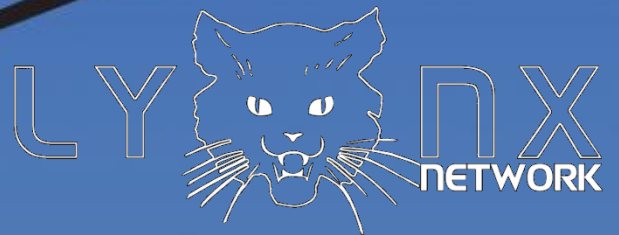


MY SCOUT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP PACK

NETWORK



www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk/lynx



WELCOME TO THE ADVENTURE

Welcome to Lynx Scout Network in Derby – the exciting Scout section just for 18-25 year olds.

This pack will help you get the most out of your time as a Scout Network member. We've provided all of the information you need to know to get started and how you can get involved in the activities and development opportunities on offer.

A few words from your Scout Network Leader & Chairperson

You're joining the most flexible section in Scouting. It's run by its members, doing exactly what its members want to do.

From walking in the Peak District one weekend or caving; to a ten day trip sailing to Norway or mountain biking, there is bound to be something in Scout Network for you.

Most importantly, Scout Network is your section, so the more you put in the more you'll get out of it. Get involved, and if there is something you would like to try that isn't on the programme, just suggest it and we'll look at including it on a future programme. There is also a series of awards that you can work towards to gain recognition for your achievements.

Lynx Scout Network is based in Littleover but takes part in activities across the Derby area; as well as larger events and specialist activities further afield. We have close links to other Scout Networks in Derbyshire and beyond, which increases the range of activities and events available to you.

This pack has been designed to give you all the information you need, including what we do, how it all works and where we meet.

Hopefully by the end we will have answered all your questions, but as always if there is anything else you would like to know then don't hesitate to contact me.

Look forward to meeting you soon!

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Lynx Scout Network online

www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk
/lynx

www.facebook.com/lynxnetwork
www.twitter.com/lynxnetwork

*Meet the other members; plus get the
latest news and activity programme.*





GETTING STARTED

Time to get active!

Congratulations on taking your first step to joining the adventure. To get started, please make sure that we have got all your correct contact details, including a mobile phone number so that we can text you about what is happening each week and an email address so we can send you programme updates and other information.

Another great way of keeping up to date is by becoming a fan of our facebook page or following our twitter feed. Find out about all the latest Scout Network news and events.

- [Lynx Scout Network on facebook](#) 
- [Lynx Scout Network on twitter](#) 

Once you get involved, your Scout Network Leader will guide you through the necessary joining forms, which will register you on The Scout Association database to ensure that you are properly insured on our activities and receive your membership card and magazine. Part of this process includes a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check, which is necessary as – being part of the wider Scout Movement – now and again you may come into contact with members under the age of 18. You can then take the [Scout Promise](#) to be formally ‘invested’ as a Scout Network member and welcomed into the Scout Movement.

You're part of something **BIG!**

You're now not just part of Lynx Scout Network – but part of a worldwide Movement of 28 million people and 500,000 in the UK. The doors are open to a massive range of exciting opportunities available locally, nationally and internationally.

The Scout Network is the final section of The Scout Association's 6 - 25 Programme and probably the most adventurous. As a Scout Network member, you will not just hear about the activities we are running ourselves, but also some of the bigger events further afield run by other Scout Networks in Derbyshire and beyond.

Want an idea of what we're up to in the next few months?

- [View our current programme](#)

Flexible to suit you

We know that this can be a busy time of your life – maybe you are studying, have got a job or other hobbies and interests. That's why we have a flexible approach which allows you to pick and choose the activities and events that you want and are able to do. So whether you can come every week, once a month or term-time only, you should be able to fit Scout Network around your other commitments.

If you will be moving away to study, we can even put you in touch with a Network local to your university – so you can stay active wherever you are going and join in with Lynx when you return.

And we run most of our activities on a “pay as you go” basis, so you only pay for the activities you choose to participate in. The only additional cost is an annual membership fee of around £25-30; although if you hold a voluntary role in Scouting this is normally paid for you.



BRAND YOURSELF!

Lynx-branded casual clothing

For most meetings, activities and events smart Scout uniform is impractical so we often wear casual Lynx Scout Network branded clothing. That way we can still show off the fact that we are Scouts, but we don't spoil our uniforms!

