

Most children transition up through the Group - ie. they come in as Beaver Scouts & go up through each section to Scouts. We do sometimes lose some along the way but we also attract new members who have not been in Scouting before.

Each section has a wide variety of activity & challenge award badges for the children & young people to work through & achieve. The badges cover a wide spectrum of both indoor & outdoor activities & challenges, all suited to the relevant age groups.

Subs are paid by each member & are our main source of income. They enable us to cover any costs which need to be met in running activities & also buying in the numerous badges we need & also to run & maintain our Scout hut and grounds.- ie. -pay utility bills, general maintenance etc. A major cost to the Group is the membership subscription we have to pay to the Scout Association in Gilwell. This currently stands at around £45 per child. Our bill for the last financial year was just in excess of £2000.00.

Our hut is also used regularly by other community groups such as Junior Karate, Zumba, Pilates & Yoga. It has become a really good community space.

I have been a Leader with Stoke Gabriel Scouts for almost 32 years and I hope to be able to carry on for a good deal longer. The children and young people who come along every week are what makes it all work so well - I hope that they keep on coming!

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