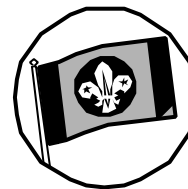


## 2.14 Healthcheck - Running A Scout Fellowship



Read the following questions carefully and discuss the answers with your Executive Committee or your membership.

Answer the questions as truthfully as possible and tick the appropriate box.  
See how you score at the bottom of each section.

Repeat the exercise every year or so and see how you continue to score against 'Best

MANDATORY ISSUES	BEST PRACTICE	DANGER ZONE
Do you have a formal procedure on Child Protection, including confidential checks on all new members?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you comply with POR with respect to organising and taking part in adventurous activities?	Always <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/>
Are your accounts incorporated in to the Group/District/Area/County funds accounts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you formally agreed on what basis you will produce annual accounts and who will scrutinise or audit them?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

### How Did You Do?

If you are in the Danger Zone on any of the above issues please consult with your GSL or appropriate Commissioner immediately.

RECOMMENDED ISSUES	BEST PRACTICE	DANGER ZONE
Have you identified the format of your Fellowship (Group, District, Area/County etc?)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a Chairman or other leader?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Tick which posts you have on your Executive Committee then total the number of boxes ticked.	3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have:

Treasurer?

Secretary?

Programme/Social Secretary?

How often do you review your remit?

Annually

Not often

Never

Do you know the name of your GSL or Appropriate Commissioner?

Yes

No

What's one of those?

Tick which of the following you hold and then total the number of boxes ticked.

7+  5-6  4

3  2  1  0

Do you have:

AGM?

Annual report and accounts?

Newsletter?

Website/E-mailing list?

Constitution?

Member Directory?

Skills Directory?

Programme/Diary of events?

Remit/Purpose?

Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked.

6  5  4  3

2  1  0

Where do you get your money from?

Annual Subscriptions?

Group/District/Area/County funds?

Grants?

Sponsorship?

Fundraising?

Other?

Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked.

3  2

1  0

Do you know what's going on in the Scout Fellowship at?

Local Group level?

District and Area/County level?

Regional and National level?

Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked.

6  5  4  3  2  1  0

How do you receive information?

- From GSL or Commissioner?
- From ADC or AAC/ACC (SF)?
- Scouting Magazine?
- ScoutBase UK?
- Scout Fellowship Mailing List?
- Regular Meetings?

How many times did you support Scouting last year?

20+  10-15  5-10  4-5  0-3

What percentage of your membership provide any sort of Active Support to Scouting?

100%  95%+  80-95%  0-80%

Which best describes your 'business meetings'?

Well run  Fairly well run  Inefficient  Chaos!

How would you describe the skills of your Scout Fellowship?

Well matched  Adequate  Insufficient  Non-existent

SUGGESTED ISSUES

BEST PRACTICE

DANGER ZONE

How many youth Sections do you provide Active Support for?

4+  3  2  1  0

How many Group/District/Area/County meetings does one of your members attend

All  Most  Some  Few  None

How many social events and activities did you hold last year?

10+  5-8  3-4  1-2  0

How often do you support your wider community?

Often  Sometimes  Never

How often do you try new activities?

Often  Sometimes  Never

What is the age difference between the oldest and youngest members of your Scout Fellowship?

50+  20  15  10  5  3

How many new members did you recruit last year?      5+       5       3-4       2       1       0

How many members do you have?      50+       15-50       15-25       10-15       5-9       0-9

### How Did You Score?

If you have;

3 or less ticks in the Danger Zone	Congratulations, your Scout Fellowship is running well, just focus on the areas where you didn't do so well.
3 - 5 ticks in the Danger Zone	Not too bad, but some things to watch here. Check out 'Where to Get Help' for some help and advice on what to do.
5 - 10 ticks in the Danger Zone	Quite a long way from 'Best Practice'. Start working on a development plan develop now, focusing on those Recommended Issues.
10 – 15 ticks in the Danger Zone	Some serious problems here if you really want to provide Active Support to Scouting. Go through the list again to highlight the areas you think are critical and work on these over the next twelve months.
15+ ticks in the Danger Zone	Are you sure you read the instructions? If you've seriously got more than 15 ticks in the danger zone then it's time to really question what you're doing.

Remember : Every Scout Fellowship is different, and as your membership changes, so will the results of your healthcheck.

### Get Some Help...

The Scout Fellowship File will provide you with all the help and support you need. Be sure to read through the sections on Running a Scout Fellowship, Supporting the Scout Fellowship and Developing Your Scout Fellowship.

Other sources of help include;

- Your GSL or appropriate Commissioner
- Your ADC or AAC/ACC (Scout Fellowship)
- Other local Scout Fellowships
- The Information Centre at Gilwell Park. (There are a wide variety of resources available and although some may not have been specifically written for the Scout Fellowship, they are useful never the less).
- Scouting Magazine
- The Scout Fellowship pages on Scoutbse UK
- The National Scout Fellowship Team