

What is a Bookie?



Each term, during the half term break we hold a second hand book sale. In total, the 3 sales make about £3000 for the group. This income represents a significant contribution to our running costs and is one the reasons we are able to maintain our subs at a lower level than many other Scout Groups and activity clubs.

The “Bookies” are those people who help us with the pre-sale sorting and on the sale days.

How do our book sales work?

Our book store holds about 8000 books, all of which are sorted by author (fiction) or topic (non-fiction). Between each sale a further 2000 to 3000 are donated.

The following represents the typical work stream:

Saturday to Monday	10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 16:00	Sort and Merge
Tuesday	10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 16:00	Extra Day for Sort and Merge
Wednesday to Friday	10:00 to 16:00	Sale Days
Saturday	09:00 to 12:00	Sale
	12:00 to 14:00	Remove old books and pack away

- The sort and merge sessions include the task of “dotting”, which means placing a self adhesive dot onto each new book received. This enables us manage our stock by tracking each book and after 3 sales, any unsold books are removed.
- The Sale days are mainly the collection of money from our customers. They will wander around the HQ, select the books of their choice and return to the entrance where the cost will be calculated and money taken. There may be some sorting of any new books that arrive during the session.
- The “packing away” is the one task that involves the heavier work of moving the crates of books back into the store.

What will I do?

You will be part of the team. Depending on which session(s) you are able to support, you will be sorting and merging the new donations, taking the money from our customers or helping to pack away.

What skills do I need?

No special skills are required – just enthusiasm to help!!

What is the commitment ?

For each sale, you will receive a communication from the Coordinator detailing the sessions to be covered and inviting you to volunteer for one of them. Each session lasts for 2 hours and you are more than welcome to bring your children along.

No long term commitment, typically for 1 or 2 years of sales.

And what can I expect?

- To have everything you do be really appreciated by the Leaders and the other bookies.
- To know you are making a real contribution to the opportunities for our youth membership.
- We are all very proud of how Scouting on Hayling continues to develop. You can share in this success.

What happens next ?

Meet the Chairman

The most important thing is to meet the Chairman who coordinates our sales and will be able to answer your questions.

Any Questions?

Please feel free to contact our Chairman (chairman@haylingscouts.org.uk) or Group Scout Leader at any time, preferably by email at gsl@haylingscouts.org.uk.