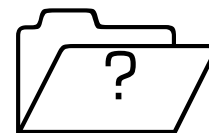


# 1.0 What is the Scout Fellowship? Frequently Asked Questions



This section is designed to help answer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) relating to 'What is a Scout Fellowship?' It provides short answers and links to where more detailed information can be found.

This should be used as a quick reference and as a guide to further reading.

FAQ	ANSWER
<p>What is a Scout Fellowship?</p>	<p>A Scout Fellowship is a team of people who work together to provide active support to those involved in Scouting, help the community and have fun.</p> <p>The way they provide active support is dependant on the type of Fellowship and skills within the team. The Fellowship also provides an active social network for its members.</p> <p>See section 1.1 'What is the Scout Fellowship?'</p>
<p>Where does the Scout Fellowship fit into Scouting?</p>	<p>At the Group, District, Area/County or even at the Regional or National level.</p> <p>Scout Fellowships can also be formed to support specific activities and may be based around a Gang Show or a campsite Service Team, for example.</p> <p>So long as a Scout Fellowship provides active support to Scouting it can fit in to the Movement wherever appropriate.</p> <p>See section 1.1 'What is the Scout Fellowship?' and 2.3 'How to start a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
<p>Who can join a Scout Fellowship?</p>	<p>Any person aged 18 and over.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
<p>What is the maximum age for membership of the Scout Fellowship?</p>	<p>There is no upper age limit.</p>
<p>Do Scout Fellowship members have to wear uniform?</p>	<p>No. Members of the Scout Fellowship may be either Associate or Full Members of The Scout Association. Full Members make the Scout Promise and may wear uniform.</p> <p>Many Scout Fellowships use a sweatshirt or similar as 'uniform' for all of their members.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>

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Can Warranted Leaders or other Scouts join the Scout Fellowship?	<p>Yes, so long as they are 18 years of age or over, and understand that their membership of the Scout Fellowship will be secondary to their role as a Warranted Leader or as a member of the Scout Network.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
Do members of the Scout Fellowship pay the National Membership subscription?	<p>Yes – all members. Note however that the decision to include members of the Scout Fellowship in a District or Area/County levy is a local one.</p>
Do we have to have a 'leader' for our Scout Fellowship?	<p>Yes, usually the Chairman, although any other title may be used.</p> <p>See section 2.6 'The Chairman of the Scout Fellowship'.</p>
Do we have to have an Executive Committee?	<p>No, although it is recommended.</p> <p>See section 2.5 'The Executive Committee'.</p>
How do we decide what to do?	<p>You will agree a 'remit' for your Scout Fellowship with your GSL or appropriate Commissioner.</p> <p>See section 2.11 'Agreeing a Remit'.</p>
Can we hold social activities within Scouting?	<p>Yes, and these are to be encouraged, although no Scout Fellowship should exist solely to allow its members to socialise.</p> <p>Every Scout Fellowship must provide some degree of Active Support to Scouting.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
Must all members of the Scout Fellowship be 'active' within Scouting?	<p>Yes. Every member of the Scout Fellowship must provide some degree of Active Support within Scouting, although no 'minimum' level is defined.</p> <p>Each member's contribution should be judged against 'their best', not to an arbitrary standard.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
Are we allowed to organise our own Adventurous Activities?	<p>Yes, so long as they are conducted in accordance with the Activity Rules in <i>POR</i>.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>

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Can we organise activities for the youth Sections?	<p>Yes, so long as they are conducted in accordance with the Activity Rules in <i>POR</i>.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship' and section 2.13 'Developing Personal Skills in the Scout Fellowship'.</p>
Can we specialise in the kind of Active Support we offer?	<p>Yes, and this is to be encouraged in order to develop a skilled pool of resource which will be available to the training Sections. Examples may be Gang Show Crews or Campsite Service Teams, Canoeing, Climbing or Hill Walking Scout Fellowships.</p> <p>See section 2.4 'Overview – Running a Scout Fellowship'.</p>
What responsibility does the GSL or appropriate Commissioner have to the Scout Fellowship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensures compliance with respect to matters of Child Protection, financial management and Adventurous Activities.</li> <li>• Approves the selection of the Chairman of the Scout Fellowship(s).</li> <li>• Reviews the remit of the Scout Fellowship(s).</li> </ul> <p>See section 2.20 'The Role of the Group Scout Leader or responsible Commissioner'.</p>
Must we have an ADC (Scout Fellowship) in our District?	<p>Although this is the decision of the District Commissioner it is highly recommended where there is more than one Scout Fellowship in the District.</p> <p>District Commissioners are recommended to encourage the use of the title ADC(SF) rather than that of Advisor or any other title.</p> <p>See section 2.21 'The Role of the ADC (Scout Fellowship)'.</p>
Must we have an AAC/ACC (Scout Fellowship) in our Area/County?	<p>Although this is the decision of the Area/County Commissioner it is highly recommended.</p> <p>Area/County Commissioners are recommended to encourage the use of the title AAC/ACC (SF) rather than that of Advisor or any other title.</p> <p>See section 2.23 'The Role of the AAC/ACC (Scout Fellowship)'.</p>
Are we allowed to support the local community?	<p>Yes, although the primary role of the Scout Fellowship is to provide Active Support to Scouting.</p>
Do we have to have regular or formal meetings?	<p>No, although planning meetings should be encouraged.</p> <p>See section 2.7 'Running a business meeting'.</p>

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How do we know how well we're doing?	By the annual review of your Remit and by occasionally completing the healthchecks in the file.
Can we take part in the Queen's Scout or Duke of Edinburgh's Award?	Yes - by the following the rule of the award schemes and by keeping appropriate records. Note that any Scout Fellowship member under the age of 25 is automatically a member of their local Scout Network.