

4.6 Healthcheck – Programmes



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 Practice'

| MANDATORY ISSUES | BEST PRACTICE | DANGER ZONE | |
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| 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"/> |

How Did You Do?

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

| RECOMMENDED ISSUES | BEST PRACTICE | DANGER ZONE | | | |
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| How often do you review your remit? | Annually <input type="checkbox"/> | Not often <input type="checkbox"/> | | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Tick which ones apply 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 know what's going on in the Scout Fellowship at? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Group level? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District and County / Area level? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional and National level? | | | | | |
| Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked. | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How do you receive information? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From GSL or Commissioner? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> From ADC or AAC/ACC (SF)? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting Magazine? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ScoutBase UK? | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Fellowship Mailing List? | | | | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Meetings? | | | | | |
| How many times did you support Scouting last year? | 20+ <input type="checkbox"/> | 10-15 <input type="checkbox"/> | 5-10 <input type="checkbox"/> | 4-5 <input type="checkbox"/> | 0-3 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| What percentage of your membership provide any sort of Active Support to Scouting? | 100% <input type="checkbox"/> | 95%+ <input type="checkbox"/> | 80-95% <input type="checkbox"/> | 0-80% <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Which best describes your 'business meetings'? | Well run <input type="checkbox"/> | Informal <input type="checkbox"/> | Inefficient <input type="checkbox"/> | Chaos! <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| How would you describe the skills of your Scout Fellowship to meet your remit? | Well <input type="checkbox"/> | Adequate <input type="checkbox"/> | Insufficient <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-existent <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| How many training sections do you provide Active Support for? | 4+ <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How many Group / District / County meetings does one of your members attend | All <input type="checkbox"/> | Most <input type="checkbox"/> | Some <input type="checkbox"/> | Few <input type="checkbox"/> | None <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How many social events and activities did you hold last year? | 10+ <input type="checkbox"/> | 5-8 <input type="checkbox"/> | 3-4 <input type="checkbox"/> | 1-2 <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How often do you support your wider community? | Often <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| How often do you try new activities? | Often <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| How far ahead is your programme planned in outline? | 12 months <input type="checkbox"/> | 6mths <input type="checkbox"/> | 3mths <input type="checkbox"/> | 1mth <input type="checkbox"/> | Less <input type="checkbox"/> |
| How far ahead is your programme planned in detail? | 4mths <input type="checkbox"/> | 3mths <input type="checkbox"/> | 2mths <input type="checkbox"/> | 1mth <input type="checkbox"/> | Less <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the programme always go to plan? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Most times <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | Never <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Do you struggle to think up new ideas? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | Always <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Does your Scout Fellowship review the activities you run? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Is your programme balanced? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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 now, focusing on those Recommended Issues.

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| 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, Programmes 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 (all sorts of resources are available, many not written for the Scout Fellowship, but useful never the less).
- Scouting Magazine
- The Scout Fellowship pages on ScoutBase UK
- The National Scout Fellowship Team