



17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: 1st Lower Earley Scout Group  
The Scout Association (TSA) – Registered Charity No: 306101

We write to confirm that the 1<sup>st</sup> Lower Earley Scout Group is a registered Scout unit with The Scout Association (TSA).

By way of background, TSA is a national charity incorporated under Royal Charter which, amongst other matters, enables Scout units and individuals to register themselves so that they can operate within scouting officially. TSA also provides them with training, guidance and rules to abide by. These rules are found in our Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR) which can be accessed at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/por>. Where relevant, POR also provides Scout units with a Constitution.

Charitable Status

Importantly, all Scout units registered with TSA are set up as independent charities with their own local governance i.e. Executive Committee (Charity Trustees). As you may already be aware and by way of confirmation, not all charities have to be registered with the Charity Commission in order to be classed as a charity and, in the particular case of Scout units, there is a special exception granted whereby registration is not mandatory unless the likely income of the unit is £100,000 p.a. or more or they own certain types of land/property interests. Some Scout units choose to register on a voluntary basis which is purely a matter for them. However, in this matter, although the above Scout unit may not be registered with the Charity Commission, it is nevertheless a charity within its own right. (Please note, TSA has no responsibility for the management of Scout units, their land or affairs: this is and remains the responsibility of the local Executive Committee/Charity trustees of the said Scout unit).

We hope the above is useful and please do not hesitate to contact us if you require anything further.

Yours faithfully,

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