



Group Information Pack

Scouting is all about adventures big and small. At 25th Allerton, we want every young person to feel part of something special. Together we explore, learn new skills, build confidence and make memories that last forever.

Our aim, just like the wider Scout Association, is to help young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.



Welcome to **25th Allerton Scout Group**.
This pack contains all the information you may need when you join.



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25th Allerton St Mary's Grassendale Scout Hut

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Website: <https://www.25th-allerton.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/25thallertonscoutgroup>

The Scout Association

www.scouts.org.uk

Merseyside County Scouts

www.merseysidescouts.com

District Scouts

www.liverpoolsouthscouts.org.uk



Group Rules

To keep everyone safe and happy, we have a few simple rules:

- ✓ No smoking in or around the Scout Hut
- ✓ Beavers and Cubs must be dropped off and collected by an adult and please check a leader is present before leaving your child
- ✓ If a meeting has to be cancelled, we'll let you know as soon as possible
- ✓ Uniform should be **worn at all meetings** unless you're told otherwise

These little steps help make sure every meeting is fun, safe and welcoming.



Meetings

Section Meetings

Our weekly adventures take place during term time at the Scout Hut unless otherwise advised.

SECTION	AGE	MEETING DAY	MEETING TIMES
	4-6 years	Wednesday	6pm – 7pm
	6 – 8 years	Tuesday	6pm – 7.15pm
	8 – 10 ½ years	Monday	6.30pm – 8pm
	10 ½ - 14 years	Tuesday	7.15pm – 8.45pm



Church Services

Several times a year we join in **Praise Services and Church Parades** at St Mary's. These usually happen on the second Sunday of most months, and we attend around six each year.

It's a wonderful chance for us to come together as a community. If you can't stay, you are welcome to drop your child off. We meet at the Scout Hut at **10.40am**, and the service finishes at **12pm**. All dates are shared on the website, Facebook group and WhatsApp groups.

Any donations collected go directly to St Mary's Church. Attendance also counts towards the **Faith Activity Badge** and can support school applications.



Annual General Meetings (AGM)

Every summer term we hold our AGM, a friendly update for the whole Scouting family. It's a chance to celebrate achievements, hear about the past year, and look ahead to what's next.

We'd love families to join us, share ideas and get to know each other. It's your group too, and your voice really helps shape our adventures.

Online Scout Manager (OSM)

We use [OSM](#) to make life easier for everyone. Through OSM you can:

- Keep your contact and medical details up to date
- Pay subs quickly and securely by direct debit
- Track your child's badge progress

When you join, you'll be sent an invite to register, please register as soon as possible. It really is a handy tool,

Membership Fees (Subs)

Our yearly subscription is **£120 per young person**, paid termly through OSM (£40 each term).

Amount	Term	Due
£40	Autumn Term	1st September
£40	Spring Term	1st January
£40	Summer Term	April (following Easter break)

This money covers:

- Membership fees to Scouts HQ (including leader training and insurance)
- Weekly activities and badges
- Equipment, building upkeep and running costs

Support When It's Needed

We want every child to have the chance to join in the adventure. That's why we offer **means-tested bursaries** to help with subs or uniform costs.

Awards depend on both group funds and eligibility. While we always do our best, there may be times when we can't provide support straight away. Each application is carefully considered by our Group Trustees and reviewed every term.

If you think a bursary might help your family, please reach out to us in confidence or [download the form from our website](#). We'll always listen and support where we can.

Gift Aid

You can make a big difference with something really simple, **Gift Aid**.

By signing up, we can claim an extra **25p for every £1 you pay**, at no cost to you. That works out at around **£10 extra every term for each member**. It soon adds up, helping us buy better equipment, keep activities affordable and create even more adventures.

You'll be asked to complete a Gift Aid declaration when registering on OSM, and you'll also receive an annual reminder to keep your details up to date.

Overview of Spending

Both the Scout Association and 25th Allerton Scout Group are **non-profit organisations**. Every leader and trustee gives their time voluntarily so no one is paid. That means every penny you contribute goes straight back into Scouting for our young people.

Scout Association Membership

Around **£50 per year, per member** goes to our District, County and National Scout Association. This covers leader training, support and essential public liability insurance.

Programme of Activities

Each section receives a small budget every term to run their weekly programme, so leaders can plan fun, hands-on activities linked to badge work.

