouting - Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Values of Scouting - As Scouts we are guided by these values:

- Integrity - We act with integrity; we are honest, trustworthy and loyal.
- Respect - We have self-respect and respect for others.
- Care - We support others and take care of the world in which we live.
- Belief - We explore our faiths, beliefs and attitudes.
- Co-operation - We make a positive difference; we co-operate with others and make friends.

The Scout Method - Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together based on the values of Scouting and:

- enjoy what they are doing and have fun
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors
- learn by doing
- share in spiritual reflection
- take responsibility and make choices
- undertake new and challenging activities
- make and live by their Promise.

Long Whatton & Diseworth Scouting - We think Scouting in Long Whatton began in 1966 however the group in its current form started on Friday 13th June 1997. Around this time every year we have a Birthday Party and everyone is invited.

We are part of Loughborough District Scouts, which covers the area from Loughborough to Castle Donington. There are 15 Scout groups in the district and we all get together for activities occasionally.

Our Group is open to all young people aged 6 to 25 years old, and potential volunteers aged 18+. We operate in age appropriate sections called Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network, Duke of Edinburgh Award & Adult Volunteers

The Sections and Age Ranges



Beavers Scouts - Oakley Beaver Colony (6 to 8 year olds, with a minimum age of 5¾). Meet at Long Whatton Primary School Community Centre on Monday 3.15 to 4.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Beavers Scouts - Piper Beaver Colony (6 to 8 year olds, with a minimum age of 5¾). Meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church Schoolroom on Friday 5 to 6 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Beavers Scouts - Diseworth Beaver Colony (6 to 8 year olds, with a minimum age of 5¾). Meet at Diseworth Village Hall on Tuesdays 3.20 to 4.45pm. **We do offer to pick the young people up and walk them to the Village Hall at 3.15pm, please talk to us about this.** The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Cub Scouts - Oakley Pack (8 to 10 ½ years old). Meet at Long Whatton Primary School Community Centre on Monday 3.15 to 4.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Cub Scouts - Piper Pack (8 to 10 ½ years old). Meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church Schoolroom on Friday 6 to 7.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Cub Scouts - Diseworth Pack (8 to 10 ½ years old). Meet at Diseworth Village Hall on Tuesdays 3.20 to 4.45pm. **We do offer to pick the young people up and walk them to the Village Hall at 3.15pm, please talk to us about this.** The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Scouts (10 to 14 years old). Meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church Schoolroom on Friday 6.30 to 8.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.





Explorer Scouts – The Village People Explorer Scout Unit (14 to 18 years old)
Meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church Schoolroom on Friday 6.30 to 8.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £2 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. There is also a Yearly Membership Fee of £60 payable in termly instalments of £20.



Network Unit (18 to 25 years old) Working in partnership with Loughborough District Network plans are afoot to make sure young people can continue in scouting



Duke of Edinburgh Award – The Village People Unit (13½ to 25 years old).
Meet at Long Whatton Methodist Church Schoolroom on most Fridays 8.30 to 9.30 pm. The weekly subs for each session you attend is £1 which can be paid weekly, monthly or termly to suit family circumstances, please let leaders know how you would like to pay. If you are already a member of Scout, Explorers or Network then you only need to pay one Yearly Membership Fee.



Adult Volunteers (Aged 18+). To be an Adult Volunteer at our Scout Group is free. You will be guided through the appointments process; your DBS Check will also be free, all the training you need will be provided and if you hang around a while we will buy you a uniform as well.

Future opportunities for Young People

Plans are afoot to develop a Sea Scout Patrol, (10 to 14) and an Explorer Sea Scout Unit, (14 to 18), and some water activities for all our young people.

Plans are also being developed to have an Air Scout Patrol, (10 to 14), both the Air Scout and Sea Scout Patrols will be part of the current Scout Troop, but will concentrate on specific Air or Sea Badges.

We are also looking at developing weekend activities at the Methodist Church based around specific projects such as Youth Shaped Scouting, DofE Training, Working Bees and a few one off fun days where we would not have time to put on during Friday evenings.