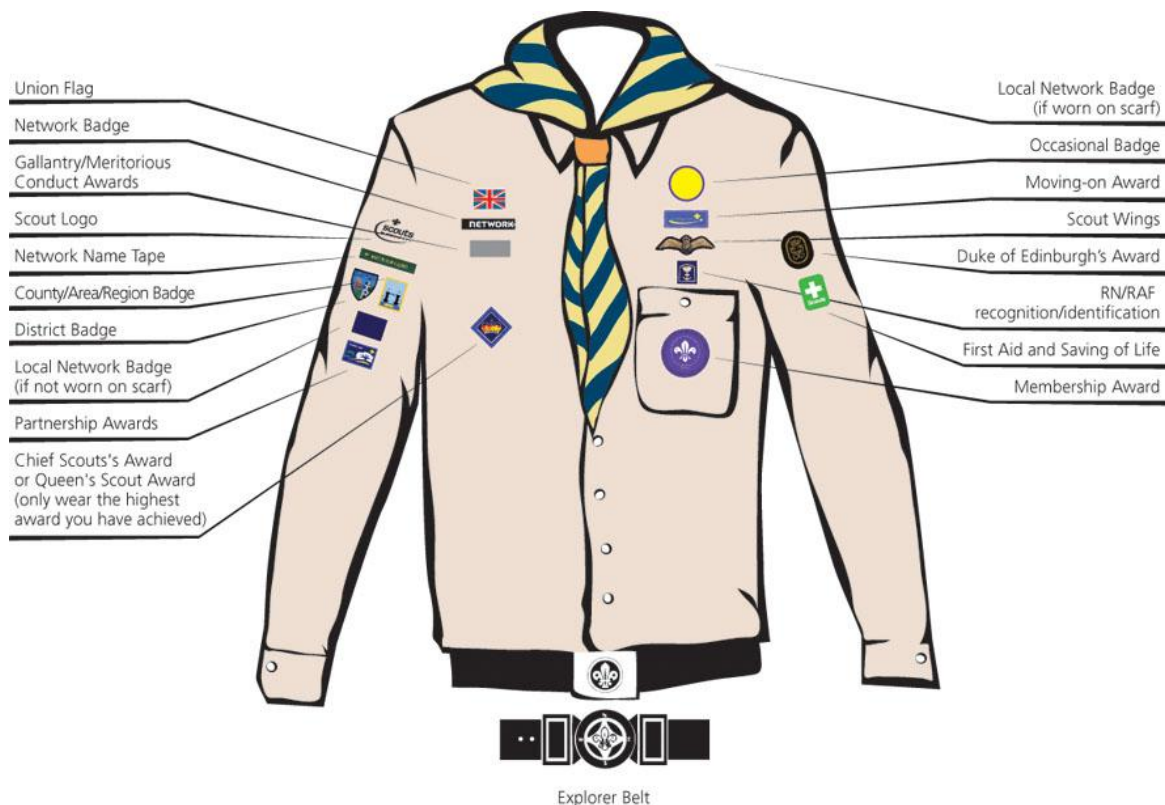
Please speak to your Scout Network Chairperson for information on cost and how to get yours.



Uniform

Scouting is a uniformed organisation. We wear the uniform on the more formal occasions – such as award presentations – or when taking part in some fundraising or promotional events, for example. When you join Lynx Scout Network, you will be 'invested' into Scouting and receive a membership badge, Lynx Network name tape, Lynx Network scarf and other badges. Each of the awards also carries a badge, which you can wear with pride to show off your achievements.

The formal adult Scout shirt is available online via [Scout Shops](#) or Derby Scout Shop – ask your Scout Network Leader for details.



Other items

A wide range of other Scout-branded clothing and equipment is available online from [Scout Shops](#).

**Scout
SHOPS**

RECOGNISING ACHIEVEMENT

Awards & stuff for your CV

Alongside our core programme of activities, there is the opportunity for you to work towards a number of Scout awards – further details of which are below – and even activity governing body qualifications. For the extra commitment involved, these are a fantastic way for you to gain recognition for the skills you gain through Scouting and boost your CV.

NGB qualifications

If you have an interest in a particular activity, support and training may be available through Scouting to help you gain relevant qualifications to enable you to instruct others and pass on your accumulated knowledge to other members.



Scouting awards



The Chief Scout's Diamond Award

The Chief Scout's Diamond Award is made up of four Challenges including Skills, Physical Recreation, Community Service, an Expedition and nights away.

