



Malawi 2026 – Terms and Conditions (v4)

Registrations and eligibility

- a) The event is open to Berkshire Scouts who will be 18 or over by the time of the event.
- b) There will be two units. A Scout Network Unit (age 18–24) and a Support Unit (18+).
- c) Participant registration will close on 1 September 2025 (unless extended). For safety reasons the event will have a cap on numbers. Every effort will be made to accommodate everyone that wants to attend however, bookings may be closed early, or a selection process implemented, if capacity is reached.
- d) Registrations will only be confirmed on receipt of deposit payment and a booking form signed by the parent/guardian of those under 18 (or by the participant if they are 18 or over at the time of booking) to confirm receipt and acceptance of these terms and conditions.
- e) Members must hold a full adult role on The Scout Association membership system. Where required, DBS and all required training must remain up-to-date for the duration of involvement with Malawi 2026.

Deposits and payments

- a) The Network participant fee is estimated to be £1800. Although there is a modest inflation/contingency built into the budget any substantial price increases outside the control of the organising team (eg: air tickets) will have to be passed on to participants; this will be at cost.
- b) The Support Unit fee will be advised separately as this will vary depending on the accommodation and itinerary options chosen.
- c) The fee will cover briefings, insurance; single branded polo shirt and necker, return air fares, in-country travel (for agreed journeys), accommodation and food, project costs (Project Africa Fund – to an agreed budget).
- d) The fee will not cover passports, vaccinations, additional personal insurance, additional branded clothing, travel to/from UK airport, increased air fares (above initial set fare), in-country 'trips' not deemed to be part of event objectives, extended stay in-country.
- e) A £300 deposit per person is payable on booking. A go/no-go decision will be taken by 15 August 2025 and will consider the numbers of booked participants to confirm the viability of the event. Based on this assessment:
 - i. if the event is deemed to be unviable, the deposit will be returned in full;
 - ii. if the event is deemed to be viable, the deposit will be used to fund the costs of the event and become non-refundable (see refunds and cancellation below).
- f) The remaining balance is to be paid in bi-monthly instalments. (payment plan to be issued separately).

Refunds and cancellation

- a) If an individual withdraws from the event after the no/go decision, any fees already paid will be non-refundable.
- b) If the event has to be cancelled for whatever reason, any unspent or uncommitted money will be refunded on a pro-rata basis based on fees already paid. Any shortfall will need to be claimed by individuals from their travel insurance policy (see below). Berkshire Scouts will be unable to cover any uninsured losses.
- c) The viability/final cost of the trip is dependent on flight availability and that will not be known from the airlines until late summer of 2025. If, for reasons outside of the organisers control, things change, the trip may need to be amended/cancelled.

Travel insurance

- a) Each individual will be covered by a centrally purchased travel insurance policy. Every effort will be made to cover as many insurable risks as possible, but it is not always possible to cover every risk (eg: epidemic/pandemic, natural disasters, etc). Details of the policy will be shared with leaders/participants/parents who may choose to arrange extra cover (at their own expense) for things such as any shortfalls on refunds referred to above.

Personal information

- a) Individuals agree that Berkshire Scouts can process personal information for the purposes of running the event.
- b) Where personal and/or sensitive Information is collected and processed, this will be done in accordance with Berkshire Scouts' Privacy Statement and Data Protection Policy, copies of which can be found [here](#).
- c) Individuals acknowledge that photos and videos will be taken during the event and agree that where they include images of the individual, these may be used by Berkshire Scouts in promoting this and future similar events. If individuals do not want these used they should inform the event leaders.

Standards of behaviour

- a) For reasons of personal safety, and the safety of others, high standards of behaviour are required and participants are expected to demonstrate the [values of Scouting](#) in the lead up to, and during the event. The event leadership team reserve the right to remove individuals from activities, and/or send individuals home at their own expense, where they deem it to be necessary.
- b) Day briefings/workshops will be held to prepare participants for operating in Malawi. Participants are expected to attend all briefings/workshops.