



14th King's Lynn (Woottons) Scout Group Scout Section – May 2017

Dear Parent /Guardian,

Our Scouts have been going from strength to strength in recent months, with numbers increasing at an impressive rate. With new young people moving up to Scouts from Cubs and joining us from the wider community we are expecting to have around 50 Scouts by the end of the year *and the numbers only set to increase from there. For a couple of reasons this is obviously unsustainable.*

Firstly, we can only fit so many people into the Scout Hut and maintain our current ratio of Leaders to Scouts; at the current rate of growth we will very quickly fill the hut beyond its capacity.

Secondly, with so many Scouts wanting to take part in the excellent programme provided by our Scout Leaders, the sheer numbers are going to start impinging on the Leaders ability to provide the quality programme that our current Scouts are used to.

With this in mind, we are in the process of setting up a second Scout Troop, with meetings to be held on *either* a Wednesday or Friday evening.

What does this mean for me and my child?

If everything goes as planned, then the only changes you will notice are increased choice and a more varied programme. A move to a second night will not be forced on to any current or future Scouts. However, current Scouts would be given the option to move to the second night should they wish; this would help alleviate our current problems around numbers, as well as give the new section some “experienced” Scouts to help get it off the ground.

Leaders

While having an increase in the number of young people moving through our group is brilliant, we are in desperate need of Leaders and Helpers to assist with the new section (as well as always welcoming new adults into our existing sections). How much time you give is up to you, and you don't need any previous experience. We have a huge variety of roles to suit everyone, and whatever you choose, we'll make sure you're properly trained and supported.

We in no way want this move to negatively impact upon any young person's participation in Scouting, in fact we believe that it will enhance the experience of all Scouts, both present and future. However, if you have any questions or concerns about this change then please get in touch via any of the methods below; we always welcome feedback no matter what form it may take.

Yours in Scouting
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