

SCOUTING ATTRACTING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS COUNTY!

The recent annual census of Scouts in the East Sussex has risen by 2.7%. There are 5532 Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network Scouts in the County all taking part in exciting activities each week, led by teams of adult volunteers. The number of Scouts in the local area is 732.

More Young People, aged from 6 – 25 years old, do adventurous activities as Scouts than with any other organisation; including camping, abseiling and canoeing. The younger members take part in football competitions, welly walks, and days out. No other organisation offers such a range of challenging or exciting activities, with scouts spending over 2 million nights away from home each year.

Want to find out more about Scouting in your area? Join the adventure by calling 0845 300 1818 or log onto www.scouts.org.uk. You're never more than 10 miles away from a Scout meeting place!

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- Scouting offers challenge and adventure to 400,000 Young People and 100,000 adults across the UK, taking part in some amazing things, but for all of them, adventure is a way of life and not just an activity or expedition. Scouts grow in confidence by trying out new skills and stretching themselves and learning by doing.
- East Sussex Youth Membership of 4400 includes 1200 Beaver Scouts (6-8 year olds), 1700 Cub Scouts (8-10½ year olds), 1200 Scouts (10½ - 14 year olds) and nearly 300 Explorer Scouts (14-18 year olds).
- There are 86 Scout Groups covering the county of East Sussex.
- Over 1000 adult volunteers, totalling 5400 people, support Scouting in East Sussex.
- In the past year, boys' membership has grown 0.4%, while girls' membership has significantly grown by 16%
- Total youth membership has grown 2% since 2004.
- Between 2004 and 2005, total youth and adult membership in East Sussex has grown 0.6%.

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