



45<sup>th</sup> Gloucester (Abbeydale) Scouts Group

# Newsletter

Summer  
2024



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW NEWSLETTER!

# We're thrilled to introduce our new newsletter!

We believe that open communication between the Group and our fantastic parents and carers is essential.

This newsletter is our way of keeping you updated on all the exciting things happening within our Scout group. From adventurous camps and thrilling activities to important announcements and practical information, we aim to provide you with everything you need to know.

We want this newsletter to be a valuable resource for you, so your feedback is incredibly important. What information would you like to see? Are there specific sections or topics that would be helpful? Please don't hesitate to share your thoughts with us.

We will always be looking for ways to improve and make this newsletter even more informative and enjoyable for you.

Let's embark on this Scouting adventure together!

See you in September!

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# A message from the Chair

Dear Scout Leaders, Volunteers, Parents & Carers,

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to our volunteers for your unwavering dedication to keeping our Scout Group thriving. Your commitment to planning and delivering engaging programmes and exceptional experiences for our Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts is truly inspiring.

The invaluable time and effort volunteers dedicate to our young members is the cornerstone of our Group's success. Your dedication ensures that our young members not only have fun but also develop essential life skills. I understand that balancing your personal commitments with volunteering can be challenging, and I want to acknowledge your extraordinary efforts.

For those unfamiliar with The Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules, the safeguarding regulations require a specific leader-to-young person ratio as below:

- 1 Leader per every 6 Beavers + 1 to support
- 1 Leader per every 8 Cubs +1 to support
- 1 Leader per every 12 Scouts + 1 to support

To ensure our team can continue to provide exceptional experiences for our young members and accommodate new joiners, I kindly request all parents and carers consider contributing where possible, even if it's for a limited time. Your involvement, no matter how small, can make a significant difference.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the parents and carers who have already volunteered their time to assist in supporting the Cubs section. Your continued support is essential for the ongoing success of our Group.

If you can spare any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Your contributions will help us create a positive and enriching environment for our young people, and will enable us to grow our membership, offering even more opportunities to young people in our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Daniel Martin  
Chair of the Board of Trustees



# BEAVERS



Our Beavers have had an incredibly busy and exciting year, filled with fun activities and new experiences to earn their badges. From spooky crafts to adventurous outings, they've truly made the most of their time in the group.

Here's a glimpse into some of their adventures:

- Spooky Creations: The Beavers got into the Halloween spirit by creating their own spooky bottles!
- Remembering the Fallen: They honoured the brave men and women who served our country by participating in Remembrance Day activities.
- Pawsome Visitors: The Guide Dog Association visited our group, introducing the Beavers to these amazing working dogs.
- Powered by Air: Our young engineers built their own balloon-powered cars, learning about propulsion and design.
- Celebrating the Lunar New Year: The Beavers celebrated Chinese New Year with festive crafts and cultural activities.
- Postal Prowess: They ventured outdoors to post cards, practicing their letter-writing skills and exploring their local community.
- Puppetry Fun: The Beavers put on their own puppet shows, showcasing their creativity and storytelling abilities.
- Cycling Champions: They've been working hard towards their cycling badges, learning bike safety.
- Climbing Heights: Our Beavers conquered their fears and tested their limits at The Warehouse climbing centre.
- Rolling Fun: They had their own take on the famous Cheese Rolling (safely indoors!)
- Green Fingers: They planted herbs, nurturing their love for nature and gardening.
- Ninja Warrior Challenge: The year culminated in a thrilling night at Ninja Warrior, where the Beavers pushed themselves to their limits.