Running Costs

The rest of the funds cover:

- Activity resources, badges and certificates
- New equipment and maintenance
- Building and contents insurance
- Utilities (electricity, gas, water)
- Repairs, maintenance and administration

Contingency Fund

We keep a reserve equal to about six months of running costs. This gives us a safety net for unexpected expenses and allows us to apply for grants where matched funding is needed.

- 👉 For more details, the Group Treasurer can provide the **annual accounts**, also shared at the AGM.
- 👉 National spending information is available here: scouts.org.uk/about-us/our-impacts-and-reports

Uniform

Uniform is comfortable, practical, and gives every member a place to proudly display badges. It makes us feel part of one big team and means no one feels uncomfortable or left out.

It also means you can run around and get messy without ruining your other clothes. It makes you feel part of a team. All members are expected to wear uniform at meetings and activities unless told otherwise.

Neckerchiefs

Our group neckerchief is **brown with a gold trim**. These are custom-made (£7). You'll receive your necker and woggle during your investiture. Replacements can be ordered from Jane Leadbetter (GLV).

Required Uniform by Section

SECTION	REQUIRED UNIFORM
	Red Sweatshirt Group Neckerchief
	Blue Beaver Sweatshirt Group Neckerchief
	Green Cub Sweatshirt Group Neckerchief
	Green Scout Long Sleeved Shirt Group Neckerchief

Official sweatshirts and shirts can be purchased at: shop.scouts.org.uk

Optional extras: polo shirts, activity trousers, caps, hoodies.



Badges

The Scouting Programme is made up of a wide range of badges for each section, awarded in recognition of achievement.

Working towards badges encourages young people to develop skills and interests — and try brand new things too.

Badge placement diagrams for each section are available on our website:

👉 25th-allerton.com/where-do-all-the-badges-go



Volunteers

Scouting is powered by volunteers. Every campfire, hike, and badge earned happens thanks to people giving their time and skills.

- All leaders are voluntary and plan their own weekly programmes, guided by the Scout Association's training.
- Leaders attend local District meetings, are fully trained, and DBS-checked.
- Current First Aider lists are displayed in the Scout Hut.

The **Group Lead Volunteer (GLV)** oversees the group, while each section (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts) is run by its own team.

We also rely on **Helpers and Trustees**. Leaders often need parental help at meetings, District/County events, and fundraising. Every adult can offer something, no matter how small.

If you have a hobby, skill or work experience to share, please let us know — everything connects to badge work. It is only with your support that the group can survive and thrive.

👉 Find out if you have the time to volunteer here: 25th-allerton.com/time-to-volunteer

Or email us at: volunteers@25th-allerton.com

Here are some roles we have available currently. There are always other ways to help.

Role	Overview	Which section?
Team member	Section team provides planning and delivery of the section programme.	Squirrels Cubs Scouts
Helper	Support the section teams in the delivery of the section programme.	Any section
Fundraiser	Support fundraising events	Always welcome for events

Interested? Contact: jane@25th-allerton.com or volunteers@25th-allerton.com



History

History of the Scout Association

On 1st August 1907, Robert Baden-Powell — a soldier, artist and writer — gathered 20 boys for the first experimental Scout camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset.

His goal was to bring young people from different backgrounds together to learn new skills and bridge gaps in society.

That camp was packed with tracking, fishing, exploring animals and stars, and it inspired his book *Scouting for Boys*. The movement spread like wildfire — within two years, there were 100,000 Scouts in the UK.

Today, Scouting has over **60 million members worldwide**, in 216 countries. The values remain the same: be prepared, do your best, help others, and build stronger communities.

History of 25th Allerton Scout Group

Our group was formed in **September 1951** with Rev. Eric Clarkson, curate of St Mary's, as Group Scout Master. Cubs began in November that year.

We first met in the Church Hall, but in 1959 the foundation stone of our current HQ was laid by the Bishop of Warrington. Much of the building work was done by our leaders, parents and friends — especially Gordon Savin, our Group Scout Leader.

Through the 1970s we were thriving, with a Cub Pack, Scout Troop, Venture Unit and even a Band (supported by the Liverpool City Police Force). Parents were strong supporters, and we even added a kitchen extension to the HQ.

Today our HQ stands proudly in the grounds of St Mary's Church, whose clergy have supported us over the decades. That's why we carry the name **St Mary's Grassendale** in our title.

More of our history can be found here:

👉 25th-allerton.com/history-allerton-scouts-119

Contacts






Website: www.25th-allerton.com/

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