

West Devon Scouts Policy for New Section Grants

West Devon Scouts recognise the importance of encouraging the growth of Scouting through establishing new groups and new sections. Therefore, West Devon Scouts will support any Scout Group with funding for the opening of a new section within the District, with a grant of up to £500. Before applying to West Devon Scouts for funding it is advisable to discuss the application with the District Lead Volunteer, to ensure that the District is able to provide the support of experienced leaders and recruiters.

We are aware that Devon County Scouts have a policy to 'match fund' any New Section grant awarded by the District, to a maximum of £500. When you have received your 'New Section Grant' from the District, please contact the County Administrator and follow the Devon County application process.

What kind of expenditure can the New Section grant be used for?

Starting up a new section (whether Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers) involves some one-off costs (such as the section flag and uniform for adult volunteers). Depending on your Group's resources you may require some additional age-specific resources and materials. You may need to use some of the grant money to cover the cost of hall hire, whilst the number of young people in the new section gets established. You may need to invest in publicity materials to circulate in your local community, through local primary schools or community centres. You may wish to subsidise a 'taster' session so that parents (potential lead members and team members) and young people who have never experienced Scout activities can find out more.

How to apply for a West Devon Scouts New Section Grant:

Simply complete the West Devon Scouts New Section Grant Application form (Appendix A) and send it to the District Lead Volunteer. Please ensure that you include all relevant details, especially your Scout Group bank account name, sort code and account number.

Restrictions:

Groups that are 'restarting' sections can only apply after 2 years have passed since the closure of that section.

Payment of Grant:

Once approved by the District Trustees, this will be made by bank transfer into your Scout Group account.

If your application is successful, you agree to the following terms and conditions:

- The grant awarded can only be used for the purpose applied for and can only be used by the named person on the application form
- If there are any changes of circumstances you must inform the District Trustees

Details of other grants available from Scouts UK Headquarters are listed in Appendix B

Appendix A: Application Form for a New Section grant from West Devon Scouts

Your name:

Your membership number:

Contact phone number:

Email address:

Group:

How the new section grant will be used with estimated costings:

Total of grant applied for (max. £500):

Additional information (if you would like to add any):

Bank account details for your Scout Group

❖ Name of account:

❖ Sort code:

❖ Account number:

Date of application:

Appendix B: Grants from UK Headquarters

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/grants-and-funds-for-your-local-group/grants-from-uk-scouts/>

We know money can be tight. We know young people miss out. And we want to change that.

Some pots of money at UK Scouts can only be used by local Scouts because of how the funds were raised. We turn these pots into grant schemes.

Currently, you could get a grant for:

- [Admiral Fund for Royal Navy Sea Scouts](#)
- [Matched Giving](#)
- [Outdoor Adventure Fund](#)
- [Training and Permits](#)

Soon, you'll be able to apply for:

- [Additional Needs](#)
- [Celebrating Achievement of Awards](#)
- [International Events \(Non-UK Contingent\)](#)

Some useful things to know

- Sometimes, we need to use technical words. [See our definitions](#) to find out what they mean.
- Most grants are provided on a matched funding basis (where the applicant contributes to the project cost).
- We don't fund projects that have already taken place.
- All grants must be paid into a Scout bank account. Individuals never receive payments.