

How it all fits together

Transcript

Since Lord Baden-Powell founded the Scout Movement in 1907 it's gone from strength to strength, growing and developing into the global Movement we know today.

Here in the UK, Scouting is big, and it's growing.

Today, there are so many Members enjoying over 200 Scouting activities, that you are usually no more than 10 miles away from a Scout meeting place.

To support our organisation and make sure it can continue to grow and develop it is important to have a structure in place.

Within The Scout Association there are distinct levels of support:

First are Sections – a Section is the name used for Beaver Scout Colonies, Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Scout Units and Scout Networks. All young people across Scouting belong to a Section, and each Section is led by a group of adults.

Next are Groups – a Group is made up of Beaver, Cub and Scout Sections. There may be a number of Sections in the Group.

Then there are Districts – a District is made up of a number of Groups. The District is responsible for Explorer Scouting and Scout Network.

There are also Counties – these are made up of a number of Districts.

Each Group, District and County also has an Executive Committee. This is a group of adults who are responsible for supporting the Group Scout Leader, District Commissioner or County Commissioner in meeting the responsibilities of their role; for example, maintaining property and equipment, financial administration and insurance.

Executive Committee Members are charitable trustees.

Across the United Kingdom, there are regional differences to structures and names of the different levels of support.

Now that you understand more about the structure, have a think about the contribution you make to Scouting, and the support available to you within your role.