

2.14 Healthcheck - Running A Scout Fellowship



Reviewing your progress

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
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 <i>POR</i> 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 into 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"/>

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<p>Tick which posts you have on your Executive Committee then total the number of boxes ticked.</p> <p>Do you have a:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Secretary?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> PR/Communications Officer?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Programme/Social Secretary?</p>	<p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>How often do you review your remit?</p>	<p>Annually <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Not often <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Do you know the name of your GSL or Appropriate Commissioner?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/> What's one <input type="checkbox"/> of those?</p>
<p>Tick which of the following you hold and then total the number of boxes ticked.</p> <p>Do you have:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> an AGM?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> an Annual Report and Accounts?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Newsletter?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Website/E-mailing list?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Constitution?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Member Directory?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Skills Directory?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Programme/Diary of events?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a Remit/Purpose?</p>	<p>7+ <input type="checkbox"/> 5-6 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked.</p> <p>Where do you get your money from?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Annual Subscriptions?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Group/District/Area/County funds?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grants?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorship?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other?</p>	<p>6 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/></p>

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Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked. Do you know what's going on in the Scout Fellowship at? <input type="checkbox"/> Local Group level? <input type="checkbox"/> District and Area/County level? <input type="checkbox"/> Regional and National level?	3 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
Tick which ones apply then total the number of boxes ticked. How do you receive information? <input type="checkbox"/> From GSL or Commissioner? <input type="checkbox"/> From ADC or AAC/ACC (SF)? <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Scouting Magazine</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> ScoutBase UK? <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Fellowship Mailing List? <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Meetings?	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 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 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"/> Fairly well run <input type="checkbox"/>	Inefficient <input type="checkbox"/> Chaos! <input type="checkbox"/>
How would you describe the skills of your Scout Fellowship?	Well matched <input type="checkbox"/> Adequate <input type="checkbox"/>	Insufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Non-existent <input type="checkbox"/>
How many youth 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"/>

SUGGESTED ISSUES	BEST PRACTICE	DANGER ZONE
How many Group/District/Area/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"/>

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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"/>
What is the age difference between the oldest and youngest members of your Scout Fellowship?	50+ <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 15 <input type="checkbox"/>	10 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/>
How many new members did you recruit last year?	5+ <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/>
How many members do you have?	51+ <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50 <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25 <input type="checkbox"/>	10-15 <input type="checkbox"/> 5-9 <input type="checkbox"/> 0-9 <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 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

Active Support, A Complete Guide to the Scout Fellowship 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 Scout Information Centre at Gilwell Park
- *Scouting Magazine*
- The Scout Fellowship pages on Scoutbase UK
- The National Commissioner's Support Team.