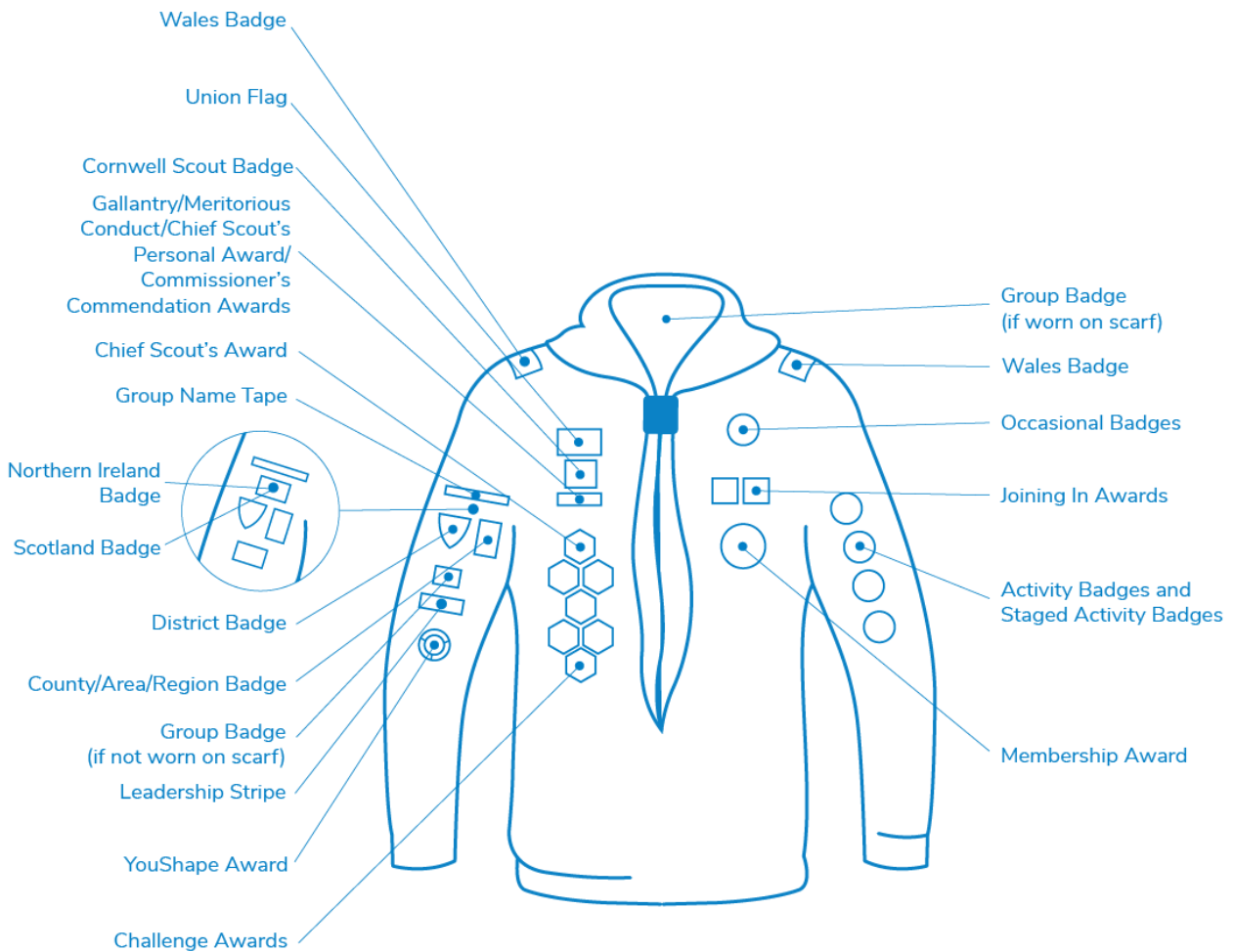
What a fantastic year it's been for our Beavers! Their enthusiasm, energy, and adventurous spirit continue to inspire us all. We can't wait to see what they achieve next!

# BEAVERS



## Beavers Uniform Guide

### Beaver Scout uniform



Get those badges sewn on!



# cubs



Our Cubs have had an incredibly eventful year, packed with exciting activities and learning experiences. From educational quizzes to adventurous outings, they've grown in confidence, knowledge, and teamwork.

