



74TH ST. LUKE'S WATFORD SOUTH SCOUT GROUP

Dear Parents,

I am writing to everyone to communicate two recent decisions taken by the 74th Group Executive Committee.

TERMLY MEMBERSHIP FEES

We believe that the time is right to increase subs to £35 per term – this will take effect from next term starting in January. From our experience of other extra-curricular activities, we think this is still excellent value. We hope you agree that your children get an incredibly wide range of experiences through their Scouting participation. A quick reminder that all our Group's leaders are volunteers and not paid for their participation.

Part of the reason for this increase is that we have had to cancel two fund-raising evenings recently for lack of bookings: the summer barbecue and the quiz night. When we have run them in the past they have been a lot of fun and a chance to create a bit more community within the Group, so we will continue to plan for them as well as our successful Summer Fair.

Please note that if you have any genuine concerns about the affordability of this increase, you should contact your Section leader or myself in the strictest confidence. We do want to ensure that Scouting is inclusive to all and we do not wish to exclude any young people for financial reasons.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We would like to hear from any parents who would be interested in joining the 74th Group Executive Committee. We have two vacancies coming up as some long-standing members are standing down. We would love to increase the number of current parents on the committee.

Every Scout Group has an Executive Committee, and it is as vital to the smooth running of the Group as the leaders and assistant leaders – but rather less time-consuming! We support the section leaders in delivering high-quality activities, and manage the Group's funds effectively. If you would like any more information, please do feel free to speak to a leader or email me. We typically meet five times a year (at the Essex Arms, but this can be altered if you wish). You can find more information online by searching "scouts executive committee".

Many thanks for your ongoing support for our Scout Group.

All the best,

Alistair Balderson
Executive Committee Chair, 74th Watford South (St Luke's) Scout Group