

# 10<sup>th</sup> HOLME VALLEY (NEW MILL) SCOUT GROUP



## Welcome to the Adventure



**BEAVERS** 

**cubs** 

**SCOUTS** 

## **Welcome to Scouting**

Your child is now one of a family of 28 million young people in 216 countries who join in the fun of Scouting every week. The experiences your son/daughter has as a Beaver/Cub/Scout are likely to stay with them for the rest of their lives. This guide aims to give you a better understanding of The Scout Association, how Scouting is likely to benefit your child and how any help you can give will really make a difference.

## **How it all began**

The Scout Movement was founded by Lord Robert Baden-Powell. In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset, where he took 20 boys from different backgrounds. The week long camp included games, sports, swimming, boating, exploring, fire lighting and was a great success.

Today, Scouting is a global, educational youth Movement. In the UK the Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for 400,000 young people. Over the decades The Scout Association has evolved to keep up with the times, welcoming girls in all Sections and introducing new badges such as IT, Public Relations and even Street Sports!

## **The Programme**

Whilst the activities they take part in will depend on their age, each Section gives young people the opportunity to learn by doing. The main programme areas are: Outdoors and Adventure, Global, Community, Fit for Life, Creative and Beliefs and Attitudes. Adult Leaders are trained to deliver this programme, ensuring our young people stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

## **So what's it all about?**

Scouting aims to help all young people to reach their full potential. This means assisting their development as active members of the community who are self-reliant, caring, responsible and committed.

Scouting is open to all young people aged between 6 and 25, regardless of gender, faith, and ability of background. There are five Sections in which Scouting takes place, the three at New Mill are:

Beaver Scouts, 6-8 years and Cub Scouts, 8-10½ years, Scouts, 10½ - 14 years

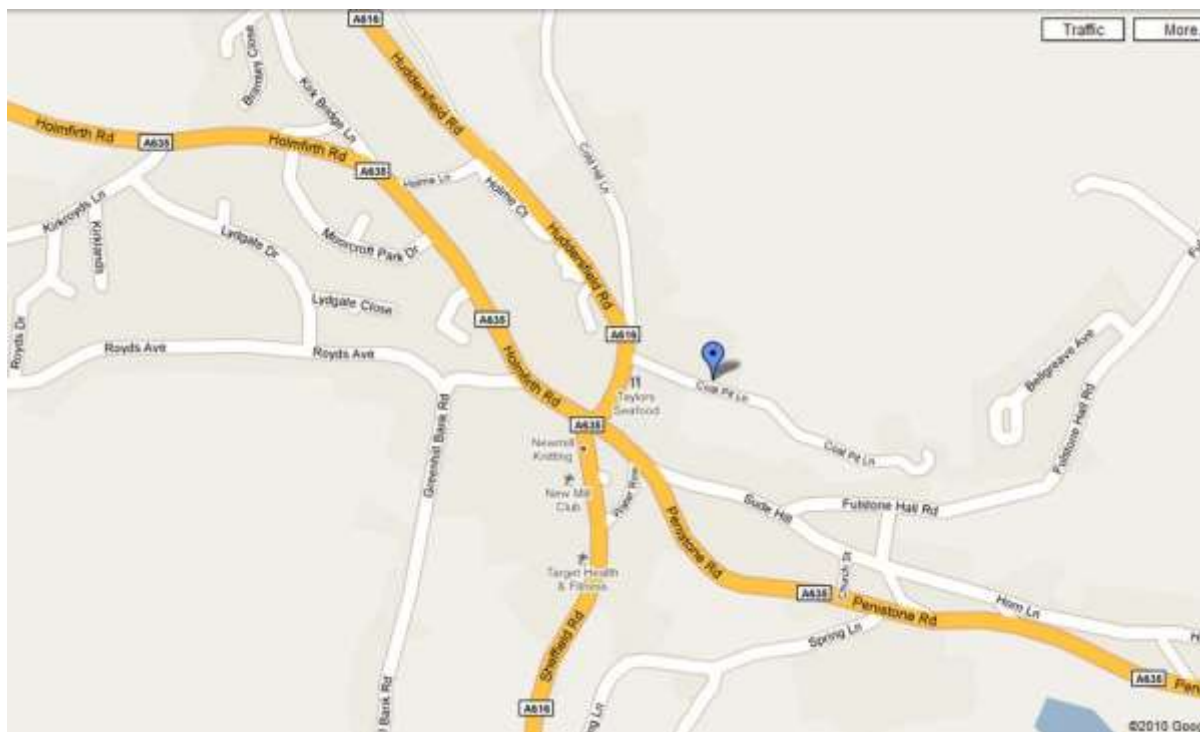
## History of 10th Holme Valley (New Mill) Scout Group

Our Group was formed in New Mill in 1962, although an earlier Group was in existence from 1934 to 1946.

