

THIRD HAZEL GROVE SCOUT GROUP

(Registered Charity)

April 2018

Dear Parents

Annual General Meeting

The Group annual general meeting will be held at our HQ on 15th May at 7.30pm. This is open to all parents and other interested parties.

The AGM is formally known as the Group Council, to whom the Executive Committee, which is elected at the AGM, is responsible. The main duties of the Executive Committee, all in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association are as follows:

- Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group
- Manage the Group finances.
- Provide insurance for people, property and equipment.
- Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate by supporting recruitment, other adult support and fundraising activities.
- Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.
- Manage and implement the Association Safety Policy locally
- Ensure that a positive image of Scouting exists in the local community.

Members of the Group Executive Committee are Charitable Trustees. You are entitled to be nominated for election as a committee member on the Group Executive Committee. It is essential that there are several parent members on that Committee to strike a balance with the number of uniformed committee members – this balance is in fact a requirement of POR's.

In effect you are "share holders" of the Group and as such have a say in the management of the Group.

Although you will know the leaders and assistants of your child's section, the AGM is an opportunity to meet other leaders and find out what happens in the other sections, as well as having the chance to air your views on how the Group is managed behind the scenes by the Executive Committee.

We are always looking for parents to help with sections and support the section leaders – this support helps to deliver the training programme and is essential to keep some sections going

We also need parents to join us on the Executive Committee. If this appeals to you, please have a word with Brian or your section leader.

As usual, the meeting will be followed by cheese and wine.

The Committee and Leaders look forward to seeing you at the meeting and receiving your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Some facts about Scouting and 3rd Hazel Grove Scout Group

Scouting

More than 70 years ago the Scout Association possibly had the first written non-discriminatory policy of any organisation viz "...a Scout is a brother to every other Scout no matter what colour class or creed...." – one of the original rules of the Movement.

With the age range from 6 to 25 years it provides more than 10 years of a well proven structured programme; a programme which helps young people with self-reliability, self-confidence, honesty, leadership, getting on with and helping others, citizenship and respect for others; you would be hard pressed to find another organisation providing similar.

Needing commitment for them to succeed, Scouting is not an easy option for young people but it is rewarding

3rd Hazel Grove Scout Group

We are an Open Group which means we are not sponsored by any organisation. This puts the responsibility for the up-keep of our property, buildings and maintenance thereof entirely in our own lap.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of parents and helpers we have, during the past fifty years, funded and built and accumulated all the buildings and equipment which you see to-day.

We are in a healthy financial position and have been for many years, but constantly need to carry out essential maintenance as well as planning to improve the kitchen and toilets.

The Group in its present form was formed in 1956. With the stream of many excellent leaders over the years 3rd Hazel Grove Scout Group has delivered high quality scouting to many hundreds of young people; a significant number of whom have returned to the Group to become leaders or helpers and supporters.

All our leaders are volunteers made up from people just like you – busy, working, family people, who willingly give up some of their time to be leaders.

Leaders are obliged to undertake DBS checks and leader training, including first aid, safeguarding and safety.

Additional training in adventurous activities e.g. camping, climbing, mountain leadership, canoeing, caving and the like provide specific qualifications - only by having these qualifications is a leader permitted to supervise the relevant activity.

Occasional helpers and other supporters with less onerous training requirements are always welcome to assist the leaders!