

17th St Albans Scout Group



Admissions Policy

Youth Membership of 17th St Albans Scout Group is at the discretion of the Group Lead Volunteer (GLV) (as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR))

At the 17th St Albans Scout Group we will:

- admit young people whose ages match those prescribed in POR subject to the limits on Section Capacity. The Scout Association has not defined a maximum Capacity for the sections therefore each Team Leader will agree their maximum number with the GLV based on leader availability, their risk assessments and what they think is best for their section.
- utilise the St Albans District waiting list to maintain section Capacity. Preference may be given to potential members where their responsible adults have indicated they are willing to help with the running of the group (section volunteer, trustee, ground keeping etc.)
- Transfers from other groups will be given serious consideration, including temporarily increasing the maximum capacity of the section.
- Membership is subject to payment of the termly membership fee, via Online Scout Manager (OSM).
 - Payment shall commence a few weeks after the start date, backdated to the start of the term.
 - There is no charge to try out sessions prior to accepting a place.
- Cases of financial hardship shall be made to the Group Lead Volunteer who will discuss any reduction for a set period of time, once a review of circumstances has been made.
- Membership is fully open to all young people aged between 5 3/4 and 18. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, religion or disability.
- Membership is subject to using Online Scout Manager, paying the Membership Fees, and agreeing to follow all our Group Policies.

Investitures & Uniform

- Our Scout Group requires all participants to comply with the section uniform requirements. These will be clearly communicated when you join each section.
- Uniforms will need to be worn on all section nights (unless advised by a leader that it isn't required) and external events (trips, camps etc.) where the leaders state it is a requirement for attending.
- Leaders will aim to carry out investitures in the term you join the section. When the Member is invested they will be provided with:
 - o A 17th St Albans group necker (neck scarf)
 - o A woggle
 - o A set of badges for your uniform
- If any of these items are lost you will need to pay for a replacement. Please speak to a section leader for details.