The Group is sponsored by New Mill Church. The Bishop of Wakefield visited the Cub Pack in March 1963.

Meetings were originally held in New Mill Church School, but in 1967 a large hut was purchased for £110. This hut started out at Dunford Bridge where it was used to accommodate labourers who were building the railway tunnel.

Thanks to parents of Scouts/Cubs and local businesses the hut was erected on land (which was eventually purchased from the Council) at Coal Pit Lane. New Mill Scout Headquarters Coal Pit Lane New Mill Holmfirth HD9 7JU



## Adult Leaders

The many benefits that Scouting offers your child are mostly down to the time and commitment given by our Leaders/assistants. How much do you know about the people who look after your child every week?

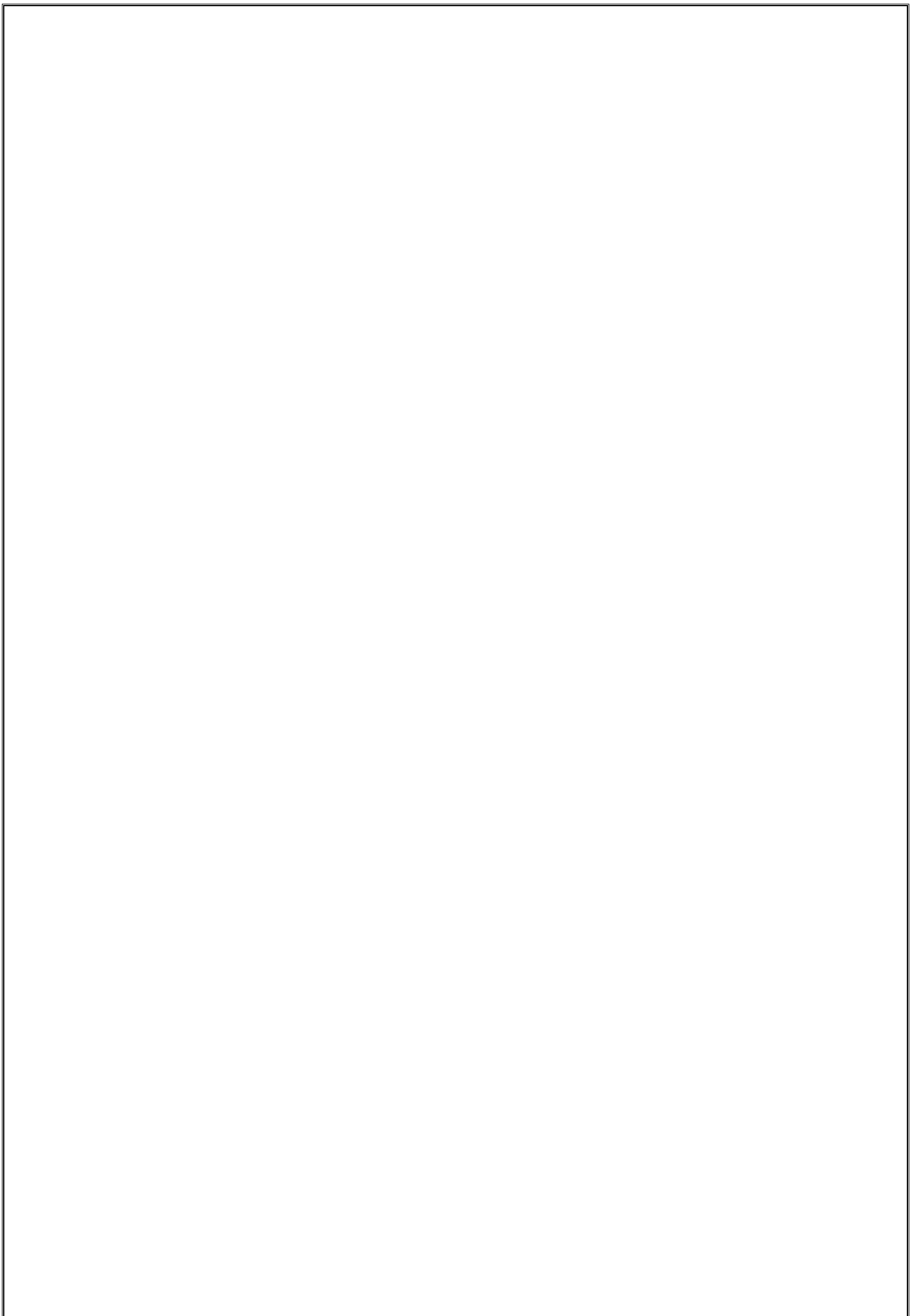
You may not be aware of the following facts:

