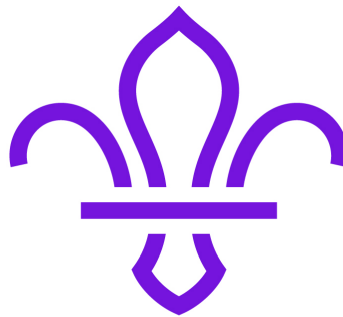


1st Bishop's Stortford and Hockerill Scout Group

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Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome you and your child as Members of the *1st Bishop's Stortford and Hockerill Scout Group*. In joining the great adventure of Scouting, we are sure you and your child will get a great deal out of the experience. This pack gives you some basic information about Scouting and how this Scout Group operates.

So, what is Scouting?

Scouting offers challenge and adventure to 400,000 young people aged 6-25 in the UK. We believe in helping our Members fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We're working to make Scouting available to all and we're passionate about what we do.

Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to take risks in a safe environment and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they'll never forget. The sort of adventure Scouting offers is the chance to experience something different and the opportunity to challenge yourself. When a Beaver Scout wakes up the morning after a sleepover or a Cub Scout has just got over her fear of heights by completing her first abseil - that's adventure.

In Scouting, we offer a large range of activities. If we don't have an instructor who can help, we can normally find someone who can. But Scouting isn't just about activities for their own sake. We encourage our young people to feel the buzz of the challenge and then reflect on what that means.

- Did they have fun?
- Do they feel more confident?
- Would they do it again?

All this is made possible by the efforts of 100,000 volunteer adult leaders. With award winning training and one-to-one support, we make sure that each one of our volunteers gets to make the best use of their skills and talents. It's something different from the norm, and that's why a lot of people like it. In fact, it's what has made us the largest co-educational youth movement in the country.

As a member of this Scout Group, we aim to give your child a positive, exciting adventure of a lifetime. We also expect your support in making your child's time with us as exciting and as fulfilling as possible. We will be contacting you within a few weeks of your child joining the Group to find out how you can help us in our work. Example of the type of support you could offer includes:

- Helping out on a day trip
- Helping at camp
- Attending sectional meetings on a rota basis e.g. a couple of times a term

How much does it cost to be a Member?

The current Membership Fees are:

Beaver Scouts ... £31 per term Cub Scouts ... £35 per term Scouts ... £37 per term

At the end of each term, you will be asked to pay your child's beaver, cub or scout membership fees for the next term.

The email you receive regarding your child's membership fees will include a direct link to Online Scout Manager (OSM) and then to GoCardless. Just click on the link and follow the instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: If your family is having difficulty making payments, then the Scout Group will try to support you in any way we can. If you would like to talk to someone confidentially about such a matter, please contact Diana (Membership Secretary) or Simon (Group Scout Leader).

If you have any questions about your payment, please contact Diana.

Who can join?

Our Group is open to girls and boys from 6 years old to 14 years old across three Sections. They are:

- Beaver Scouts for 6-8 year olds
- Cub Scouts for 8-10½ year olds
- Scouts for 10½- 14 year olds

Our three Beaver Scout Colonies:

Galaxy Colony	Sunday: 17.00 - 18.00	Beaver Scout Leader: Barbara Chaplin babs.chaplin@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Watership Down Colony	Tuesday: 16.30 to 17.30	Beaver Scout Leader: Mike Drummond mike.drummond@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Ocean Colony	Thursday: 18.00 to 19.00	Beaver Scout Leader: Martin Payne Smith martin.paynesmith@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk

The Beaver Scout uniform consists of the turquoise Beaver Scout sweatshirt, the scout group scarf and woggle. Details of where to buy a uniform are listed below.