The Queen's Scout Award



The Queen's Scout Award is the ultimate award in Scouting and focuses on the completion of skills, physical activity, service, expeditions and residential projects. You'll also get the opportunity to attend the National Scout Service at Windsor Castle and the Queen's Scout Reception - experiences to remember! [Get your "Reaching the Top" guide.](#)

Partnership Awards



There are currently three partnership awards: Environment, Faith and International. To complete these, an activity needs to be undertaken with another section or external organisation.

The Explorer Belt Award



The Explorer Belt Award is a challenge of a lifetime – a chance to take part in a ten-day expedition that brings a real understanding of a different country, its people and way of life. It's 'the antidote to the package holiday' - travelling through a new country, completing projects, working as a small team and meeting local people. You will actually get a belt if you complete it!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award



Closely linked with the Chief Scout's Diamond Award and the Queen's Scout Award is the Silver and Gold DofE Programme. Both DofE and Scouting Awards follow similar criteria and so by doing one it is likely you will have achieved the other!

NETWORK – 5 GOLDEN RULES

Make the most of your time in Scout Network



1 Get involved

Scout Network is run by its members, so take control and get involved. Become the chair of your Scout Network or simply organise an activity.

2 Gain skills

It could be climbing, canoeing or horse riding - but Scout Network gives you the chance to gain new skills and teach others.

3 Meet other people

Take the opportunity to meet other Scout Network members from around the area or even nationally at events throughout the year.

4 Earn awards

The Chief Scout's Diamond Award, Queen's Scout Award, DofE, and the Explorer Belt are all available and will provide you with memorable and rewarding experiences.

5 Keep in touch

Keep in touch with your Scout Network, if you don't hear anything then let someone know—we might have out of date details for you.



THE ESSENTIALS

Other useful information

Money matters

The annual Membership Fee covers insurance whilst on Scout activities, administration and other costs involved in running the Scout Network. The fee – which is payable at the start of each year – is around £25-30 and you will be reminded when this becomes due. Most of our day to day activities are run on a “pay as you go” basis, although some larger events and expensive activities may require deposits or instalment payments. We do undertake fundraising as a Scout Network, which allows us to subsidise certain activities or purchase equipment.

Keeping in touch

It is essential that we keep a record of your up to date contact details, as well as an emergency contact in case of any issues – so please let your Scout Network Leader know of any changes!

Child Protection

As a Scout Network member, you may come into contact with young people and as for any adult in Scouting you have a responsibility to ensure that they are protected from harm. The Young People First ‘Yellow Card’ is the resource you need to make sure that you follow all the advice to keep young people and yourself safe from harm. You will be provided with a ‘yellow card’ as soon as you join the Scout Network and be guided through the completion of a Criminal Records Disclosure check. Your Scout Network Leader will help you to complete the appropriate form.

Beyond Lynx

There are many opportunities available in Scouting beyond just Lynx Scout Network. For example, helping to organise larger Scout Network events or joining the Derbyshire County Scout Network Committee. Or maybe you are interested in taking on a volunteer role – opportunities include everything from activity instructors to leaders for the younger Scout sections. Please speak to your Scout Network Leader for more information about the opportunities available.

Useful contacts

Lynx Scout Network Leader

Contact for general help & support; including the awards programme and other opportunities.

Dan Weaver / 07742833724 / danny.weaver@btinternet.com

Lynx Scout Network Chairperson

Contact for general information; including the activity and events programme.

Martin Lee / 07595823965 / martin.lee@sky.com

County Scout Network Commissioner

Contact for general help & support; particularly for County Network matters or for contacting other Networks. You may find your Scout Network Leader will be able to help in the first instance.

Lucy Robinson / nc@derbyshirescouts.org

Useful web links

Lynx Scout Network online

For the latest Lynx news, events and information; plus an online copy of our activity programme.

www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk/lynx

www.twitter.com/lynxnetwork

www.facebook.com/lynxnetwork

Derbyshire Scout Network online

For information about what is going on in Scout Network around Derbyshire and beyond; information about the support and opportunities available; plus signposts to useful information.

www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2306134665

Derbyshire Scouts online

For the latest news and information about Scouting in general in the county.

www.derbyshirescouts.org

www.facebook.com/derbyshirescouts

www.twitter.com/derbyshirescout

The Scout Association online

For the latest national Scouting news, information and opportunities; plus the Scout Shop for uniform, casual clothing, merchandise and equipment.

www.scouts.org.uk

www.scoutshops.com

For help with the awards

Resources to support you in working towards the Queen's Scout Award, including information about the award requirements, case studies and more.

www.scouts.org.uk/qsa

www.scouts.org.uk/explorerbelt

www.derbyshirenetwork.org.uk/awards