



18th IPSWICH (HOLYWELLS) SCOUT GROUP



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Dear Parents

From our AGM you will be aware that our group struggles annually for sufficient funds to meet its obligations with regards to rent, electricity, water, insurance, district fees, training, materials for weekly section meetings, etc. I am sure there are more to list.

A generous few members of our group and committee each year volunteer their free time to run the bingo events, Crock Smash, and Christmas Post. We also hire our marquee to raise additional funds – again a few volunteers help with this. The group has historically always chased parents to assist with events.

Our Member subscription fee is currently set at £32 per term (£96pa). This covers part of those obligations. The balance of our obligations is being met by donations and fund raising.

My aim as Group Scout leader is **NOT** to raise subscriptions. It is to see the amount stay the same, and when possible see the group fund partially or in full external an activity for every member. I also do not want to further impose on the few generous volunteers who run our fundraising events.

A NEW WAY OF EQUALLY SHARING THE FUND RAISING OBLIGATIONS OF THE GROUP.

Every member is to ensure their gift aid form is completed and returned.

Each member and adult with the group is being asked to fund-raise an individual target of £50 per year. Suggestions include attendance at the group sponsored walks, bag packing, bingo nights – buying bingo tickets/raffle (exc chips), donations from employer/businesses and individuals (this more of a parent task). It is your target, your choice – spread it out. You may prefer due to time commitments and preference to just pay this amount.

It is an individual's choice on how they assist the group, and some members may exceed this target. This is a necessity if the group is to keep subscriptions at the current level and allow the group to expand, repair the premises, subsidise (part/full) group outside activities, and eventually purchase a minibus.

There will be no monitoring of this target, and we trust an honour system should be sufficient. We will be thanking and highlighting every individual who attends the arranged events and highlighting those persons who have raised significant amounts.

I think you will agree that a target of just less than a £1 per week is not unreasonable.

The Group will continue with its other fund-raising events - Morning Markets, Race Nights, Marquee hire, Bingo nights etc.

Should you wish to discuss this further then please email myself on john.painter@ntlworld.com

I also occasionally attend individual section meetings during the week.

Regards, John Painter, Group Scout Leader