- None of our Leaders are paid – they are all volunteers.
- The majority of our Leaders have full time jobs and a family
- 44% of Leaders are female.
- Leaders don't have to be 'superheroes' who know everything. They are given training and learn new skills as they go along.
- Whilst all our volunteers are passionate about what they do, many help out on a flexible basis due to other commitments.
- 27% of volunteers help in Scouting as they are a parent of a current member. Many were not Scouts when they were young but have learnt new skills and made new friends through Scouting.
- Not all volunteers have to wear uniform.
- All our Leaders are covered by a comprehensive insurance policy while taking part in Scouting.
- New Leaders in Scouting go through a **criminal records check** to ensure they are fit to work with young people.

If you have a particular knowledge which you could pass on this would be greatly appreciated.

The Scout Group also needs assistance with fund raising events and maintenance of the hut.





## Who is responsible for what?

**Leaders** are responsible for planning and delivering the Programme to the young people. They provide support to their Assistants.

**Beaver, Cub and Scout Leaders** are supported by the **Group Scout Leader (GSL)** whose responsibilities include making sure that the Group has a team of suitable adults who are well trained and supported.

Each Group elects an Executive Committee – a body of elected trustees including a **Chair, Secretary, Treasurer** and a number of Members. The Group Executive Committee works with the GSL to ensure that the Scout Group operates in accordance with the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Association and the rules of the Charity Commission.

The Chair manages meetings and is responsible for the members of the Committee, the Secretary provides administrative support and the Treasurer provides support with financial matters.

We are always looking for volunteers who would be willing to join the committee, new ideas help to further improve the running of the group.



## Subscriptions

Due to greater costs, it is necessary to review subscriptions from April 2010. The amount payable will be **£35 per term** (September, January and April).

Cheques should be made payable to "10th Holme Valley (New Mill) Scouts".

For convenience you may wish to pay £8.75 monthly by Standing Order. The following details are required to set up the order:

HSBC Bank, Holmfirth

Account Name: 10<sup>th</sup> Holme Valley New Mill Scout Group

Sort Code: 40-24-24 Account Number: 91249819

Reference: (Please state your child's name)

If payment of subscriptions causes problems for you please contact the Group Scout Leader, Anne Blackburn (in confidence).

Do you wonder where the money goes which you pay in subscriptions?  
The answer is:

We have to pay a capitation fee for each member of the Group and this goes to:

- National Headquarters to cover insurance for members, administration, etc;
- West Yorks County Scouts for maintenance of campsites, etc.
- Holme Valley District Scouts for administration of events etc.
- Other major costs incurred by the Group comprise maintaining the hut (including insurance, electricity and water) equipment, leader training courses, etc.

We ask you PLEASE to pay subscriptions by means of GIFT AID, in order that the Scout Group can claim the tax element (form attached for completion).

These arrangements can be cancelled at any time. Please contact the Treasurer, Mrs G Clarke on 683589

## GROUP INFORMATION FORM

**Group name:** 10th Holme Valley (New Mill) Scout Group

**Group meeting place:** The Scout Hut, Coal Pit Lane, New Mill

### Meeting times:

Beavers	Wednesday	6.15pm – 7.30pm
Cubs	Monday	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Scouts	Friday	7.30pm – 9.00pm

### Leader's names:

Group Scout Leader      Anne Blackburn ([anne.cubs@gmail.com](mailto:anne.cubs@gmail.com))

Beavers                      Lauren Breslin  
                                     Gillian Harrison

Cubs                            Anne Blackburn  
                                     Keith Baird  
                                     Lauren Breslin  
                                     Claire Carey

Scouts                         Anne Blackburn  
                                     Andy Fenton

