

1st Barton Scout Group

Subs

Running any club costs money and this is no different for Scouts. We are constantly juggling hall hire, insurance, equipment and activities within the funds available.

At the beginning of each term we face the hassle of collecting subs physically from each member. This involves collecting cheques or cash, checking against the register and paying it all in to the bank. And feedback from parents suggests that you find the whole process as onerous as we do! The fact that we are often still chasing late payers in the last few weeks of the term would seem to confirm this. And sadly some never “get round to it” and enjoy a free term!

So, at our Scout Group Executive committee meeting in July we agreed to change the way we collect subs.

From January we will no longer accept physical payment in the form of cash or cheques. Instead, all subs will be collected by Direct Debit at a rate of £10 per month per child.

This will save an awful lot of time and hassle for both leaders and parents so we hope that you can understand the reason behind this change and can embrace it. Of course we realise that this is a small increase in the amount too but given the range of opportunities that Scouting offers to young people we hope that you will agree that it remains excellent value for money.

Direct debit information will be circulated in time for this to be in place in January 2018.

No child will ever be excluded from Scouting on the grounds of cost so if you have any concerns or problems with this proposal, please get in touch. Anything you tell me will be in the strictest confidence.

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