Please do not let the cost of being a Scout put you off; finance should not be a barrier to you becoming a member. Please speak to Jenny or Colin in confidence we often have ways and means of helping from a simple Scout Banking System to finding funds to help



Money Matters, Costs and Uniform

Weekly Subs - Each session a young person attends will cost £2 preferable payable at the session. This generally pays for weekly programme materials, refreshments during the session, and Badges earned. If you do not attend the session you do not need to pay.

Yearly Membership Fees are £60, payable as one lump sum, or From April 1st 2016, we will be asking for £20 per term, summer, (April to August) autumn, (September to December), and spring, (January to March) to help spread the costs of the membership fees, dates due would be 30th April, 30th September and 31st December. This pays for the National, County and District Membership Fees, but it also pays for Insurance and the hire of meeting rooms and other general running costs.

Activities and Camping Trips – Activities vary in cost from a few extra pounds upwards depending on what we are doing. Every year the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers go camping, at least a few weekend camps and a summer camp usually in July or August. The Beavers have one night sleepovers and sometimes visit the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers on camp. Camps usually cost approximately £25 to £50 for a weekend and approximately £200 to £250 for a week's Summer Camp depending on the type of camp and activities that are offered.

Uniform - Scouting is a uniformed organisation. The uniform is available from our District Scout Shop, situated at the District Scout HQ, Thorpe Acre Road, Loughborough and is open on Wednesday 7.30 to 9pm and Saturday 10 to 11.30am during term time.
Telephone: 07757 905446 (during shop opening hours)

The minimum uniform you will need is a Beaver or Cub jumper or Scout or Explorer shirt. Activity trousers, polo shirts, baseball caps and fleeces are also available. Please support this shop as all profits go towards Scouting in our District.

Group Hoodie - We also have our own 'Group Hoodie' which can be ordered through your leader. These are currently priced at £15 or £18 depending on the size you require, they also come with your Name on

5 to 6 years	7 to 8 years	9 to 10 years	11 to 13 years	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
26"	28"	30"	32" to 34"	36"	38"	40"	42" to 44"	46"	48"	50" to 52"	54"
£15 each				£18 EACH							

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Being Invested & Taking your Promise - After you have been to a few meetings and decided that you would like to join and have bought your uniform, we will help you to learn your Promise and Law (don't worry its easy) and then you will be ready to be invested as a Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer.

At your investiture you will make your promise and will be given a Group Scarf, woggle, and badges to put on your uniform.

Leaders - Scouting is a voluntary organisation and Leaders are not paid, but we enjoy it and have lots of fun too! All Leaders and Adult Volunteers are DBS checked and have to complete training courses organised by The Scout Association including first aid training.

Media, Social Media, longwhattonscouts.org and fundraising on line and by Text– In order to promote and inform our group uses these means of communication.



Press Release – Written once a month and sent to local Village Magazines, Papers and Radio Stations, usually with four or five recent photos.



Facebook – A closed group for young people, family and Friends, filled with information, photos and usually what we get up to in the name of Scouting. We can be found www.facebook.com/groups/longwhattonanddiseworthscouts/ and you have to ask to join or be invited.



YouTube – We have a channel on YouTube called Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group. This is for storing and sharing larger videos that are linked to our www page, please feel free to subscribe.



Twitter – We tweet ever so often with snippets of news, this is a public site so we try to keep it to general interest you can follow us @LWScouts



Instagram – photos of interest to us that hopefully tell a story of the group, this is managed by one of the Explorer Scouts and can be followed @lwscouts



www.longwhattonscouts.org – our website is for everyone to let people know what a great group we are. It is updated regularly and has brought in a few enquires and is very useful to show potential new members and is very high on the list when Googled. This is great for our recruitment of new members.



www.thegivingmachine.co.uk - Using TheGivingMachine is easy. Whether you are at home, work, or anywhere else, simply shop online at one of our participating retailers and a donation is created in your name and given to the causes of your choice. All for no extra cost and no extra effort.



