








Welcome to the 1st Llanelli Scout Group

We are one of the largest and oldest scout groups in Carmarthenshire; we started in 1908 and continue to deliver fantastic exciting adventurous scouting for boys and girls from 4 years of age through to 18.

The group has 5 sections:

Section	Meeting day	Section Leaders
 Age 4 - 6	Wednesday 5:00pm to 6:00pm	Natalie Powell
 Age 6 - 8	Wednesday 6:15pm to 7:30pm	Angela Jones
 Age 8 – 10½	Tuesday 6:30pm to 8:00pm	Mark Griffiths
 Age 10½ - 14	Friday 7:00pm to 9:00pm	Steve Jones
 Age 14 - 18	Thursday 7:00pm to 9:00pm	Ben Clarke

Where do we meet?

All sections meet at our scout hall, which is located at the rear of Andrew Street, Llanelli, SA15 3YW.

What do we do?

We have a wide range of activities for each section suitable to the age group, activities range from arts and crafts to the more adventurous activities, all sections work towards badges and awards; as well as the traditional scouting activities and skills, camping, fires, hikes, archery shooting, climbing we also have a big emphasis on life skills and activities that promote team skills and problem solving etc.

Please visit our active facebook page where pictures of activities of all sections are posted.

Uniform

Scouting is a uniformed organisation; all members are required to wear the official formal uniform with the appropriate badges and the group blue scarf.

The group also have a range of activity wear which includes a polo shirt and a hoody with the group's logos on. The leaders will advise when the blue t-shirts can be worn for activities, these are



not a substitute for the official formal section uniform, and scarf must still be worn with blue t-shirts unless advised otherwise by the leaders.

During the warmer months After Easter to end of September the group blue polo shirt can be worn for normal meeting nights and some activities, full uniform is required to be worn from 1st October to end of April

Termly Subs

There is a charge of £50 each term, this will be requested through the online system approximately 2 weeks into the new term. Payment is required by half term.

What does this cover?

The Group is charged nearly £60 per individual scout on an annual basis to be a member of the Scout Association, this covers the individual through the HQ scouting insurance, and it contributes to the costs of running and developing scouting at a National, Welsh and Area level. We allocate £20 of the termly subs to pay for this.

Along with additional fundraising, the remainder of the subs contributes to the running of the hall, equipment, programme materials and some activities and camps.

Group Shop

The group stock all the sections official uniform, badges, scarf and blue polo shirts. These can be purchased at the hall.

On line Scout Manager

The group uses the Online Scout Manager (OSM) system to manage all record keeping and finances, each scouts details and parent/guardian details will be kept on this system, parents can also access the system.

The leaders will send out information in 2 different ways through OSM, firstly through email, this will be for general communication or providing information about an event or activity, secondly via an event invite where you click on the link that is contained in the email and it will take you to the event information and invite page where it will contain more information on the activity, camp etc. it will require you to click the yes or no option depending whether you want your young person to attend.

All subs and most activities will be paid for through this system.

GDPR

Whilst your young person is a member of 1st Llanelli Scout Group, it is a requirement to hold personal details for registering them with the group and holding contact details and also any essential medical information etc, this information is held on the Online Scout Manager (OSM) system. The information held is what has been provided to us by parents/guardians.

This information can be reviewed and altered if required by logging on through the parent portal of OSM.

During the duration of your young person's time at 1st Llanelli Scouts, it will be necessary to contact you regarding termly subs, activities, fundraising, meetings and information specific to their group i.e. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts

Occasionally we may need to use different methods of communication including email, text, and telephone.

We respect your privacy and will never pass your details on to a third party without your knowledge and prior agreement.

Any data relating to you or your child will be destroyed when your child has left 1st Llanelli Scout Group.

If you have any objections to the above then please contact the Group Scout Leader.

Facebook

We have a very active busy Facebook page, all sections will post pictures of most week's activities so you can see what your young person has been doing at scouts.

Please follow us on Facebook. (1st Llanelli Scout Group)

Parent's waiting room

We have a parent's waiting room just off the entrance hall, please come in and use that when waiting to pick your young person up.

Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering in our group whether it's as an occasional helper (once a month or just on big events) or a sectional assistant or leader, or an executive committee member then please let the GSL know.

Or if there is a particular skill or trade you can offer such as fundraising or a builders trade we are interested to hear from you, our hall is very old and in need of constant maintenance. As well as delivering the scouting programme, the leaders also carry out all the maintenance work at the hall.

If you are e.g. - a roofer, electrician, plumber, builder, decorator and would like to help with some small jobs/ maintenance please let us know.

Fundraising

We are constantly trying to raise money for repairs to the hall or to buy equipment, if you are aware of grant schemes within your work place please let us know, we have two online shopping schemes where companies make a small donation to us if you shop with them, it doesn't cost you a penny but we benefit greatly from it.

Please visit – www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/1stllanelliscoutgroup and sign up for free.

If you have any queries, regarding anything contained above please contact the section leader or the Group Scout leader.

Waiting list and joining group.

We only invite new members to start the group at the start of each term, when its time for the existing members to move up to the next section this is also done at the start of the new term.

To closely manage the size of the group and deliver the best programme we can, we limit new members to 6 years and under only, we only take new members into Squirrels and Beavers. We give priority to our members moving through the sections.

We will do our best to offer a place in either squirrels or beavers depending on age but due to section size limits we can't always take everyone who has enquired.

We feel our young people should have the longest and best experience we can offer them.

If someone leaves a section, they cannot re-join in the future.