

Subscriptions 2015



WHERE SUBSCRIPTION MONEY IS SPENT

What do we expect to spend in this financial year (April 2015 to March 2016)?

Ground rent, insurance and upkeep of 1 st Place		£11,416.71
Finishing off Rebuild Phase 1	There are still lots of little jobs to do, from door handles to ventilation.	£ 2,162.64
Sound Absorbing Panels	The finished building looks great but the acoustics make it a very noisy place with 30 beavers, cubs or scouts running around inside. We need to quieten it down a bit for the sanity of our leaders (and the kids).	£ 3,000.00
Capitation	This is our contribution to the costs of the wider scouting movement (£5444.16 to the district, £1760.54 for Hampshire and £4634.73 to the national organisation). There is some detail about what each does for us over the page.	£ 11,840.463
Loan repayment including Interest	We borrowed £60 000 from the Scout association in 2014 as part of the funding package for the scout hut refurbishment. We have to repay this over 10 years.	£ 7,800.00
Equipment		£ 4,038.36
Uniforms & Training		£ 535.71
Badges, Scarves & Woggles for about 150 beavers, cubs and scouts and our 18 leaders		£ 1,071.43
Personal Accident Insurance	The Scout Association provides public liability cover, and cover for leaders on a national basis, but not cover for occasional helpers, for which we pay a premium direct	£ 100.17
Administration and IT		£ 701.00

Section Allowances (spent on extra materials for meetings or to subsidise trips)		£ 1,450.00
Miscellaneous		£ 428.57
TOTAL	We look at this as the basic expected spend for the year, excluding one off events like camps, which the sections finance at the time from camp fees etc.	£44,545.05

What income do we expect in this financial year (April 2015 to March 2016)?

Subscriptions	Based on subscriptions rising to £48 per term in September.	£20,773.85
Pre-School Income	Rental, and a share of running costs (cleaning, electricity etc)	£ 19,334.73
Other users of First Place	 Mercury Explorer Unit 	£ 950.00
Annual Fundraising	  	£ 3,850.00
TOTAL		£44,908.38

With a rise in the Subscriptions from September you can see that our expected income and expenditure for the year is roughly balanced, and that the regular annual fundraising events are needed to keep on track with the essential work on the building.

Our ambition is greater than this however – we still want to add the deferred elements of the building. We will be looking for new fundraising and grant funding opportunities beyond what is presented above to achieve this.

Planned additional elements include:

- a folding partition wall that will allow us to use the main room for two activities at once;
- a front canopy and patio that means people can get from the smaller part of the room to the kitchen and toilets without getting soaked in the rain;
- and a better store building where we can dry tents – we can't do this inside the new building because it is properly sealed so the tents would sweat, but also because we need to keep the space clear for the pre-school. We would like the new store building to incorporate an archery range, air-rifle range, bike racks and perhaps even a climbing wall.

Q&A:

£39 to £48 is quite a big jump in one year. Why so much?

You can see from the income and spend forecasts above the level we need in order to break even. Also bear in mind that subscriptions haven't changed since 2012. We have been absorbing rising costs throughout that period.

Where does that subscriptions income figure come from? It doesn't look a very round figure!

At first glance one would think that we simply multiply the number of members by the subscription amount and have done with it. The reality is a little more complicated, because:

- We charge a joining fee of £10 as well as the regular subscription
- We don't charge until members are invested – so prospective members get to see what scouting is like before they make a commitment
- We don't charge the children of warranted leaders, as a thank you for their high level of volunteering commitment. (Many but not all scout groups work this way.)
- We claim gift aid on subscriptions where we can, but not every payment is eligible.

Where does that capitation number come from?

Again, it is a little more complex than one might expect:

- We are charged capitation for all invested members, leaders, and exec committee members, not just those individuals we are collecting subscriptions for. (We plan based on 122 paying subscriptions and 191 charged capitation.)
- We don't always get very much notice of what the capitation charges for the year will be, so we have to make an educated guess for planning purposes. Some history and our planning assumption is as follows:

	2013	Increase>	2014	Increase>	2015	Guess>	2016
District	£10.00	15.0%	£11.50	65.2%	£19.00	2%	£19.38
County	£7.90	2.5%	£8.10	0.0%	£8.10	5%	£8.51
National	£21.00	0.0%	£21.00	0.0%	£21.00	9%	£22.89
Total	£38.90	4.4%	£40.60	18.5%	£48.10	5.6%	£50.78

- We get a 50p per head discount for paying early – so 2015 for example was £47.60, not the £48.10 shown in the table.
- We took advantage of a payment deferral of most of the increase in district capitation in 2015, catching up with this is included this year.

Capitation Spend – Where does it go?

Winchester District..

.. provides facilities and services for all scout groups in the area, including:

- District Camps
- The RBR hardship fund – which is available to support families in financial difficulty to fully partake in scouting
- Pinsent camp site
- Training

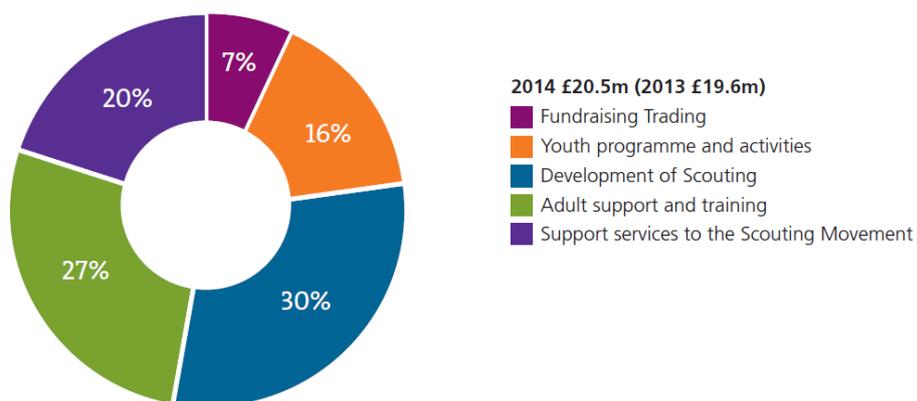
Hampshire County..

...provides several services to Districts and Groups, including:

- Full time Office and Administration support
- Full Time youth development support
- Organises, and Manages Local, National & International Expeditions
- Health & Safety
- Weekly & Monthly Newsletters
- Marketing and Communication
- Training for Uniformed Leaders
- Training for Trustees and Executive Committees

Headquarters

You can get an idea of where the HQ money goes from this graphic – more details are available in their annual report (see <http://scouts.org.uk/about-us/reports/>)



In addition, our HQ payment covers most of our liability insurance needs (not buildings or occasional helpers, these we pay for locally).