

Young Leader Policy

Young Leaders (YL) volunteer alongside adult leaders in a Squirrel Drey, Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop. They're a valuable asset to any leadership team and play an active role in the section, bringing a range of fresh ideas to the table and acting as positive role models for the young people they work alongside. All Young Leaders in the Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout section who are between the ages of 14 and 18 will also be registered with the Mid Wiltshire District Young Leaders Unit.

Although the scheme is usually taken on by Explorer Scouts, young people from outside Scouting can also participate if they are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards or Queen's Guide Award. They can do this by volunteering as non-members for a set period of time. For example, if they are completing their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award, they can volunteer as a non-member for three to six months (the time required for the Bronze DofE volunteering section) when they are of an appropriate age.

Training

As well as developing valuable life skills, the scheme is an opportunity for Young Leaders to make a positive impact in their communities and to fulfil the service elements of many of the top awards in Scouts, or their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Recognition of achievement is available along the way, and on completion of the Scheme, the Young Leader is awarded with an Explorer Scout Young Leader belt buckle.

They are all required to undertake the Young Leader training supported by the section leaders and Group Scout Leader to apply the learning and develop their own skills. Module A – Prepare for take-off must be completed within three months of becoming a Young Leader. Any costs for the Young Leader training modules will be covered by the Scout Group in the same way as for Section Leaders training (unless they are also an Explorer Scout when the district will cover this).

Clothes

A Scout Group polo shirt will be provided by the Scout Group on completion of Module A. They may also choose to wear a Young Leaders shirt and a Scout Group hoodie or fleece (all at their own cost).

Subs

They will not be required to pay the monthly subs fee unless they are also an Explorer Scout or take part in Explorer activities, then the fee will be due to the District Explorer Unit. If they are only a Young Leader with the Scout Group the annual capitation fee will be paid by the Scout Group. If they are also an explorer or they take part in any explorer activities this fee will be paid by the Explorer Unit (from the subs fee paid to them).

Activities

They will be invited to take part in the Scout Section (and the other section they are supporting if relevant) camps and other activities wherever possible. They will be required to pay for these in the same way as other youth members.