



Scouts

Heath and Reach

May 2022

Dear parents and guardians,

Beavers/Cubs/Scouts membership fee increase

We are writing to notify you of an impending change to the subscription that will be charged for Scouting in Heath and Reach.

Although financial times are challenging for everyone, we too are feeling this pressure after several years of static fees. In order for Scouting to continue in the village – without profit, this is the only way forward.

Therefore, with effect from 1 June 2022 monthly subscriptions will rise to £13 per month. We hope that you will agree that this is excellent value for money for a youth group which gave great, continuous activities throughout the Lockdown period let alone the fantastic, varied opportunities that it continues to provide young people on a weekly basis in our area.

We have undertaken a lot of overdue improvements during the lockdown so that we can offer a safe environment – such as fixing the heating, flooring and patio – but this has come from generous grants and donations, and cannot be used for our week-to-week upkeep.

This matter has been discussed at great length at our Executive Committee Meetings and was not a decision that was reached lightly. In addition to this monthly increase, we are exploring all additional fundraising opportunities to supplement this income. However, if there are any donations that you feel we may be missing out on please do let us know – for example some employers offer to support local charities, or provide ‘match funding’ for time their staff spend volunteering.

Finally, may we remind you that none of the Scouting opportunities would occur without our wonderful volunteers but their numbers are not as great as they need to be. Therefore, may we ask you again to consider whether you can give any time to support Heath and Reach Scout Group or if you may know someone who may wish to take an active role on a regular basis to ensure that we provide the best possible opportunities to the young people. If we do not find a few more volunteers soon then we may need to seriously rethink whether the Group can continue in the village.

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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