JustGiving - Text LWDS45 followed by £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 to 70070 – tell everyone!

To find out who's who in the Scout Group take a look at

longwhattonscouts.org/whos-who

To see what we get up to take a look at some of our galleries

longwhattonscouts.org/photos

longwhattonscouts.org/videos

Attached to this pack

- Group Hoodie Order Form – Please decide if you want a hoodie and order ASAP
- Letter re Annual Membership Fees – Decide how you want to pay and return the appropriate slip
- Gift Aid Form - if you are a Tax Payer please complete the form and return ASAP
- Personal Details Form – Please complete for your young person and return ASAP

If there is anything else you need to know, please get in touch through the details below.

Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group

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Twitter: @LWScouts **Instagram:** @lwscouts **YouTube:** Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group

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all for no extra cost and no extra effort

GROUP HOODIES . . .



Available in various Sizes from Mathew the Beaver to Colin the Leader at **£15** for child sizes and **£18** for adult sizes.



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Group Hoodies - I would like a Group Hoodie

I would like this name (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) on it please
and I would like size I enclose cash/cheque

Payable to 'Long Whatton & Diseworth Scout Group' for £

Or I have BACS the above amount on this date [] Please Tick

Dear Parent/Carers

Annual Scout Association Membership Fees

Annual National Scout membership fees of £60 is made up of National HQ, County and District levy's, and an amount to help with the running of the Group and includes insurance for parents and helpers at Scouting events.

Membership Fees can be paid in full or termly instalments, but need to be paid in full by 1st January. Please complete and return one of the slips below with deposit or full payment or see your section leader about other ways to pay.

Online payments can be made:

We are currently setting up a new bank account to deal with membership fees. The sort code and bank account number will be available soon

(Please drop a quick email to nicolettepotton@hotmail.com to let us know if you wish to pay in this way)

If the payment of Membership Fees causes any financial difficulties, please get in touch.

Also attached to letter are

1 – A Gift Aid Declaration – enables us to claim Gift Aid on Subs which amounts to a few hundred pounds a year.

2 – A Yearly Membership and Activity Consent Form – this cover 95% of the activities we do during the year, which hopefully will cut down on the amount of times we ask for this information

Both need to be filled in and returned ASAP

Thanks

Nic
Membership Secretary

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Long Whatton & Diseworth Scout Group
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Membership Fees 1st Instalment

Name of Member _____

I enclose £20 as first payment for the Summer Term

Signed _____ Parent

Dated _____

Due by 30th April

Membership Fee 2nd Instalment

Name of Member _____

I enclose £20 as second payment for the Autumn Term

Signed _____ Parent

Dated _____

Due by 30th September

Membership Fees 3rd Instalment

Name of Member _____

I enclose £20 as second payment for the Winter Term.

Signed _____ Parent

Dated _____

Due by 31st December

Membership Fees 2017

Name of Member _____

I wish to pay by weekly/monthly instalments and enclose a first payment of £ _____
(A record card will be given)

Signed _____ Parent

Dated _____

All payments completed by 1st January

Membership Fees

Name of Member _____

I enclose £60 as a one off Payment.

Signed _____ Parent

Dated _____

One off Payment by 30th September



Gift Aid Declaration

Name of charity: **LONG WHATTON & DISEWORTH SCOUT GROUP**

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Please tick

- The enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation; OR
- All gifts of money that I make today and in the future as Gift Aid donations; OR
- All gifts of money that I have made in the past 4 years and all future gifts of money that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations.**

✓ Please tick the appropriate box

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that The Scout Association will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

Donor's details

Title _____ Initial(s) _____ Surname _____

Home address

Postcode _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please notify Long Whatton & Diseworth Scout Group if you:

1. Want to cancel this declaration.
2. Change your name or home address.
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Tax claimed by Long Whatton & Diseworth Scout Group

- The Group will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 you gave up to 5 April 2008.
- The Group will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give on or after 6 April 2008.
- The Government will pay to The Scout Association an additional 3p on every £1 you give between 6 April 2008 and 5 April 2011. This transitional relief for The Group does not affect your personal tax position.

