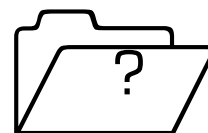


## 1.2 History of the Scout Fellowship



- August 1947 Resolution passed at the International Scout Conference in France, recommending all national Scout Associations form associations of Old Scouts, to coincide with the fortieth birthday of the Movement in 1948.
- November 1947 British Old Scouts Conference held at Gilwell Park where it was decided to form an Old Scouts Guild. Some of the recommendations made were that an old Scout organisation, "The B-P Guild of Old Scouts", would be set up as an organisation separate and distinct from the training sections of the Boy Scouts Association. Branches of the Guild would be based mainly on the Group and District and in the first instance membership would be restricted to old Scouts.
- June 1948 The B-P Guild of Old Scouts, as an official part of The Boy Scouts Association, came into being.
- October 1953 Representative Conference approved a Constitution, and a Council and Committee elected for the new organisation. The Boy Scouts Association formally handed over control together with a gift of £1,000 (repaid in 1955). It had become apparent that the Guild and the Boy Scouts Association were not as close to one another as was thought necessary and desirable. To remedy this, a meeting was held and a five point agreement drawn up:
- Membership of the B-P Guild of Old Scouts should be encouraged by and from the ranks of the Scouts and Scouters themselves. Responsibility for recruitment should be a joint one shared between the Boy Scouts Association and the Guild.
  - There must be direct liaison between the Boy Scouts Association and the B-P Guild of Old Scouts at all levels.
  - The B-P Guild of Old Scouts and the Boy Scouts Association should share each other's publications.
  - Each branch should perform services to local Scouts with individual members of each branch doing as much or as little as they were able. There was still a real place for those who could contribute only fellowship and moral support.
  - The B-P Guild of Old Scouts desired to include in its membership all associations of old Scouts whatever their titles. The Boy Scouts Association supported the Guild in this and urged all former Scouts to become members.
- October 1953 The International Fellowship of Former Scouts and Guides (IFOFSAG) was founded at a meeting in Lucerne. Great Britain (The B-P Guild of Old Scouts and the Trefoil Guild) became founder members.

May 1955	The Guild was renamed The B-P Scout Guild
June 1957	Members elected to adopt the badge of IFOFSAG (a red Scout arrowhead on the white Guide trefoil)
June 1958	Constitution amended to admit, under certain conditions, members who had not been Scouts
June 1960	The Scout Association allocated the Guild its own camp site at Gilwell Park 1961. The B-P Scout Guild chalet (sadly no longer in existence) was erected on the Gilwell Park camp site
May 1974	The Committee of the Council, set up a working group to report on the future of adult support in Scouting. This included the role of the B-P Scout Guild.
October 1976	The Scout Fellowship was launched following recommendations made by the Adult Support in the Scouting Working Party.  The "District Scout Fellowship" was formed to replace the B-P Scout Guild. This reorganisation enabled members of the B-P Scout Guild, District Service Teams and other support parties within the District to be brought together as members of the District Scout Fellowship.
April 1991	The Deep-Sea Scout branch of The Scout Association (first formed in 1929), was re-formed as the "Deep-Sea Scout Fellowship" as an autonomous unit within the Scout Fellowship.
1996	IFOFSAG became The International Scout and Guide Fellowship (ISGF).
1998	Motto adopted – "providing active support"
1999	Committee of the Council Review of the Scout Fellowship. The National Chairman and his team of regional representatives developed, following the 1998 National Conference, a three year review plan and strategic development plan. This led to a fundamental review of the Scout Fellowship by the Committee of the Council. The Scout Fellowship was fully integrated in the Scout Association and came under the area of Adult Support. The National Scout Fellowship Team was formed.  The post of National Commissioner replaced the post of National Chairman.
2000	New Scout Fellowship file launched at Focus on Fellowship presentations. Withdrawal of Scout Fellowship from membership of ISGF, now that it is fully part of The Scout Association and therefore belongs to the World Organisation of the Scout Movement (WOSM).
2002	Launch of the Explorer Scout and Scout Network Sections. New Programme provides additional focus on the provision of Active Support.  Introduction of a new Fellowship logo as part of the Section sub-branding operation.
2003	New edition of the Scout Fellowship file published as <i>Active Support, A Complete Guide to the Scout Fellowship</i> .