

Welcome!

There are a few things you need to do straight away:

- Read through this information
- Fill in and return the attached forms or visit the new starter page on the website
- Join our Facebook group K2 ESU (Explorers & Parents)
- Keep this somewhere safe.

Who are we?

K2 Explorer Scout Unit is run by a team of volunteers
We are based in Rhonesni Scout Hut, however Scouts from any group in Wrexham can join us when they reach 14, as well as those who have never been to Scouts before.



**Read on to find out
more about us and
what we do!**

Email: k2esu.wxm@gmail.com Facebook Page: K2 ESU

Twitter: @K2esu

Instagram: k2esu

Where and when do we meet?

We meet once a week during the school term on Monday nights, 7:30-9:30pm, in the Scout Hut on Dean Road. We often meet elsewhere, each week a text to all members/parents on Sundays to tell you what to bring, or where to meet on the following Monday. Information is also posted on our Facebook group, so it is important that you join this!

If you're unsure, get in touch with a leader via Facebook.

What do members need?

For the first few meetings your child needs nothing at all to experience the adventure of Scouting.

Once your child is sure they want to become a member, and we've received the first payment of subs within 4 weeks of joining (see 'what will it cost'), they'll be given a neckerchief and unit badge and arrangements will be made for them to be invested.

They will also need an Explorer Scout shirt & Knecker, available from Wrexham District Scout HQ, Station Approach. The shop is open Wednesday nights in school terms from 6:30-8:30pm. Details of unit merchandise are on the enclosed form.

What will it cost?

We charge subscriptions ('subs') to cover costs of equipment and the upkeep of the meeting place. This also includes the Explorer Scouts' annual membership fee paid to headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association and includes insurance for all members. The annual subs are £117 and you can pay this in one go, once a year, or split it up into three payments of £39 per school term.

An extra charge is normally required for special events, camps, and other outings.

Subs must be paid within four weeks of the start of term. Please bring a cheque, cash, or pay online using the details below. Cheques should be payable to 'K2 ESU' and the young persons name and K2 ESU SUBS written clearly on the back.

If you wish to pay electronically then please pay using the BACS details below with a reference showing the Explorer Scouts name and what the payment is for. Please also message or tell a leader that a payment has been sent.

Account No: 33324869

Sort Code: 20-25-69

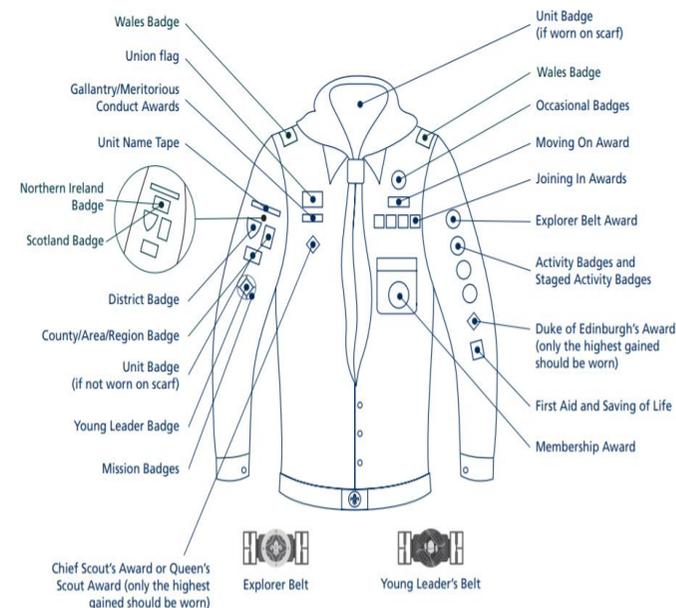
Gift Aid

If you pay tax, we can use Gift Aid to claim 25p for every £1 you give in subs or donations. All you need to do is sign the Gift Aid form (downloadable from the website). All the money will be used to benefit members of the unit.

Code of Conduct

- 1. Do Attend as much as possible**
- 2. Do be on time, and participate during activities**
- 3. Do vote on Facebook and do reply to messages and read posts when asked**
- 4. Do wear merchandise or uniform to every K2 event unless told otherwise, wearing a knecker is mandatory to every event**
- 5. Do Treat people how you want to be treated**
- 6. Do Speak up if you think something could be improved**
- 7. Do invite people to K2 and encourage others to join**
- 8. Do respect people's /units' possessions and property**
- 9. Do pay all money before deadlines**
- 10. Do take the initiative and complete jobs by yourself**
- 11. Do introduce yourself to new members and make them feel welcome.**

Where do those badges go?



Please note, while all K2 members are expected to have an Explorer uniform Shirt and District knecker, on most evenings, members wear their unit t-shirt or hoodie. These are available for order from the unit using the enclosed order form.

It is compulsory to wear either your Explorer uniform Shirt/ or K2 Merchandise to every night. Necker's must be worn to every night regardless of activity.

Leadership

The unit leaders are unpaid volunteers who are required to undertake training or learning appropriate to their role. Explorer Scout Leaders are responsible to a District Explorer Scout Commissioner, who in turn is responsible to a District Commissioner. If you have any questions, concerns of complaints please speak to the Unit Leader. If your concern is about the Leader, please contact the District Explorer Scout Commissioner. If they're not available or you are still not satisfied, try the District Commissioner whose details are available from the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818.

Please note that Leaders devote lots of spare time from their own busy lives to make such a fantastic programme happen year after year and nothing, but utmost respect is expected from Explorer Scouts towards Leaders.

Parental Permission

It is taken as understood that you give your permission for your child to take part in Explorer Scout activities during the normal meeting time. Your permission is sometimes needed for specific events, camps and activities that may take place at a different place or time. You will be asked to complete a parental consent form in such circumstances.

Medical/dietary Information

It is essential that you inform the section leader if your son/daughter suffers from any medical condition or if they require any specialist medicines or treatments. It is also necessary for information to be supplied to the section leader about any dietary needs. Please complete the details on the Essential Information form and update the leaders if circumstances change.

Supporting your Child

The Scout Association encourages you to support your child's involvement in Scout activities. Please:

- Ensure you are happy with, and fully aware of, the way your child gets to Explorer Scouts and gets back, whether you give them a lift, or they make their own way.
- Encourage your child to arrive on time and ensure that they are fully aware of what they need to bring or what they need to wear.
- Take an interest in what they're doing in Explorer Scouts.
- Return forms and payment on time. If you have difficulties completing forms or making payments, please speak in confidence to the Leader.
- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any additional needs that your child may have, and any medication required e.g. inhalers.
- Inform the Explorer Scout Leader of any change in the family situation that is likely to affect your child's behaviour. It is not necessary to give details. All information will be treated in confidence.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The scheme is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities. It is designed to support the personal and social development of young people aged 14-25, regardless of gender, background or ability.

The award offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive, challenging and enjoyable activities in their free time. It runs in parallel to the Scout Awards, so that one activity counts for both awards.

New members who would like to take on the award will need to enrol to get involved. This costs £22.00 for Bronze and Silver and £29.00 for Gold.

If you want your son or daughter to start on the scheme, please fill in the enclosed enrolment form and send payment for the relevant amount, made payable to 'K2 ESU with your child's name and 'DofE Bronze/Silver/Gold' (as appropriate) written clearly on it.