

4th Ilkeston (Mrs.
Mundy's Own)
Scout group



Welcome and
information
Pack

Hello and welcome to the 4th Ilkeston scout group!

We are glad that you have decided to come and join in the fun!

This pack will provide you and your parents with essential information about the 4th and also contains some form's which your parents will need to fill in and return to your section leader. We hope that you will find it useful.

If you have any questions which are not covered in this pack, please ask your section leader or any of the adults in the group and they will try to help and answer them.

We hope that your time with the group will be happy and enjoyable.

Good luck!!

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You will become a beaver if you are between the ages of 6 and 8 years old.

The Beaver scout section meet at 5.30pm until 6.30pm during term times. This section is headed by Owl, our beaver scout leader. She is helped out by several adults who you will meet or will have already met during your visit.

BROWN BEAR (Vince White) 0115 9322780



You will join our cub section if you are aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. Cubs meet at 6.45pm until 8.15pm.

The cub section is headed by Akela, she is helped out by a number of other adults who you will meet during your time at cubs.

Akela (Mrs. Vi Newman) 0115 9130558



Older children aged between 10 ½ and 14 will join our scout section. Scouts meet at 7.45 pm until 9.15pm. The section is headed by Paul who is aided by several other adults.

Paul (Sheldon) 07877836873

Other adults in the group.

The Group Scout leader (GSL) over see's the effective running of the group as a whole. If you have any queries or problems please contact her.

Baloo (Mrs. Zee Sheldon) 0115 9300160
joejoeivory@hotmail.com

Committee

As well as the section leaders and the group scout leader who take care of the week to week running of the group there are also several

people who work unseen to make sure the legal and funding side are taken care of. They meet with the section leaders three or four times a year to ensure the smooth running of our group.

Our current committee chair lady is Liz Bostock, If you would like to speak to her regarding any of the committee's work please contact the group scout leader who will provide you with the details.

Group secretary is Rob Franklin
Group Treasurer is Tracey Cobb

If you would like more information on our committee or how to become a member then please contact our group scout leader.

Friends of 4th Ilkeston

Like anybody the group needs friends!! If you would like to help out on a more casual basis, for example helping on a stall at a fundraiser or attending a group trip, or know someone who would we would love to hear from you. Do you have an interesting job or hobby you would like to share? To support our group in however a small way please contact one of the leaders or the group scout leader for more information.

Brief History of the 4th Ilkeston (Mrs. Mundy's own) scout group

The 4th Ilkeston scout group was first established at Christ Church Cotmanhay in 1923 by Mrs. Mundy, wife of the local squire Alfred Edward Miller Mundy.

Although the Mundy family moved away shortly after the group began evidence of them can be found all over Shipley and the surrounding areas.

The group began as a scout troop and grew over the years into what it is today with an active beaver colony, cub pack and scout troop. In 2008 we celebrated 85 years of scouting at Christ church and we hope to continue for many more.

During your time with the group you will learn lots about scouting in general and we hope you will become proud of our heritage, the continued good works of the organisation and a happy member of the world wide scouting family.

Group ethos

Our aim is to help the children who attend our group to develop their confidence in physical, social, individual and spiritual areas through a varied and structured program of games, team building exercises and lots and lots of fun!!

We aim to provide this program to all children regardless of their personal circumstance or individual abilities or disabilities.

We will do this in a safe and friendly environment where all children are valued and encouraged.

Behaviour and code of conduct

In order to ensure that section meetings are safe and enjoyable for all a certain level of behaviour is expected from both adults and children.

All adults attending section nights will have undergone a full CRB check. All leaders and helpers are required by the scouting organisation to attend a course covering the various elements of child protection.

We will treat all children in attendance fairly and without bias. If you feel that your child has been treated unfairly in any way, by any member of the group please do not hesitate to contact your section leader or your group scout leader. If you feel that this is not an option or you continue to feel unhappy you can contact the Ilkeston District commissioner Mr. Norman Woolands.

All the adults attending scouts are volunteers. We ask that they be treated with respect by the children and their family members. They have the right to work without fear of violence or abuse. Any one who abuses our staff will be asked to leave the premises and further action may be taken.

Children are expected to behave during their time at the group, whether on section nights, group outings or camping trips. We ask that they respect each other, the adults and members of the general public.

We will not tolerate bullying in any form! Any and all incidents of bullying are taken very seriously by both the scouting organisation and the group. If you are being bullied or think you know someone who is please talk to a leader in confidence. Where possible we will not reveal your identity.

Swearing and general foul language is not acceptable.

Any child displaying disruptive or unacceptable behaviour may be asked to sit out of a particular activity and think about why they have been removed and what they think they can do to improve their behaviour. We like to encourage the children to take responsibility for themselves and their actions on a level which they can understand. Each section runs their own reward points system where the children can gain points for displaying good behaviour.

In all sections if a child displays particularly unacceptable or repeated unacceptable behaviour they may be given an official warning. This will come in the form of a letter sent home to parents. The letter will explain that if the behaviour of the child does not improve they will be suspended from the group for one week.

If the leaders feel that the behaviour has not improved or continues to be disruptive then a suspension letter will be issued.

If a child receives more than one suspension or the leaders feel they continue to be disruptive then the child may be asked to leave the group permanently.

This is always a last resort and to date has never happened! We will always do our best to work with children and their parents to ensure that the child can remain an active member.

Medical, behavioural and emotional issues

Please give as much detail as possible regarding any medical or behavioural issues your child may have on the personal details form. Also we find it helpful if we are aware of any emotional issues your child may be suffering from however short term (ie. Death in the family or family breakup or change) This will help us to support your child in the best possible way.

Uniform

Children are required to attend weekly meetings and other scouting events in full uniform. Each section has their own sweater or shirt which they will wear with their group necker and woggle. These should be worn with smart dark coloured (preferably navy blue) trousers or shorts. Uniforms are available from Hamiltons in Ilkeston, from the scout shop in Derby or online from scoutbase.co.uk. You may also find uniform on sites such as ebay.

We also have our own group T-shirts and caps for children to wear these are available from your leader.

Children should always attend group meetings with a clean and tidy appearance; most sections will have an inspection at the beginning of the session.

Subs and other payments.

In order to cover our running costs children will be required to pay a monthly subscription fee. Currently this stands at £6.00 per month excluding August payable on the first meeting of the month.

Camps and trips are not included in the monthly subscription fee. We will always make every effort to give good notice of any extra costs.

If you are struggling to meet the cost of monthly subscription or camp/trip please speak to a leader in confidence. We would like all children to attend all things and so arrangements can be made based on individual circumstance.

If you would like more information about how group funds are spent please contact the GSL who will be more than happy to provide you with all the details.

Suggested equipment list

While a member of the 4th the children will have the opportunity to attend various days out and also overnight camping trips. There are several items of kit which will be needed and you may consider buying them over a period of time to spread the cost. These items include:

A warm sleeping bag

A roll mat

A camp blanket

A good sized rucksack (suitcases are not suitable for camping!)

A day pack (small rucksack)

A good waterproof coat or jacket

A torch

All uniform and equipment should be clearly labelled with the child's name and on camping items with the name of their group.

Please note that The 4th Ilkeston scout group and leaders there of will not be responsible for the damage or loss of personal belongings.