

1st Denmead Scout Group

Payments, Fees and Financial Policy

Subscriptions

This describes the Subscription Policy for **1st Denmead Scout Group**. Subscriptions are paid by each youth member, and they contribute towards the running costs of the group.

The following terms and conditions apply to all subscription payments.

- Subscriptions are set by the **Board of Trustees** and are reviewed yearly. In the event of a change to the subscriptions group members will be given a minimum of 2 months' electronic (email) written notice.
- All subscription payments are made via the OSM/GO Cardless system and set up as a Direct Debit. Cash or cheques are not accepted.
- Subscriptions are payable monthly with the **exception** August.
- Due dates for payments will be the last day of the month.
- All payments must be paid no more than two weeks after the due date.

Non-Payments

- Non-payments of Subscriptions after two weeks means a youth member is no longer deemed to be a member of the Scout Association and therefore is not insured to take part in scouting activities including weekly meetings.
- Scouting activities can resume once full payment is received.
- We will hold the youth member place open for the remainder of the term in which the payment was missed. If full payment has not been received by the end of the term the youth member will no longer be able to attend **1st Denmead scout Group** and their place will be offered to another young person.
- Refunds are not offered for missed weeks or if a youth member decides to leave after Subscriptions have been paid.

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The Board of Trustees, via the **Group Scout Leader**, will undertake all reasonable efforts to resolve payments issues and to help those families who may be struggling to pay Subscription fees.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact the **Group Scout Leader** via email at gsl@denemadscouts.com if issues with payments are envisaged. All conversations will be held in strict confidence.

Payment of Subscriptions is deemed to be acceptance of the above policy.

JOINING FEES

This describes the Joining Fee policy for new group youth members at **1st Denmead Scout Group**.

- A joining fee of **£15.00** is due prior to a youth member starting the group.
- The payment will be made via OSM/GO cardless. Cash or cheques are not accepted.
- The joining fee covers the cost of the following:
 - Denmead Scout Group T-shirt
 - Scarf and Woggle
 - Investment Badges
- No refunds of the joining fee will be given under any circumstances.

Non-payment of the joining fee prior to the young person's start date will be deemed as non-acceptance of the place. The young person will be removed from the group and their place will be offered to another young person.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to contact the **Group Scout Leader** via email at gsl@denemadscouts.com if issues with the Joining Fee is envisaged. All conversations will be held in strict confidence.

Payment of Joining Fee is deemed to be acceptance of the above policy.

EVENTS & CAMP PAYMENTS

This describes the payment policy for events and camps run by **1st Denmead Scout Group** in addition to the monthly subscriptions.

- All events and camp payments will be taken via OSM/go cardless. Cash or Cheques are not accepted.
- All events and camps must be paid as stipulated on the OSM invite.
- Non-payment of the event or camp will mean the youth member cannot attend the event or camp.
- All payments are none refundable unless cancelled by the group.
- If a youth member has accepted a place at an event or camp and the deadline has passed for changing attendance, full payment will be required as the group will have already made payments for said event or camp.

The **Board of Trustees** recognise that some families may face financial hardship and that this should not be a reason why youth members cannot participate in events. The **Board of Trustees** will make reasonable efforts to support these families on a case-by-case situation.

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Payment of any event or camp fees is deemed to be acceptance of the above policy.