Here's a recap of just some of their exciting adventures:

- **Local Exploration:** The Cubs explored and mapped their local area, learning about their surroundings and developing their navigation skills.
- **Wood Whittling:** They honed their woodworking skills through wood whittling, creating unique and creative pieces.
- **Knife Skills:** Safety and precision were the focus as the Cubs learned essential knife skills.
- **Diwali Delights:** They made festive Diwali tea lights, learning about the cultural significance of this Hindu festival.
- **Christmas Crafts:** The Cubs spread holiday cheer by making festive Christmas crafts.
- **Disability Awareness:** They learned about Disability Week, understanding the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.
- **Deaf Awareness:** The Gloucestershire Deaf Association visited the group, teaching the Cubs about sign language and deaf culture.
- **K9 Encounters:** The Police Dog Handling & Firearms Unit and the Guide Dog Association visited the group, showcasing the incredible work of these amazing animals.
- **Climbing Adventures:** The Cubs conquered Robinswood Hill and climbed at The Warehouse, challenging themselves physically and mentally.
- **Talent Show:** They showcased their talents in a vibrant talent show, boosting their confidence and creativity.
- **Evolutionary Exploration:** The Cubs attended the incredible Evolution event.
- **St. George's Day:** They celebrated England's patron saint with fun activities and games.
- **Parachording Skills:** The Cubs learned the art of parachording.
- **Behind the Scenes:** They went behind the scenes at Tesco, learning about the operations of a supermarket.
- **First Aid Training:** The Cubs prepared for emergencies by completing basic first aid training.
- **Cycling Masters:** They worked towards their cycling badges, mastering bike maintenance and safe riding techniques.
- **Nature Photography:** They captured the beauty of the natural world through their photography badges, creating stunning images.
- **Ninja Warrior Challenge:** The year culminated in a thrilling night at Ninja Warrior, where the Cubs tested their physical and mental abilities.

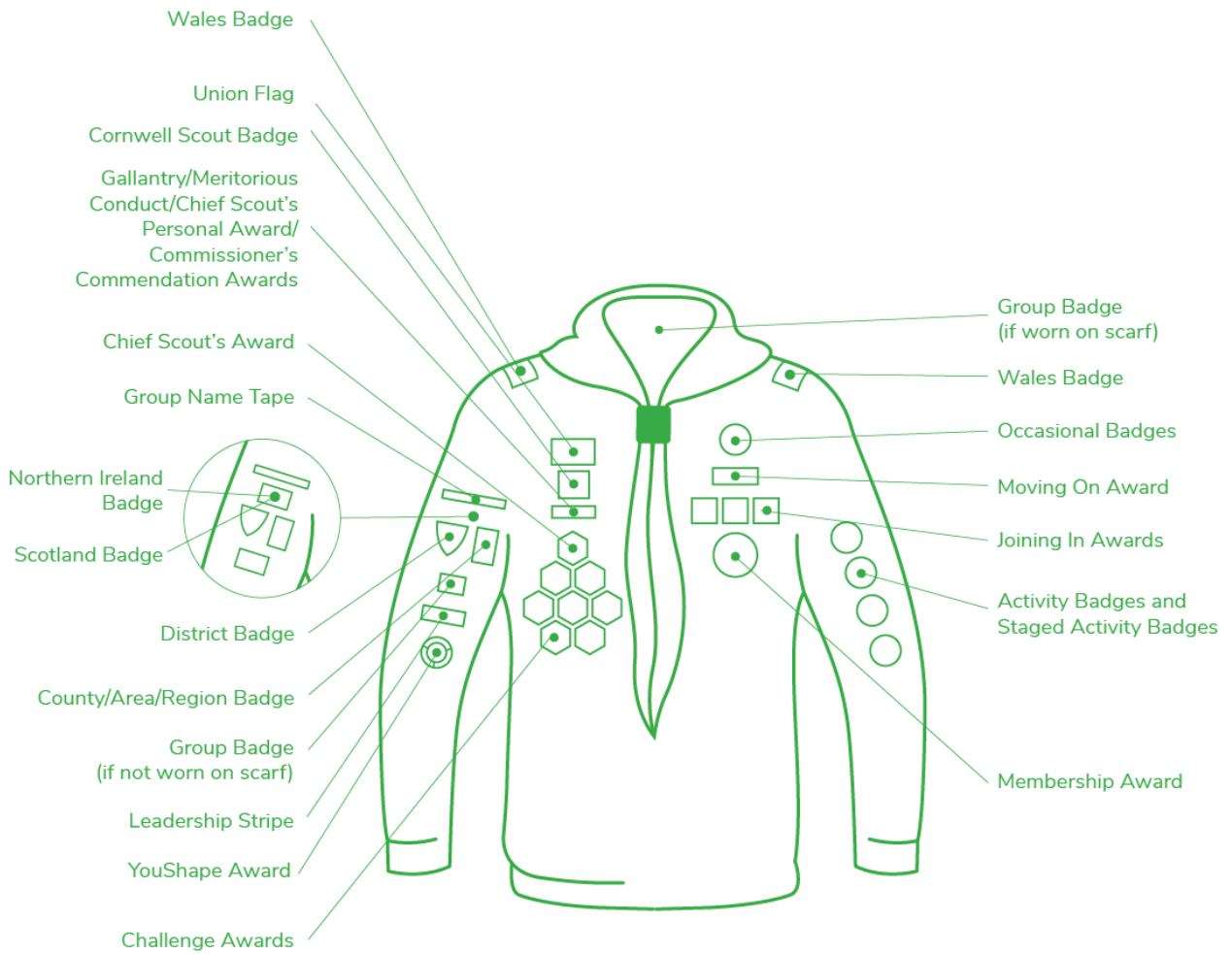
What an incredible year it's been for our Cubs! Their dedication, teamwork, and adventurous spirit continue to inspire us all. We can't wait to see what they achieve next!



