

The Uniform

The Scout Association is a uniformed movement, and the wearing of uniform is an entitlement granted to every member. At 1st Upton St Leonards we pride ourselves on our appearance, so your co-operation in ensuring that your Scout is properly and smartly turned out will be appreciated.

For Scouts, the uniform is:

- Teal green Scout shirt or blouse.
- Group necker (1st Upton St Leonards – gold with brown border and Group badge) and leather woggle.
- Navy trousers or shorts – Scout trousers are preferable and can be transferred from section to section, otherwise any smart or combat style navy trousers or smart navy shorts (i.e. not sportswear). **Denim is strictly forbidden as uniform.**
- Scout belt and buckle.
- Smart black shoes and dark socks - for official occasions and full inspection only.

Note that during the summer Scouts may wear an official teal green polo shirt in place of their full uniform shirt for normal Scout meetings.

Uniform, and Group neckers in particular, can be purchased from Gloucester District's Scout shop. The shop is at the District Scout HQ, Murray Hall, Tuffley Lane, Lower Tuffley (Tel 01452 411567), and it's open every Thursday evening during term time from 19:00 – 21:00.

Uniform, with the exception of the Group's necker, can also be bought on-line at <http://www.Scouts.org.uk/shop>.

Badges (except those to be transferred from Cub uniforms – see below) will be provided at Investiture.

Unless instructed otherwise, **full uniform should be worn to and from Troop meetings, to and from all camps and activities, and for the duration of Church services and parades.** Note that some activities will require Scouts to wear uniform throughout.

Scouts must wear their uniforms whilst travelling to or from all Scouting activities unless instructed otherwise.

Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name – particularly neckers because they are often removed for games and activities.

Cub Scout badges transferrable to Scouts

The following badges should be transferred from Cub Scout jerseys to Scout shirts:

- Chief Scout's Silver Award.
- The highest numbered staged activity badges (Air Activities, Community Impact, Digital Citizen, Digital Maker, Emergency Aid, Hikes Away, Musician, Nautical Skills, Navigator, Nights Away, Paddle Sports, Sailing, Swimmer and Time on the Water).
- The highest numbered Joining In Award.

See page 15 for the position of badges on the Scout uniform.

Inspections

Inspections will take place on every Friday night before activities and games begin, unless we are meeting somewhere other than the village hall. Full inspection will take place on the Fridays before the Remembrance Sunday commemoration and St George's Day Celebration – again unless we are not at the village hall. Please bring other footwear to change into if required. There will be awards for the highest points scored at inspections!

Uniform should be clean and ironed. Scouts may change out of their uniform for the duration of the Troop meeting, but must arrive in uniform and remain in it until after inspection, and should be back in uniform in time for flag down until they arrive home.

Scouts should also have in their own up to date Scout Activity Log book, paper and a pen or pencil for all Troop meetings, activities and camps. This will form part of the inspection. Please note that it is up to the individual Scout to ensure that their Scout Activity Log book is up to date. There is no need to carry these items on parade. Note – lost/washed Scout Activity Log books must be

replaced by the individual – they are available from the Scout shop.

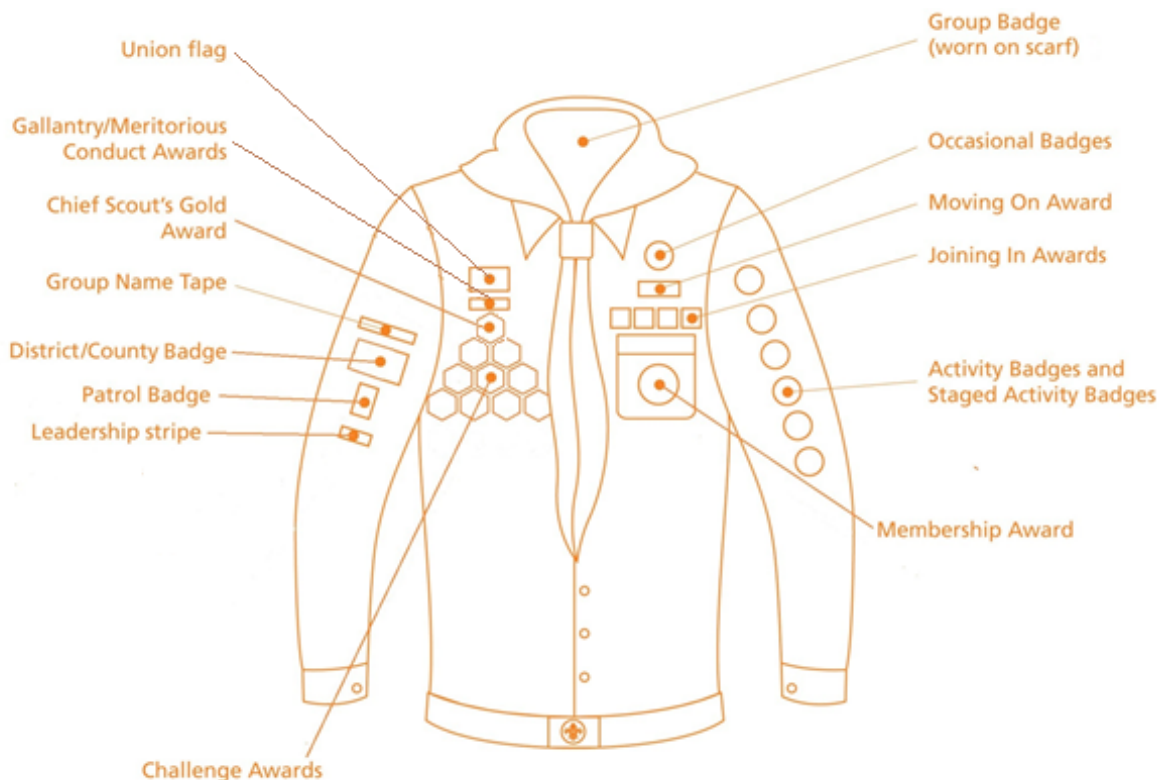
Other belongings

Use of **personal stereos** is strictly forbidden on Troop nights, and if your child must bring a **mobile phone** it must remain switched off for the duration of the meeting. We cannot accept any responsibility for personal items lost, stolen or damaged.

Position of badges on the Scout uniform

All badges issued relevant to the Scout and to the period should be sewn on in the correct place. At each full inspection, a selection of Scouts chosen at random will have their badges checked. Replacement badges must be paid for.

You are strongly advised to leave space for badges not yet gained – it saves time later!



Camp badges and occasional badges

Please note that badges for camps should only be worn for the term immediately before and the term immediately following the camp date (example for summer camp – Easter through to Christmas), unless otherwise specified. They should be worn above all other badges above the left hand pocket. Other occasional badges will come with their own specific instructions.