If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

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Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group
The Village People Explorer Scout Unit
Membership Information and Activity Consent Form 2016



My Young Person attends BEAVERS* cubs* SCOUTS* EXPLORERS* network*
Beavers/Cubs Piper Oakley Diseworth Scout/Explorers Sea Air

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male Female

Religion:

Ethnic Origins:

Cultural Needs:

CONTACT DETAILS

Home Address:

Post Code:

Home Phone:

Parents/Carer Name:

Parent/Carer Mob:

Email:

Parents/Carer Name:

Parent/Carer Mob:

Email:

BACKGROUND DETAILS

School:

Parent/Carer Skills, Hobbies and Interests:

If you have a particular skill that we could use would you be willing to help Yes No

MEDICAL DETAILS

Doctors Name:

Doctors Address:

Doctors Phone No.:

Special Needs (for example, medical, diet or other)

PREVIOUS SCOUTING OR GUIDING EXPERIENCE

Please give any details of previous groups attended:

I accept that Long Whatton & Diseworth Scout Group and Loughborough District Scouts will be keeping information about my son or daughter's Membership of the Scout Movement. I understand it will only be used for Scouting purposes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I give explicit consent to the holding of information of my son or daughter's

- health
- disabilities
- religion or faith
- cultural needs

for Scouting purposes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I agree to contact the Section Leaders if any of the details on this form change during the year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I understand that the information on this form will be held electronically

Signed: _____ Date: _____

During 2015 the National Scouting Membership Management System Called Compass crashed. We are currently only keeping information locally. When Compass comes back on line we will let you have more information about the system. Please let us know if you have any objection to this. We will of course now and for the considerable future, still be keeping Record Cards of your young person's progress in Scouting

ALTERNATIVE CONTACT DETAILS

Second Emergency contact details (**must be different from overleaf for example grandparent/neighbour**)

Tel No's:

OTHER MEDICAL INFORMATION

- (a). Please list any known allergies eg antibiotics, plasters, aspirin, other medicines or food

- (b). Please specify any dietary requirements for example, vegetarian, halal, gluten free etc.

- (c). Please give details of any known complaints e.g. asthma, migraine, hay fever or any other illness.

- (d). Please give details of any medicine or treatments being taken and any current medical conditions.

- (e) Are there any other details we should know about your child? For example bedwetting/sleepwalking

MEDIA

A photo or video record of any events may be taken for display or promotional purposes. You must notify the 'Adult Volunteer in Charge' should you have any objections to this.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- FACEBOOK - We have a very active, invitation only, Facebook Page under 'Long Whatton and Diseworth Scout Group'. It is updated every couple of days with information and activity reports of all the things we have been getting up to. Parents/Carers and Young People can request to join or be invited. This is our private access platform
- TWITTER – mid 2015 we started a 'Long Whatton Scouts' Twitter account which can be found with @LWScouts. This will be used for simple good news stories.
- YOU TUBE – again started mid 2015, this is used to share larger videos and to enable us to link videos to the website
- WEBSITE – again mid 2015 we established a Website www.longwhattonscouts.org this is to be used to encourage new membership and show a little of what we do and is our general access platform

DECLARATION

I am familiar with the nature of the Scouting Activities and consent to my child taking part. I am aware that Scouting is a uniformed organisation and I agree to supply the correct uniform. (Financial assistance can be arranged, please ask the 'Adult Volunteer in Charge').

Signed _____ Parent/Carer (Please specify)

I am aware that Scouting is a uniformed organisation and I agree to wear the correct uniform at all Scouting meetings and activities when requested.

Signed _____ Beaver/Cub/Scout/Explorer

EMERGENCY PERMISSION

In the event of illness or any accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the medical or dental treatment for my young person. I hold parental responsibility.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer (Please specify)

