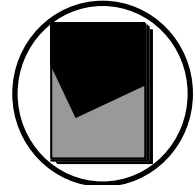


## 1.3 Connections



### Friends of Scouting UK

The aim of Friends of Scouting is to bring former Scouts together and enable them to get in touch with old friends, reminisce about their Scouting days and benefit from Scout facilities, campsites and services once again.

New Friends of Scouting members are sent a Welcome Pack with information on Scout facilities available to them and invitations to Friends of Scouting events. A newsletter is issued three times each year which includes entertaining articles, a letters page and a list of national and local events that members might like to attend, such as sailing days at Hawkhurst, weekends at Gilwell Park or lunch-time meetings at Baden-Powell House.

Friends of Scouting members pay an annual subscription and are offered the following benefits: a directory of campsites and activity centres, The Scout Association Affinity Card, discount home and car insurance, and a Scout Shop Privilege Card allowing 10% discount on many goods purchased from Scout Shops. Members are charged for the use of campsite facilities and activities at an appropriate rate decided by the facility provider or activity centre.

If members want to become involved with local Scouting they are directed to local Scout Fellowships or, if they want to become leaders or administrators, to the District Commissioner. If Friends of Scouting has to fold because all its members have been recruited into Groups, then it will have been a success.

For further information, please contact Friends of Scouting, The Scout Association, Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, London SW7 5JS Tel: 0207 584 7030

### The Trefoil Guild

The Trefoil Guild is a non-uniformed section whose prime aim is to support the Guide Movement. The Guild gives practical, financial and moral support to Guiding and the local community, and Membership is open to individuals over the age of 18 who make or who have made the Scout or Guide Promise.

The Trefoil Guild offers its members opportunities to develop skills and interests in various areas and to meet new friends through the activities. These include testing badges, providing transport, helping with camps, etc. Effectively, they are the Guide Association's equivalent to the Scout Fellowship.

For further information, please contact The Trefoil Guild Central Office, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0PT Tel: 0207 834 6242 or email them at [trefoilguild@guides.org.uk](mailto:trefoilguild@guides.org.uk)

## The Scout Holiday Homes Trust

The trust was set up in 1969 by former Scouts to help families with a handicapped member, frail relative, or perhaps a parent struggling alone, to find somewhere welcoming for a holiday at an affordable price. They try to help everyone, not just those connected with Scouting.

In Holiday and Leisure Parks around England, the trust have 13 caravans and two chalets with wheelchair access, which are cared for by volunteers with Scouting or Guiding backgrounds. The volunteers are at hand if needed, adding a support system and peace of mind to families during their break, and are also actively involved in fundraising for the trust.

Individual Supporters and Corporate members pay an annual subscription and receive the official magazine four times a year. Corporate members are groups of people who combine their interest in a 'Corporate Unit' within, say, a company or group.

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## Student Scout and Guide Organisation (SSAGO)

SSAGO is a non-uniformed organisation that enables students to continue their Scouting and Guiding whilst at college or university, and has clubs based at universities and colleges throughout the UK. It is not necessary to have been a member of The Scout or Guide Associations to join SSAGO.

The clubs offer a wide range of activities including outdoor pursuits, social activities and some service events. Many members of The Scout and Guide Associations who join SSAGO manage to join a unit local to their university or college.

Each club is run by its members and receives a certain amount of funding from the Students' Union. Most clubs hold weekly meetings in addition to the activities and outings.

If there is not a club at a university or college, then individuals can become 'Indie' members and attend all SSAGO events, and rallies which are hosted each term by one of the SSAGO clubs.

SSAGO has 4 regional secretaries who co-ordinate joint events and activities between the clubs and Indie members within their region.

*Further information can be obtained at [www.ssago.org.uk](http://www.ssago.org.uk) or 08700 780248*