

## Central Taunton Scout Group

### Admissions Policy

Youth Membership of Central Taunton Scout Group is at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader (as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR))

At Central Taunton we will:

- admit young people whose ages match those prescribed in POR subject to the limits on size. Section sizes are dependent on number of adult volunteers in each section.
- record interest on Online Scout Manager Waiting List for places over and above these numbers and, whilst maintaining contact with the parents of these children, endeavour to allocate places based on:
  1. the age of the child
  2. the length of time they have been on the list
  3. the willingness of parents to offer regular support to the section.
- Requests for places must be made via our online form or by email to the section leader.
- Transfers from other groups will be given serious consideration, including temporarily increasing the maximum size of the section.
- Membership is subject to payment of the monthly membership fee, paid through Online Scout Manager.
  1. Payment shall commence at the start of the month following the investiture of the member but should be in place before investiture.
  2. There is no charge to try (i.e. sessions prior to investiture).
  3. Section leaders shall aim to complete all investitures within 4 weeks of joining.
  4. Cases of financial hardship shall be made to the Group Scout Leader who will discuss some partial reduction for a set period of time before a review of circumstances is made.
- Membership is fully open to all young people aged between 4 and 18. We do not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or disability.

- Membership is subject to completion of Personal Information section of Online Scout Manager.
- Membership requires a uniform.
- Central Taunton Scout Group reserves the right to refuse admission if by admitting a child it will cause a professional conflict of interest for any of our volunteers. In this situation, the decision will be made by GSL in consultation with District. We would also endeavour to find another group locally that could offer a space.