



# 12<sup>th</sup> Wallasey Scout Group

Serpentine Road Family Church, Serpentine Road, Wallasey, Merseyside

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## Group All Sections Notice

### Subscriptions & Capitation – Increasing Membership Fee

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As you know, Scouting is run by volunteers, and as a charitable organisation we are dependent on subscription charges (*membership fees*) to cover basic costs such as: venue, equipment insurance, programme materials, section activities, equipment such as the minibus, but importantly to cover the membership and insurance with the Scout Association for each member, which is also known as capitation.

Capitation has to be paid every year for each young member invested in the group as at 31<sup>st</sup> January, and is paid to The Scout Association Headquarters, with levies also being applied at County and District levels. A breakdown of the membership fee, and a high-level group budget can be seen at [Appendix A](#) overleaf, but the level of Capitation payable for 2018 has increased from £48 to £55 per young member.

Since 2009, when capitation was just £37, the 12th Wallasey has increased its membership charge only once, by £1 per month in 2016. We have sustained our low membership charge, and not increased each year in line with rising capitation and prices, largely due to the enormous levels of fundraising undertaken during previous years by our leaders, parents and young members.

However, several things have caused us to urgently review the membership fees; firstly, there has been a large increase to membership levies applied by Wallasey District; secondly, there has been a steady and marked increase in prices impacting our overall expenditure; and, lastly but importantly, as a group we have not performed anywhere near the level of additional fundraising activities we have done in previous years.

As a result, annual membership for each young member will rise to £150 per year (or to **£12.50 per month** for those paying monthly by standing order). **This change will come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 - so please make sure you adjust your monthly standing order payments!** Just a reminder too, that all subscription payments should be paid by Standing Order, into the group account detailed below:

*(Please use your child's surname and initial as the payment reference)*

Bank: Lloyds TSB: Sort Code: 77-17-24 Account No: 06977360

Without question, we hope to avoid any further increases to membership fees, but will need to review this annually. We know how much it means to everyone for the Group to be able to subsidise activities and camps, as well as replace equipment and maintain the Group minibus. So, hopefully you will appreciate this will be a struggle to continue to do, at the levels we have, unless we undertake some significant fundraising activities over the coming years ahead. All camps & activity spending may therefore also increase to reflect the very real rises the group have had to sustain over the past several years.

As always, any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me.

Yours in Scouting

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## APPENDIX A

<b>Capitation Levies Applied &amp; Total Payable by Group</b>				
The Scout Association	£	26.50		
Merseyside Scouts	£	12.00		
Wallasey District	£	16.50		
TOTAL	£	55.00		
<b>Group Membership Fee &amp; General Budget Illustration 2018</b>		<i>Current Membership Fee Forecast</i>		
<b>New</b> Group Membership Fee (£12.50 per month)	£	150.00	£	120.00
Retained by Group Per Member	£	95.00	£	65.00
Total Members		72		72
Projected Annual Income from Membership	£	6,840.00	£	4,680.00
<b>Mandatory Annual Spending Items for 2018</b>				
Group Equipment Insurance	£	350.00	£	350.00
Church Donation for Usage*	£	-	£	-
Minibus Insurance	£	850.00	£	850.00
Minibus MOT, TAX & Service (estimated)	£	750.00	£	750.00
General Admin, i.e. website, printing etc	£	300.00	£	300.00
Miscellaneous i.e. AGM, Training, Expenses etc	£	300.00	£	300.00
Scouting Costs i.e. OSM, badges, certs etc	£	1,000.00	£	1,000.00
<i>Total Mandatory Expenditure Forecast</i>	£	3,550.00	£	3,550.00
<i>Projected Remaining Income</i>	£	3,290.00	£	1,130.00
<b>Monthly Amount left per child for activities*</b>	£	3.81	£	1.31

\*Remaining Income ÷ members ÷ months