Sweatshirt Code: 106388 Sizes 22" to 36" chest Price c £14

Our three Cub Scout Packs:

Apache Pack	Monday: 18.15 to 19.45	Cub Scout Leader: Matthew Ironside matthew.ironside@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Comanche Pack	Tuesday: 17.45 to 19.15	Cub Scout Leader: Liam Dillon liam.dillon@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Navaho Pack	Wednesday: 18.00 to 19.30	Cub Scout Leader: Craig Snook craig.snook@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk

The Cub Scout uniform consists of the dark green Cub Scout sweatshirt, the scout group scarf and woggle. Details of where to buy a uniform are listed below.

Sweatshirt Code: 106393 Sizes 24" to 38" chest Price c £14.50

Our three Scout Troops:

Aztec Troop	Tuesday 19.30 to 21.00	Scout Leader: Dawn Carter dawn.carter@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Inca Troop	Friday 19.30 to 21.00	Scout Leader: Martin Cole martin.cole@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk
Spartan Troop	Saturdays (monthly) 10.00 to 16.00	Scout Leader: Debbie Ferguson debbie.ferguson@1stbishopsstortford.org.uk

The Scout uniform consists of the teal green Scout Shirt or Blouse, the scout group scarf and woggle. Details of where to buy a uniform are listed below.

Shirt Code: 101616 or Blouse Code: 101613 Sizes XXS to XL Price c £20

Where do I buy a uniform?

Uniform can be purchased by visiting <http://shop.scouts.org.uk/> or visit the local District shop. The District Shop is open on Wednesday Evenings (during term times) 19.00 to 20.30 at the 1st Thorley Scout Group HQ on Thorley Lane off Whittington Way.

Beaver, cub and scout uniforms are designed to be very hard wearing. They can quite often be passed to a smaller child when they are out grown. Second-hand uniforms can sometimes be found online, in charity shops or from friends and family.

Optional Scoutwear

Polo Shirts, for use in summer, can also be purchased

Turquoise Beaver Polo Code: 106387 c £12.50

Dark Green Cub Polo Code: 106392 c £13.50

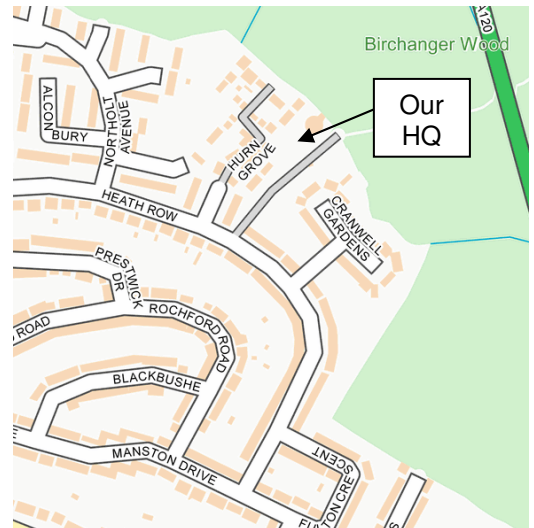
Scout shops also offer various baseball caps and beanies from c £5.50-£8

Where are we located?

Our Headquarters is located just off Heath Row, just north of Cranwell Gardens, near the water tower in the N.E. corner of Bishop's Stortford (see map right).

Safety at the Scout HQ

- Please do not smoke in or around the HQ building. There is a strict no smoking policy on the premises
- Please do not drive your car up the drive to the Scout HQ at the start or end of the meetings. Cars and pedestrians do not mix well. Please park on the road and walk your child to the door of the Scout HQ
- Please do not bring any dogs onto the premises
- Please stick to the paths. The grounds surrounding the building are rough and are not designed to walk on

