



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scout Group**

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Dear Parents,

As a charitable organisation, we are able to claim back from the Inland Revenue the equivalent of Income Tax paid on donations and subscriptions. This scheme, known as "Gift Aid", requires only your name, address and confirmation that you are a Tax Payer and that you request we treat your subscriptions as Gift Aid donations.

The attached form is all that is required for the time your child is in the Scout Group.

If we don't claim it, no-one else can! Across a Group of our size, this method of "fundraising" has allowed us to claim significantly over £2,000 per year. This money is used to directly benefit Scouting on Hayling. This scheme is more beneficial and more appealing than increasing subs or increasing the number of fundraising events.

Our objective is to maximise this income and we ask all of you who are tax payers to join the scheme. All we need you to do is to complete the attached form. It really is that easy! After that, we will spend some time checking the amount of subs each Scout has paid during the year and claim accordingly.

We would like to clarify some concerns often raised with the scheme:-

- 1 Subs are still collected termly or by monthly standing order in the normal way.
- 2 The Gift Aid is automatically cancelled should your child leave the Group.
- 3 No-one in the Group has access to any financial or personal details.
- 4 If we do not claim the money, no-one else can!

We would appreciate your completed form as soon as possible and would be happy to answer any queries you may have if you would like to call us.

If you are unable to join the scheme, please could you let me know (all information will be treated in strictest confidence). This will ensure that we do not keep chasing you for your form!

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes

Angharad & Matt Pike