

## Derbyshire Scouts facebook page information and user guidelines

Access via [www.facebook.com/pages/Derbyshire-Scouts/238359033036](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Derbyshire-Scouts/238359033036) or search [facebook](#) for "Derbyshire Scouts".

### Introduction

**The Derbyshire Scouts official facebook page has been created to provide a new and up to date method for everyone within Derbyshire Scouting to keep in touch; and is just one element of a wider plan to improve communication across the county.**

Through the facebook group, we will all be able to share news, good practice and promote events. The page features photo and video galleries, to which member submissions are encouraged (*see below*). There is also a discussion forum.

The page is accessible to anyone that holds a facebook account. Therefore, along with the [main website](#) it will serve as part of our public-facing web presence. In addition to our adult and youth members; parents and any other interested parties will also be able to log on and see what is happening in Derbyshire Scouting.

A significant number of our adult volunteers and older youth members (mainly Explorers & Network members) are already on facebook, and we would like as many of these as possible to "become a fan" of the Derbyshire Scouts facebook page. You can use the "Suggest to Friends" link to notify others.

The facebook page is in no way intended as a replacement for existing channels of communication, but as a supplementary means of sharing information amongst our members and with the wider community.

### Member contributions

**These pages are for *your* benefit, and hence we need your contributions!**

Contributions in the form of photos, videos, news, discussions or events are welcome and actively encouraged. However, in order to maintain some control over the facebook page and to ensure there are no security issues or inappropriate content, the page is set up such that only those people that have been granted "admin" access can post photos, videos, news and events; whilst the discussion forum is monitored and will be moderated as necessary.

In time we hope to have local representatives across the county with administrator access; through whom you will be able to feed submissions to the page. If you are interested in becoming one of the administrators, please contact Dan Weaver. In the mean time, any submissions can be made to Dan Weaver via email at [danny.weaver@btinternet.com](mailto:danny.weaver@btinternet.com).

### What can be submitted?

**Any news items, photos, videos and events that you would like to share with other people.**

This includes pretty much anything; some examples are:

- Fundraising or activity events in your group, district, etc
- Photos or videos from your latest camp
- News about the latest badge/award achievements by your members
- Requests for help and volunteer vacancies
- Opportunities, such as international camps, etc
- Section-specific news

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Please bear in mind that all information posted on the facebook page will be publicly available, as with any other website. Therefore care should be taken to ensure that all material submitted is appropriate and shows Scouting in a good light, and that the usual Scout Association guidelines should be followed - in particular with regards to any material (e.g.: photos and videos) that can identify specific young people.

Adults should also bear in mind the guidance regarding communication with young people via email, text and social networking sites within [factsheet 330086](#) which can be found on [Scoutbase](#).

The current Scout Association guidance regarding the use of photos and videos is available within [factsheet 295428](#) found on [Scoutbase](#).

To summarise:

- We should avoid disclosing the full name of individuals alongside photos or video (first name only is acceptable)
- Parental permission should be sought (providing an "opt-out" option to parents is acceptable)
- Photographs and video footage should only ever be of appropriately dressed individuals in appropriate situations
- Follow the "Young People First" policy (Yellow Card) at all times