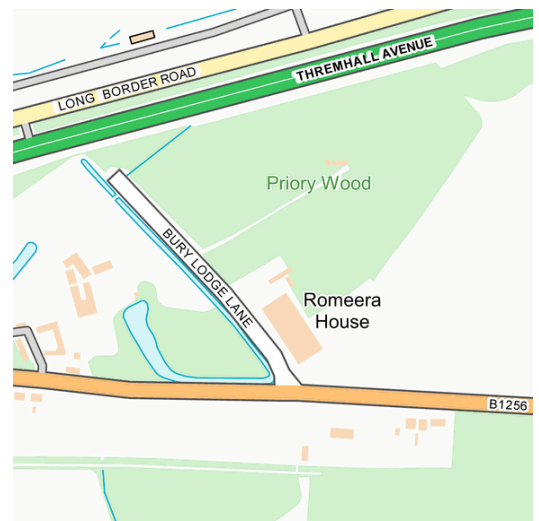


The Group Campsite – Priory Wood

The Group leases a 14-acre campsite near Stansted Airport. We often use this fantastic facility for outdoor fun and adventure as part of our ongoing programme.

How to find the campsite:

- At junction 8 of the M11, taking the B1256 towards Great Dunmow.
- Continue on this road for about a mile until you reach a set of traffic lights. Turn left at these lights - by Kearsleys Airways - into Bury Lodge Lane.
- The Priory Wood campsite entrance is about 100m beyond the electric gates. It is acceptable to park by the electric gates on either side of the road and walk to the campsite entrance.



Safety at Priory Wood campsite

- Please do not smoke in or around the campsite. There is a strict no smoking policy on the premises
- Please do not drive your car up the track to the campsite at the start or end of the meetings. Cars and pedestrians do not mix well. Please park on the road and walk your child to the door of the building. Don't worry about the yellow lines - they are from a bygone age
- Please do not bring any dogs onto the site

Please note Priory Wood is not a Park

There is no electricity on site and the area is wooded and is accessed via a rough unlit road. When you visit the campsite you are advised to bring your own torch with you to light your way. You should also watch where you walk as there are plenty of tree roots and leaves which make under foot conditions slippery and uneven. Keeping all Members of the Scout Group safe and secure is important to us.

Keeping Children Safe

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm. All adults working in an unsupervised capacity with young people in this Group have been subject to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. The Scout Association is committed to:

- Taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;
- Respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;
- Taking all, practicable steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse; and
- Promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

All our uniformed Leaders have appropriate safe guarding and first aid training.

Your personal information

To communicate with you and to keep your child and others safe we will collect, keep and use personal information about you and your child. How we deal with personal information is set out in our Privacy Notice, which you can view on our website at www.1stbishopsstortford.org.uk/privacy-policy.

We are moving to collecting and storing all personal information electronically, with as much as possible stored where you can update and review your and your child's personal information yourself at www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk. Please see section 8 of our Privacy Notice for more information about this. If your child is joining a Colony, Pack or Troop that has not yet moved to using Online Scout Manager (OSM), you may be asked to complete a paper form instead.

We will also email you using Google Forms to ask you whether you want to give your consent to us using your and your child's personal information for certain purposes.

When we send you the membership fees invoice for your child's membership, we will also ask whether you are a UK taxpayer. If you are, we will then ask you to complete Gift Aid form so we can reclaim the tax on your child's membership fees.

The Structure of the Scout Group

A Scout Group is led by a Group Scout Leader and managed by a Group Executive Committee. They are accountable to the Group Council (of which you are now a Member) for the satisfactory running of the Group.

To ensure that the Beaver Scout Colonies, Cub Scout Packs and Scout Troops all provide a continuous, attractive and adventurous range of challenging and exciting activities for your child, the Group Executive Committee meets five to six times a year to support the Group Scout Leader in meeting the responsibilities of their appointment.

Together the Executive Committee is responsible for:

- The maintenance of the Group's property and equipment;
- The raising of funds and the administration of the Group's finance;

- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Organising Group public occasions;
- Assisting with the recruitment of Leaders and other adult support

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The **Group Membership Secretary** is:

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More information

Visit our Scout Group Website for more information, programme information and news:

<http://1stbishopsstortford.org.uk/>

For national information about the Movement, visit Scouting's website at www.scouts.org.uk.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Simon Carter, the Group Scout Leader.