# cubs

## Cubs Uniform Guide

### Cub Scout uniform



Get those badges sewn on!



Our Scouts have had an action-packed year, filled with exciting adventures and personal growth. From honing their cycling skills to strategic planning, they've pushed their boundaries and developed valuable life skills.

Here's a glimpse into their adventures:

- **Cycling Masters:** The Scouts continued to develop their cycling expertise, mastering bike maintenance and safe riding techniques.
- **Strategic Thinking:** They participated in Strategy24, a challenging event that tested their problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills.
- **Outdoor Exploration:** The Scouts embarked on numerous outdoor adventures, exploring new territories and developing their navigation abilities.
- **Community Service:** They actively participated in community service projects, giving back to their local area and making a positive impact.
- **Personal Development:** The Scouts took on leadership roles, identifying their personal challenges.
- **Skill Building:** They continued to work towards their badges, acquiring new skills and knowledge in various areas, including first aid and filmography.
- **Adventurous Outings:** The Scouts enjoyed thrilling activities like camping and hiking and the Cotswold Marathon!

Our Scouts have proven themselves to be resilient, resourceful, and adventurous. Their dedication to personal growth and community involvement is inspiring. We can't wait to see what they achieve next!



# Scouts

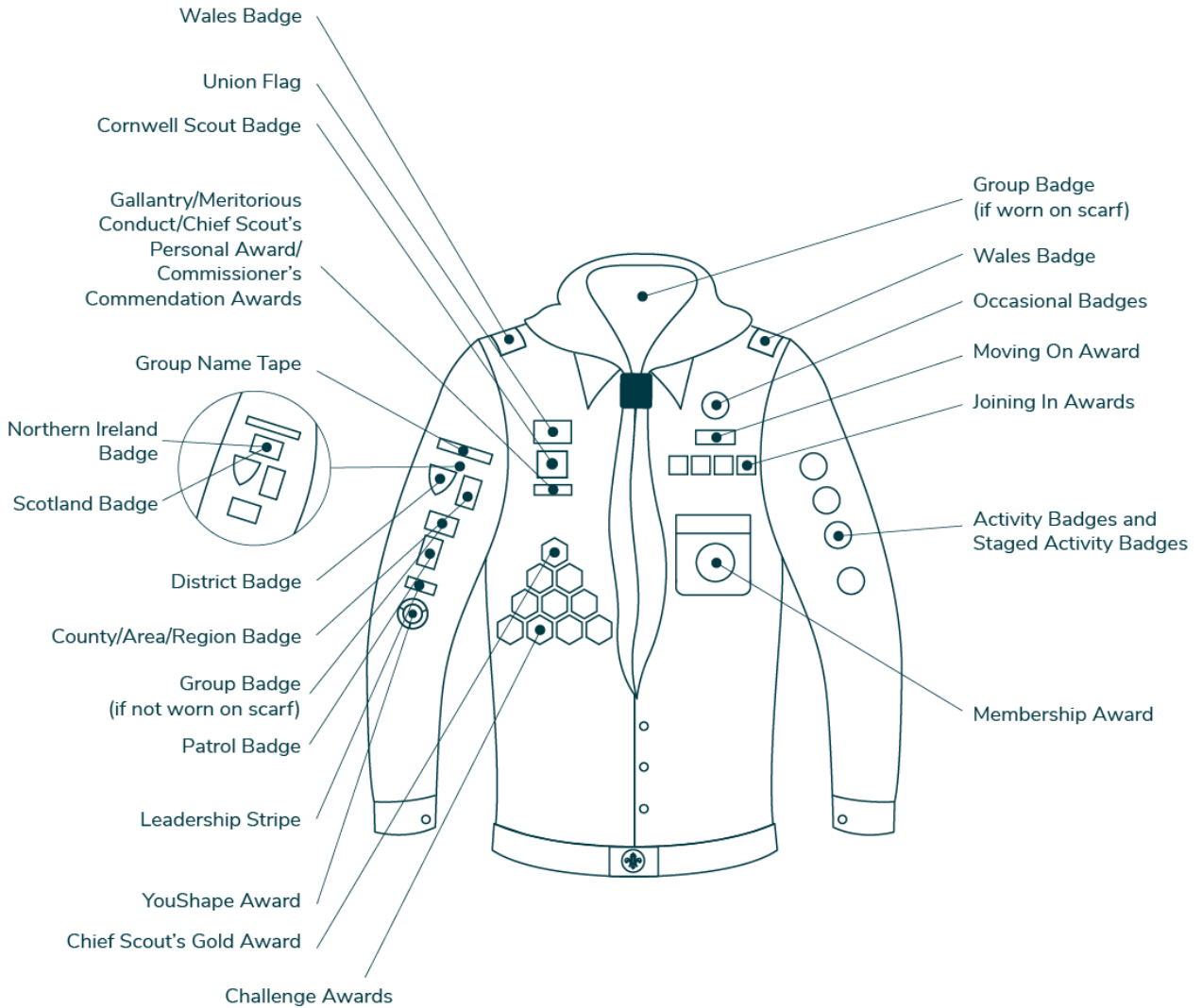




