

# Hemel Hempstead District Scouts Partnership Agreement

## **General terms for all Explorer Partnership Agreements**

Membership of the unit is open to any member of the Scout Association aged 13.5 – 18 years. Subscriptions are set annually.

Management of the District is the responsibility of the District Executive Committee. Management of the Explorer Scout Unit (ESU) rests with the District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) or District Commissioner (DC) in the absence of a DESC.

The ES section will manage its own finances. It will provide annual accounts and pay the HQ membership fee, along with County and District levies to the District Treasurer.

Explorer Scouts will wear the District Explorer Scout scarf at District Explorer events and ESU meetings, but may wear a Group scarf when taking part in Group activities.

The ESU may be invited to be involved in District fundraising events and the basis for sharing of funds raised between the District and ESU is to be agreed before the event is held.

## **Liaison between the Unit and the District**

Effective liaison between the District and the Unit is important. The Unit's Explorer Scout Leader (ESL), or representative, is invited to attend the regular leader meetings and will have their views represented at the District Executive by the DESC or DC.

## **Liaison between the Unit and Scout Troops**

The District Explorer Scout Administrator and SL will need to communicate effectively to agree the point at which Scouts will transfer from the Troop to Explorer Scouts.

The ES section will plan to provide a linking event at least 3 times a year – open to all Scouts approaching 14 years old

Scouts moving up to Explorer Scouts at the beginning of the next term will then be invited to meetings for the last 4 or 5 weeks of terms in order to achieve their "Moving On" award.

SLs, and the DESC will ensure effective transfer of members takes place. The aim is for ALL Scouts to become Explorer Scouts. This will be helped by joint activities being run throughout the year, encouragement of Explorer Scouts to take active interest in helping, running or assistance with instruction with other sections within their former Scout Groups and maintenance of the links with their former Scout Groups

A Scout may choose to join any ESU. This agreement does not mean that Scouts should join only the ESU partnered with this Group. Once an Explorer Scout, a young person has access to all Explorer Scout provision within the district (subject to practical limitations agreed by ESLs).

## **Support agreement between the Hemel Hempstead Scout District and the 1<sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green Scout Group for the provision of Explorer Scouting**

The Hemel Hempstead ESU (HHEX) will meet at the 1<sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green Scout HQ which is the property of 1<sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green Scout Group.

HHEX will normally meet from 8.00 – 10.00pm on Thursdays. HHEX may also use the meeting place at other times as long as the venue is available and the use has been agreed with the hall manager. 1<sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green Scout Group will allow the storage of the ESU's day to day equipment at the premises (in the form of a lockable cupboard). Larger equipment will be stored at a central location.

In the event of the ESU's closure any equipment owned by the ESU will remain the property of the District and be available to the other units in the District.

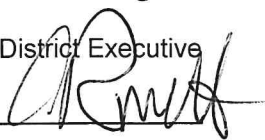
The financial arrangements for providing the meeting place and resources specified above are £400 per term for hall hire and equipment.

## **Review**

This agreement is to be reviewed by all parties before at the start of each calendar year. In the absence of a review the agreement will deem to stand for a further year.

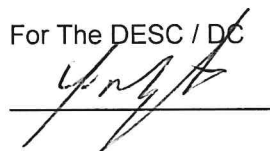
**Signature to the Agreement**

For the District Executive



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For The DESC / DC



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For 1<sup>st</sup> Leverstock Green Scout Group



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