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**Subscription Notice 2023/2024**

82<sup>nd</sup> CRAIGALMOND (CRAMOND) SCOUT GROUP

Welcome to the start of another exciting scouting year.

Our activities are predominantly financed by the collection of annual subscriptions. We use these to cover immediate costs (e.g. hall rent, equipment insurances, section allowances for activities and to maintain camping and sailing equipment, etc.) and most significantly, the capitation fees paid to The Scout Association (covering member insurance and UK/Regional & District running costs).

For the session 2022/23, the expenditure and income was as follows:

**INCOME**

Subscriptions	£17,070
Gift aid	£5,343
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	£22,413

**EXPENDITURE**

Hall/boat store rent	£3,538
Capitation dues	£10,534
Insurance	£2,644
Section allowances	£2,000
Sea Scout expenses	£1,113
Training	£602
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	£21,136

Given that our fixed costs were slightly below our income last year, we have decided not to apply an increase this year, especially in light of the cost of living situation. The subscription fees will therefore remain the same as those charged in for each section in 2022/2023 (as set out below).

The subscription fees for this year will therefore be:

<b>Beavers</b>	£85
<b>Cubs</b>	£85
<b>Scouts</b>	£90
<b>Explorers</b>	£70

**The preferred method for collecting Subs is via Online payment.**

**Bank details: Sort code: 80-02-19**

**Account Number: 00278658**

**Reference e.g. John Smith Friday Cubs – would be FC JSmith**

**Important:** Please note that if payment is not received by 31 October 2023, your child may lose their place in the section that they are attending. This is because part of the subscription covers the personal insurance cost to The Scout Association and so they may not be covered in the event of an accident.

If you have any problems paying the subscription fee, please email Claire McDowell (cecmcdowell@gmail.com) or speak to one of your section leaders. We can arrange a suitable payment plan such as instalments, or provide access to our hardship fund. Please be assured that any such arrangement will be in the strictest confidence.

If you are unable to pay via online banking, cheques should be made payable to **“82<sup>nd</sup> Craigalmond (Cramond) Scout Group”** and returned to **Claire McDowell, 13 Cumlodden Avenue, EH12 6DR**. Please ensure your child’s name and section is on the back of the cheque for easy identification. Alternatively, you can hand it to a leader in an envelope marked for Claire’s attention.

### **Gift Aid**

We are continuing to use OSM (Online Scout Manager) to record your Gift Aid preference. This is primarily to allow us to streamline our personal data record keeping, to comply with GDPR regulations, but it should also help you as parents, as you won’t have to fill out and return paper forms and remember to hand them in anymore! The Gift Aid Declaration enables the Scout Group to claim significant additional monies to help fund the activities of our sections. **Please consider our request that you select that all past and future payments are reclaimable.**

Your section leaders will send a separate communication about registering on OSM (for those who haven’t already done so) at which point you will be able to register your Gift Aid preference.

Kind regards,

**Sandra Smit**

Group Treasurer

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