

Welcome



Hello everyone!

We're so excited to welcome you to our latest newsletter — this edition is jam packed with exciting news, updates and new information

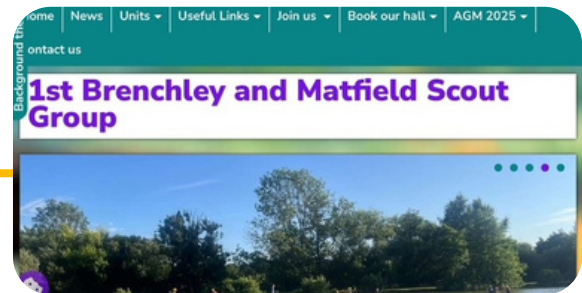
Meet our World Scout Jamboree Team

Did you know that we have 2 young people and 1 leader attending the next World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027?

Henry and Clemmie from our Scouts will be joining the Kent Scouts team while George will be joining the International Service Team. This is a huge achievement for them all and they will need the full support of the Group in fundraising and preparation.



Well Done



Our Website

Our website has been very popular and provides you with key information, please visit www.bmscoutgroup.org.uk

It's the home for all things Scouting in Brenchley and Matfield — news, photos, event details, hall bookings, and more. Take a look and let us know what you think!

Dont bin it, donate it

Did you know you can help us raise money simply by recycling your old printer ink cartridges? We now have a dedicated collection box in the Scout hut. Just pop your used cartridges in the box next time you're visiting. It's an easy way to help the environment and raise funds for the group.



Hire Our Hall!

Did you know our Scout Hut is available to hire for parties, meetings, or events?

- 💰 Only £15 per hour
- 🌐 Book via our website



Over the course of the next few issues I want to tell you about the different roles in Scouting and who does what in the Group

What is a GLV?...

A Group Lead Volunteer is a volunteer who helps a Scout Group run smoothly, safely, and in line with the values of UK Scouting. They don't "run everything" — they support, coordinate, and empower the amazing volunteers who do.

🕒 What they typically do
Here's a clear breakdown:

Leadership & Support

- Encourage, guide, and support section leaders and volunteers
- Help create a positive, inclusive, welcoming culture
- Make sure volunteers feel valued and have what they need

Safety & Standards

- Ensure the group follows Scouts' policies, safeguarding, and safety guidance
- Keep an eye on training requirements and support volunteers to complete them

Planning & Oversight

- Work with the Executive Committee on finances, buildings, equipment, and long-term planning
- Help set the vision for the Group and keep things moving in the right direction

Communication & Community

- Act as a friendly point of contact for parents, carers, and the wider community
- Build relationships with local partners, schools, and supporters

Problem-solving & Coordination

- Step in when something needs unblocking
- Help volunteers work well together and share responsibilities

★ The spirit of the role

A Group Lead Volunteer isn't a "boss". They're a cheerleader, coordinator, and calm pair of hands who helps everyone else shine. The role is all about supporting people.

Upcoming events

Friday 27th February - Sunday 1st March 2026- Frost and Flame camp for Scouts

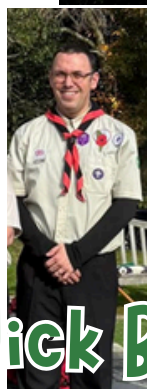
Saturday 28th February 2026- Forest and Flame day



Saturday 7th March 2026- Monopoly Run for Scouts



Sunday 26th April 2026- St Georges Day Parade (more details to follow) - definitely save the date!



Nick Bottle

It has been a busy few months at 1st Brenchley and Matfield Scout Group, loads has been going on and loads is planned in the coming months. Thank you to all our leaders, parents, and supporters—your enthusiasm and dedication make all this possible. We look forward to more adventures with you all.



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SUBSCRIPTION

I thought it might be helpful to explain where your money goes so you can understand why we have to charge for some events.

Income

Subscription is £40.00, 3 times a year (the old school terms) which works out at £120.00 in a year

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The only other full income we get is gift aid, if you are uk tax payer we can claim back 25% of every subscription. Prior to OSM fees. Therefore for every full paying member we get £30.00 back in gift aid.



Our hut is hired for £15 per hour for external bookings, but it isn't used very much

Just to note

Using Online Scout Manager (and go cardless) we lose 3% of this in admin fees- though this might seem annoying, OSM saves us so much time in admin that for the leadership team it is definitely worth it.

Therefore out of your £40.00 we get £38.80 which works out at £116.40 a year

Our total income for a year for a Scout who we can claim gift aid on is £116.40 + £30.00 = £146.40



54 Cubs and Scouts in 2026

$$+ \text{giftaid it} = \text{£7,581.60}$$

If all adults are tax payers

Outgoing

Capitation

What is capitation?

This is a fixed annual fee set by the Scout Association, Kent County Scouts, and our local District. It covers:

- National Membership – ensuring every young person is part of the UK-wide Scouting movement.
- Insurance – protecting young people, volunteers, and activities.
- District Support – helping run local facilities like Lordship Wood and supporting events.
- County Services – funding Kent-wide programmes, training, and resources.
- Scouting HQ – contributing to national infrastructure, safeguarding, and programme development.

Capitation for 2026 was £60 per scout for the year. which with 54 Cubs and Scouts was a bill of £3,240



Insurance building, contents and occasional helper insurance



Fire safety inspection of kit

The hut costs around £2,000 prior to any maintenance



In 2025 we also had a one off pay out in legal fees to secure another 7 year land lease for our hut



Electric



Water

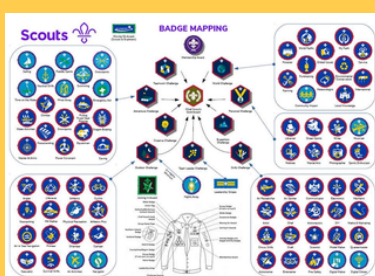
At the moment we have a maximum left of around £2,300 to run the group on, weekly activities and maintain the hut.

(if everyone can do gift aid- we appreciate not all can)

To give you an idea that is roughly £1.45 per young person per meeting and doesn't include any of the below (which is a small summary of other items we buy)



scarves



badges anwhere from



OSM



Woggles



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**WE WOULD LOVE
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**COULD THIS
BE YOU?**



**PLEASE
CONTACT**

**NICK BOTTLE
(GROUP LEAD VOLUNTEER)**