Get those badges sewn on!

# Scouts Uniform Guide

## Scout uniform



# Scouts



# AUTUMN CAMP!

## SAVE THE DATE!

We are delighted with the response to the Woodhouse Park Autumn Group Camp which runs from the evening of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> until Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Details have been provided by email and a pre-camp meeting will take place prior to the AGM on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at Abbeydale Community Centre. Please remember to complete and return the registration forms!

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Did you know that by checking the Gift Aid option on your young person's Compass Profile, you can help keep their subscription fees low?

When Gift Aid is enabled, we can claim an additional 25% from the government for each payment made. This extra funding helps offset the cost of the subscription, ensuring that your young person continues to have access to all the great resources and support that our Group offers.



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**BES Group**

## DONATIONS!

We are delighted that BES Group has kindly donated £100 to our Group!

Every donation helps our cause and helps us improve our programme for our young persons!

Please ask your employers if they are also willing to help with a donation!

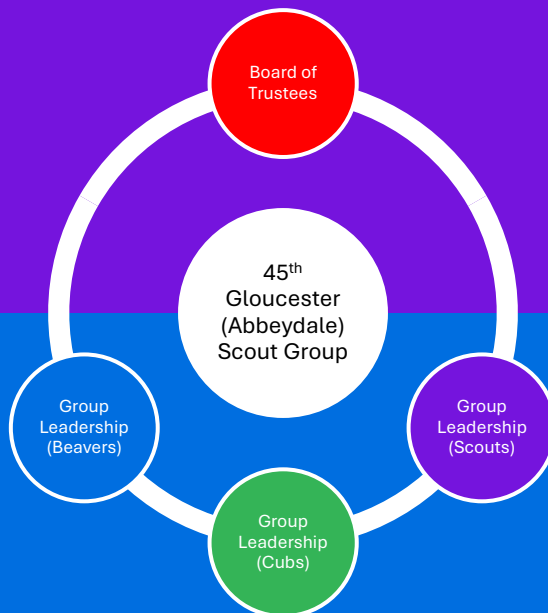


# HOW DOES THE GROUP WORK?

## The Board of Trustees

The Board includes the Chair, Treasurer and Trustees (which include the Lead Volunteers) who work together to make sure the Group:

