



Bishops Lydeard Scout Group Information

3rd Taunton (Bishops Lydeard) Scout Group is part of the worldwide Scouting Movement. More locally we are affiliated to Somerset County, and Blackdown District, Scouts. Our Group is a Registered Charity: 289989. The Scout Hut is in West Street, Bishops Lydeard TA4 3AU.

The land to the west of our hut is owned by the Scout Group. Some land to the east is owned by our kind neighbours, the owners and residents of Lydeard House, who very generously allow us to use this area. This is a privilege we value greatly, and we are therefore very careful how this area is used.

Online Scout Manager (OSM)

OSM is a website used to maintain all our data. It complies fully with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Social Media

We maintain a website at www.bishopslaldeardscouts.org.uk, and a Facebook page named Bishops Lydeard Scout Group. We update these regularly and add photos of events and activities our members participate in. No child is ever named in any posts, but if you do not want your child photographed or his/her image to be displayed in this way, then please do let us know.

Safety

We take the safety of your child very seriously. If you have any concerns please do contact us. Please make sure the Leaders are ready when you drop your child off. Beavers need to be signed in on arrival.

Please drive carefully up the lane to our carpark and observe the speed limit of 5 miles per hour, and please use your hazard lights in the driveway and carpark for extra visibility and attention.

We have a site safety officer and if you have any concerns regarding safety inside or outside the hut please mail safety@bishopslaldeardscouts.org.uk

Any concerns about the safety and protection of any of our members please contact our Groups Scout Leader gsl@bishopslaldeardscouts.org.uk

Executive Committee

The Group is run by an Executive Committee, which comprises a group of voluntary members elected at the Annual General meeting (AGM), and includes parent representatives for each section. The executive committee meets termly.

The Executive Committee members also act as the Trustees of the underlying charity.

Group Roles and contact details

Chairperson	Yvonne Back	chair@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Group Scout Leader	Jana Truby	gsl@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Assistant Group Scout Leader	Vacant	Info@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Treasurer	Neil Truby	treasurer@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Secretary	Vacant	info@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Safety Officer	Stuart Whittaker	safety@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Site Bookings	Gill Littlewood	bookings@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Site Maintenance	Martin Smith	maintenance@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Quartermaster	Paul Blease	qm@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Squirrels Leaders	Vacant	Squirrels@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Riverside Beavers Leader	Andy Coleman	riverside@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Woodland Beavers Leader	David Humphry	woodland@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Acorn Cubs Leader	Vacant	acorn@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Oak Cubs Leader	Paul Blease	oak@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk
Scout Troup Leader	Val Lambert	scouttroop@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk

All our leaders and executive members are volunteers. We are always looking for new leaders and helpers for all sections, if you feel you can help please contact Jana gsl@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk

Sections

The Scout Group consists of:

- Squirrels Drey: Tuesday 5:00 t 6:00
- Riverside Beavers Colony: Monday 6:00 to 7:15
- Woodland Beavers Colony: Thursday 5:30 to 6:45
- Acorn Cub Pack: Friday 6:00 to 7:30
- Oak Cub Pack: Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00
- Scout Troop: Thursday 7:00 to 9:00

Find out all you need to know about your Section

Squirrels: scouts.org.uk/squirrels

Beavers: scouts.org.uk/beavers

Cubs: scouts.org.uk/cubs

Scouts: scouts.org.uk/scouts

Uniform

All items of uniform can be purchased from the Scout and Guide Centre at the Tangier Scout and Guide Centre, Castle Street, Taunton TA1 4AS, the shop is open on Wednesdays during term time from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Our section leaders may have some second-hand uniforms available. Find out where to sew your badges at www.scouts.org.uk

Subscriptions

Income to run the group is raised through monthly subscriptions and from letting out the site to visiting groups and other organisations.

We collect Subscriptions for all sections by continuous Direct Debit, through OSM. Subscriptions are currently £13 per month collected throughout the year, except for August. £8 per month is paid to the District, County and National Scout Groups and covers Insurance, maintenance, publicity, Group support and

other centralised costs. The remaining £5 per month per child goes towards equipment and activities for the sections.

If you are a UK taxpayer please make sure you agree to the Gift Aid option in OSM when setting up your Direct Debit. The additional money received from HMRC for Gift Aid enables us to run exciting events for your children without requiring us to run constant fundraising events

OSM will automatically send you reminders if Subscriptions are not paid. If you have any problem with payment of Subscriptions or Events please contact our Treasurer at treasurer@bishopslydeardscouts.org.uk. Some funds are available to help parents or carers who are temporarily struggling to meet the costs of Scouting.

Personal Information

We maintain all our data about your child/children on a system called Online Scout Manager (OSM).

When your Child joins our Group you will be asked to supply the data we hold about your child. We only hold data required to run Scouting safely, please ensure medical and emergency information is kept up to date on OSM.

All emails to you are sent out through OSM, so please make sure we have up-to-date emails and emergency information. We can store as many emails on the system as you wish to provide!

Section Programmes and Parent Rotas

The section programmes can be seen on OSM at any time, and some sections are running a parent rota onto which you can sign up via OSM.