

Being Chair for 1st Chandler's Ford Scout Group

Thank you so much for considering volunteering to help us as a member of our Executive team.

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The 1st Chandler's Ford Scout Group is part of Chandler's Ford District Scouts within the heart of Hampshire. We are one of the largest Groups in the area and continue to grow.

We have 2 Beavers colonies, 2 Cub packs and 2 Scout troops in our Group. For further details please see our website <https://1stchandlerfordscouts.co.uk>

Each Scout Group is run by a team of Leaders and Section Assistants who run the Section meetings for our Young People, and an Executive Committee who work behind the scenes to ensure the Group runs in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with The Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules.

Role of Group Chair

Outline: The Chair will lead the Executive Committee, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group, District or County. The Chair will work closely with the Group Scout Leader/ District Commissioner to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

Responsible for: Executive Committee Members.

Responsible to: The relevant Scout Council and other members of the Executive Committee.

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process. This process includes having a Scouts DBS check and meeting with the District Appointments Committee to ensure you understand the role. You will need to complete 5 short online training modules within 5 months of starting in role.

It's expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.

The responsibilities of the Chair:

- Objectively and impartially chairing and facilitating Executive Committee meetings.
- Acting as the Chair of the relevant Scout Council.
- Planning the annual cycle of Executive Committee meetings and setting the agenda for Executive Committee meetings.
- Monitoring that decisions and actions agreed at Executive Committee meetings are implemented.
- Working closely with the GSL / District Commissioner to ensure there are long term and short-term goals and the role the Executive Committee can play in helping to achieve these.
- Providing direction for the Executive Committee.
- Ensuring that all members of the Executive Committee have been briefed and inducted into their roles, receive appropriate training, and are aware of their status as charity trustees.
- Addressing and resolving conflicts that arise.
- Membership and attendance of any working groups or sub-Committees set up by the Executive Committee, where appropriate.

General Executive Committee responsibilities:

- To be a full and active participant in Executive Committee meetings and activities.
- To uphold the responsibilities of an Executive Committee as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules.
- Willingness and eligibility to act as a Charity Trustee for the Group.
- Contribute to the strategic aims and future development of the Group.
- An understanding of their own role, and the role of others on the Executive Committee
- A commitment to understanding and forming opinions on the key discussion points and responsibilities of the Executive Committee.
- Willingness to complete various tasks which support the work of the Executive Committee and aims of the Group.

Skills for a Chair:

- Strong leadership skills
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Able to think creatively and solve problems
- Able to motivate others and encourage participation
- Able to handle and resolve conflict effectively
- Willing to speak one's mind and listen to the views of others
- Able to maintain independent and objective judgement
- Willing to actively design and contribute to the strategic vision of the Group
- Willingness to take decisions which will further the work of the Group

How to Apply:

If you are interested in becoming our Group Secretary or have any questions about the role, please email Phil (Chair) at chair@1stchandlerfordscouts.co.uk