- Manages money well
- Follows Scouts policies and relevant legislation
- Looks after buildings, insurance and property
- Manages risks
- Helps the charity to operate well, today and in the future



## The Group Scouting Team

The team includes the Lead Volunteers and the Team Members who work together to make sure the Group:

- Provides the best possible scouting experience for our young people
- Ensures programmes demonstrate the development of our young people
- Transitions young people between sections
- Champions our volunteering culture
- Engages with the community
- Ensures monies are used in the best possible way for the benefit of the Group and young people within it
- Ensures that all other administrative and practical tasks are completed



# HOW YOU CAN HELP

You can help support the Group by joining the Board of Trustees or by becoming a volunteer in one of Group Leadership sections.

We rely on people like you playing their part to give young people opportunities to dream big, give it a go, and build skills for life!

You don't need to be Bear Grylls to volunteer. We're looking for people to help out in all sorts of ways in our meeting place and behind the scenes. Whether you want to support young people or if you're more comfortable helping to plan the next adventure from the sidelines, we've got a role for you!

We would welcome volunteers across all sections of our Group – Scouts, Beavers and Cubs.

Scouting happens when a lot of us give a little. You're not signing up for a lifelong commitment – just to help out, when and where you can.

Want to make a difference but don't want to work directly with young people? There are loads of opportunities to make an impact behind the scenes. We'll help you find something that matches your skills and the time you have available.

Volunteering is a two-way street. Research shows that it improves your wellbeing and helps you build career-boosting skills.

Let us know you're interested and we'll give you the support and training you need to let your skills shine!

Similarly, talk to us if you want to bring your skills to the Trustee Board. Nominations are open for the role of Chair and Treasurer and details can be found on our dedicated Annual General Meeting page.

If you've got bright ideas or questions, please get in touch by emailing [45thabbeydalegroup@gmail.com](mailto:45thabbeydalegroup@gmail.com).

Thank you for everything you already do to help our young persons join in with our fantastic Scouts Group!



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024



**SAVE THE DATE!**

You are invited to attend the Board of Trustees 2024 Annual General Meeting, which will take place on Tuesday 24 September at 7pm at Abbeydale Community Centre.

## **Who are Trustees?**

Trustees are a team of volunteers who see the big picture, make decisions, and work together to help our Scouts Group run smoothly. We support leaders to deliver a fantastic programme, while having a laugh, making new friends, and learning skills themselves.

For more information about becoming a Trustee, please visit this [link](#) or speak with one of our team.

## **What is the Board of Trustees?**

The Trustee Board, in line with Charity Law and Scout Association rules, is accountable for the financial management of the Group and ensuring that the Group remains within the law e.g. Charities Act 2022 and Health & Safety Act 1974.

As well as the Trustees, the Board is made of the Group Chair and Treasurer.

## **Nominations**

We are inviting nominations for the role of Chair and Treasurer and anyone who wishes to become a Trustee.

To learn more about these roles, please visit this link. If you want to nominate yourself, please email your name, contact number, the role you wish to be nominated for, and provide a brief introduction as to why you may be suitable to [45thabbeydalegroup@gmail.com](mailto:45thabbeydalegroup@gmail.com).

Nominations must be received by Friday 20 September.

If we are not oversubscribed, nominations will be asked to stand at the upcoming AGM.



# FOR YOUR DIARY

All Group Sections return

Tuesday  
10 September 2024

Deadline for Trustee Board nominations

Friday  
20 September 2024

Autumn Camp Meeting

Tuesday  
24 September 2024  
6:30pm

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday  
24 September 2024  
7pm

Autumn Camp

Friday  
27 September 2024 to  
30 September 2024



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