### Leader's tel no

Anne Blackburn	01484 651719 or 07939596283
Keith Baird	01484 681362 or 07714208464
Lauren Breslin	01484 651719 or 07946805255
Claire Carey	07792588873

### Our website:

[www.10thhv.co.uk](http://www.10thhv.co.uk)

### Twitter

@newmillcubs

### Facebook Group


10th Holme Valley (New Mill)

**Nearest Scout uniform outlet:** Outdoor Mania, Dunford Road, Holmfirth –

Neckers available from us when your child is invested



## Our Commitment – Your Commitment

The Scout Group will:	The Parent/Guardian/Child will:
1. Provide a safe environment for your children to enjoy themselves	1. Follow guidelines set out by the Group to ensure Health and Safety
2. Promote equal opportunities for all involved regardless of gender, faith and ability	1. Help Leaders address any discipline issues that might occur
3. Speak to all parents and answer concerns they might have	2. Recognise that this is a voluntary organisation and will support the Group where necessary (fund raising, maintenance of hut, assisting at meetings/ outings, etc)
4. Provide adventurous activities and personal development opportunities	4. Pay subscriptions when due
<p>Signed</p> <p>For Scout Group </p> <p>Parent/Guardian _____</p>	

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE SCOUT GROUP**

**FAMILY INFORMATION FORM**

To help the Leader during your child's time in Scouting, we would be grateful if you could provide the following details.

**Contact information**

Child's name .....  
Gender M/F  
Date of Birth .....  
Religion .....  
Child's address .....  
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Child's e-mail address (if applicable) .....  
Child's mobile no. (if applicable) .....

Parental name .....  
Parental contact tel no. 1 .....  
Parental contact tel no. 2 .....  
Parental e-mail address .....

Alternative contact name .....  
(please state relationship) .....  
Alternative contact telephone number .....

**Medical information**

Please list any medical conditions, allergies or special requirements your child has (full information on the appropriate way to cater for these should also be given to your child's Leader)

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Please give details of any dietary requirements your child has

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**Further information**

Parent(s) occupation(s) .....

Time available per week/month/year for assisting with the Group  
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Please give details of any skills or hobbies you have that could contribute to the running of the Group or the provision of activities  
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**Medical Treatment**

If it becomes necessary for my child to receive medical treatment and I cannot be contacted by telephone or any other means to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the Scout/Cub/Beaver Leader to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.

Signature .....

Please print name .....

**Photographs**

Occasionally photos and video images of members of the Group taking part in activities are submitted to local newspapers, Group, District or County newsletters and website, or put on display. If you have objections please indicate:

My child's photograph can/cannot be used in the ways highlighted

Signature .....

Please print name .....

# 10<sup>th</sup> HOLME VALLEY (NEW MILL) SCOUT GROUP

Charity Registration No. 502703



Dear Parent/Guardian

**Your signature could be worth £26.00 to us.**

At the Annual General Meeting on 16 May it was agreed that it is necessary to increase subscriptions to £35 per term.

*We are sorry the increase is needed. All Leaders and Executive members undertake their duties freely, but the Group has overheads and expenses.*

We obviously wish to keep subscriptions as low as possible and in order to do so we ask you, **please**, to pay using gift aid. This means that for every **£1** you pay we get **25p** back from the tax man, so with an annual subscription of £105 we can claim **£26.00**. If we are unable to reclaim this tax element then further increases in subscriptions will be necessary.

It is really very easy, all you need to do is fill in the enclosed form and send it back to the Group, this does not cost you any more. If you have more than one child in the Group you only have to make one declaration as this covers all payments you make.

The declaration will cover your child(ren) until they leave the Group. When your child leaves the Group the declaration will cease.

If you stop paying tax or have paid insufficient tax to cover the amount the Group will be claiming back you should inform the Group Treasurer and we will not make a claim for your payments.

Please complete the enclosed Declaration and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have any queries we'd be pleased to assist.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

*Gill Clarke*

Gill Clarke  
Treasurer

**Treasurer: Mrs Gill Clarke, 10 Wickleden Gate, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1QT  
Tel: 01484 683589**

## Gift Aid Declaration

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forenames(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

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I want the Scout Group to treat all payments I make on or after 6 April 2000 in respect of the member subscription for the Group as Gift Aid donations.

Name of Scout, Cub or Beaver \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### Notes

1. You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on the payments (currently 25p for every £1 you give)
2. You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer
3. Please notify the Scout Group if you change your name or address

# Position of Badges for your child's uniform

