

2.19 Support for the Scout Fellowship



At times we all have questions and issues with which we need help. Scout Fellowship support is available at all levels for all types of query.

Initially, each Fellowship has direct contact to a responsible person, usually a Warranted Leader or Commissioner. Who that person is depends upon the type of Fellowship. The following table shows whom to approach in the first instance. See section 5 the 'Resources section' for your own contact details.

Fellowship	Responsible person
Group	GSL
District	DC or ADC(SF)
Activity	Area/County Activities Assessor for the relevant activity or AC/CC or AAC/ACC(Activities) or AAC/ACC(SF)
County/Area	CC/AC or AAC/ACC(SF)
Regional	Nominated CC/AC within the region
National	National Commissioner for the Scout Fellowship

Specialist queries need specialist advice and experts are available to help you. Most District and Areas Counties have specialist advisors to cover adventurous activities that would be most willing to help.

For example:

Finance: The Group/District/County Treasurer or the Scout Information Centre at Gilwell Park.

Activities: ADC(Activities) in the District, ACC/AAC(Activities) in the Area/County, Area/County Advisors for specialist activities, or the Information Centre at Gilwell Park.

For assistance with transport regulations, international, spiritual development, Special Needs and any other areas, contact the Scout Information Centre at Gilwell Park. They will be able to provide you with information, and advise you on useful resources and factsheets.

Adult Support: The Scout Fellowship is part of Adult Support within The Scout Association. If you have any queries, contact the Adult Support Office at Gilwell Park.

Other Fellowships

Take every opportunity to meet with other Fellowships. Attend meetings at District, Area/County, Regional or National levels to swap ideas, methods of good practice, and common problems - you will probably meet someone who has dealt with the same situation before.

Encourage an AAC/ACC (SF) to hold regular meetings by ensuring that they are well attended, and lively.

Opinions and views can be passed to HQ by two routes:

- through the ADC (SF) - AAC/ACC (SF) - Regional Representative - National Scout Fellowship team/National Commissioner (Scout Fellowship)
- through your responsible Commissioner - Area/County Commissioner - HQ.

Sources of Information

Warranted Leaders should have access to a copy of *POR* - it details the rules and requirements for The Scout Association's Members/supporters. Copies can be purchased from Scout Shops and from the Scout Information Centre.

Scout Information Centre

The Scout Information Centre at Gilwell Park can answer most queries, advise what literature is available or pass your query to an expert who can help you. They also produce a catalogue which gives brief details of the publications and these can be purchased over the phone, by email, fax or post. Most Scouting publications and factsheets are available from here.

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Scouting Magazine

This monthly magazine includes pages for, and written by, the Scout Fellowship and it can be ordered from your local newsagent, or through the Scout Information Centre. From September 2004, *Scouting Magazine* will be sent directly to every Member of The Scout Association aged 18 or over.

ScoutBase UK

The website address for Members is <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk>. The Scout Fellowship pages can be found at <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/support/fellow>.

You will find local, national and international news, activity ideas and support information - all updated regularly.

E-mail

You can reach the editor of the Scout Fellowship pages and send your ideas in for inclusion on the website, at fellowship-ed@scoutbase.org.uk