



Bramley Scout Group Admissions Policy

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The decision whether or not someone is admitted into the Bramley Scout Group lies solely at the discretion of the Bramley Scout Group and its Trust Board. To this end the Group Lead Volunteer is responsible for the waiting list but may delegate the management to an appropriate member of the Trust Board

The Group is divided into four sections. Squirrels ages 4-6, Beavers ages 6-8, Cubs 8-10.5 and Scouts 10.5-14 years. Membership is equally open to all young persons of all genders. The Group has determined that the ideal maximum numbers for the sections are as follows: Squirrels 18, Beavers 20, Cubs 24, Scouts 24. This decision was made with due consideration to the number of adult volunteers, the venue used and the needs of our young people and is kept under constant review. These maximums are not cast in stone, however any increase above 10% of these numbers will need serious consideration as it will affect the quality of the programme that the Group can deliver.

The following are the criteria in order of precedence for entry into the Group.

1. Already a member (and moving into the Bramley Scout Group catchment area, see 5 below)
2. Parent becoming a uniformed leader (irrespective of section). In addition, the parent will need to have:
 - a. completed the official application form
 - b. completed all the Getting Started modules of the initial Scout training
 - c. have an enhanced Disclosure Barring Service certificate
3. Sibling already in group
4. Time on waiting list
5. Geographical, in order of precedence
 - a. Bramley
 - b. Little London & Silchester
 - c. Sheffield on Loddon
 - d. Sherborne St John

Anyone from Sheffield on Loddon, Sherborne St John, Chineham, Pamber, Tadley, and Baughurst should be directed to the corresponding group in the first instance.

Consideration may be given to how long the prospective member would have left in any given section eg a young person will usually not be given a place in a section if they will be old enough to move up a section within 6 months of joining and it is likely that a place will be available for them at that time. This ensures that the young person will have enough time to settle into a section and avoids parents/guardians having to purchase a uniform that will only be used for a short period of time.

The waiting list will be maintained and, if there are any spaces that can be filled, members will be drawn from it. Each section must keep up to date records and notify the Waiting List Manager and the Treasurer of any movers or leavers to make sure that any spaces are filled promptly.

The Waiting List Manager will give the Section Leader the relevant contact details of any new applicant so that they can contact them to invite them to join their section. The Section Leader should let the Waiting List Manager and Treasurer know if the applicant accepts the place and should send the applicant the new joining forms to be completed. The Waiting List Manager will move the young person to the relevant section on Online Scout Manager (OSM). Once the new starter forms have been received these should be used to check and complete the young person's details on OSM. The consent and Gift Aid forms should be passed to the Treasurer.