



259th Sheffield Scout Group

Subscriptions Policy

Under the **Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules** all members of the 259th Sheffield Scout Group are required to pay membership subscriptions. These subscriptions contribute to the Group's running costs and activities (although additional fees may be payable for camps and other events). The subscriptions also cover the National Membership fee paid to the Scout Association, which includes personal accident and medical expenses insurance for members as well as public and trustee liability for those running Scout activities.

1. Membership subscriptions are due on the 4th of every month.
2. The current monthly subscription payment is £15 for each young person in the Group.
3. Parents/guardians are notified when subscriptions are due via an email from [Online Scout Manager](#) where they set up an account when their child joins the 259th. Payments are collected via a secure payment zone on the Online Scout Manager portal.
4. If two or more subscription payments are not received without any communication from the payer, and the Group has not received an application under the subscription hardship policy (see #5 below), your child will cease to be a member of the Group and their membership will be terminated. Children who are removed from the Group can apply to re-join. They will join the waiting list at the bottom and be offered a place when available. See our Membership Policy for more details.
5. We never want financial circumstances to prevent a young person from accessing Scouting, and the Group may be able to provide support towards subscription fees in cases of financial hardship.

To apply for support via our subscription hardship policy: initially contact your Section Team Leader, the Group Lead Volunteer (Becky Williamson), or our Family Liaison (Ruth Tully) who will refer your case to the Trustee Board. The Trustee Board will review each case individually and confidentially.

6. Parents/guardians of members are expected to attend the Group's Annual General Meeting, details of which will be sent by email.

7. If your child leaves the Group, you must notify your child's Section Team Leader in writing that your child wishes to leave the group. Subscriptions will be due until the date on which the Section Team Leader has received this written notice.
8. If subscription payments are in arrears when your child leaves the Group, all past subscription payments up to the date on which the Section Team Leader received written notice are still due.

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