



Making Decisions, Shaping Futures, Changing Lives.

Become an Ormskirk & District Trustee

Nominations are now open for new Trustees and members of the District Executive Committee.

How to become a Trustee

Once you have read this information pack, please contact Liz Wainwright for an informal discussion in the first instance. Liz is a current Trustee and will be able to explain more about the role and how rewarding it can be.

Alternatively, nominate yourself now by emailing chair@ormskirkscouts.org.uk

The District Scout Council will vote to elect Trustees at the AGM in June.

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Ormskirk & District Scouts are seeking new Trustees and members of the District Executive Committee.

Trustees are the decision makers, direction setters and arrangers of the Scouts in Ormskirk & District.

Our trustees are a dedicated bunch of volunteers known as the Executive Committee and every District has one. The Executive Committee in Scouts is like a board of governors in a school. Basically, it makes sure that the young people get the best possible experience in Ormskirk & District Scouts.

They make sure that there's enough money to deliver the programme and that District equipment, such as tents and activity materials, are available and safe to use.

The volunteers that make up the Executive Committee give their time to ensure that the District continues to meet its charitable purpose: safely and legally.

Ormskirk & District Scouts' purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

What does the role involve?

Being an Executive Committee member involves being a full and active participant in Executive Committee and Sub-Committee meetings and activities.

"Being an Executive Committee member is a rewarding and challenging way to support Scouting."

Derek, District Executive Committee member

You'll attend approximately five meetings per year and contribute to various tasks or projects that support the work of the Executive Committee and the aims of the District.

You are not expected to be an expert in every area, but are expected to:

- use reasonable care in your work and apply your skills and experience where needed;
- act in the best interests of the Scout District and not in your own or others' personal interests;
- ask for professional advice when you need it;

Being a Trustee carries legal responsibilities. You must:

- act in the charity's best interests;
- manage the charity's resources responsibly;
- act with reasonable care and skill.

Training and support are provided to enable you to be an effective member of the District Executive Committee.

Your fellow Trustees and the Chair of Trustees will be a useful resource in helping you understand what is expected and how to get the most out of the role.

Why join the Executive Committee?

You will help to shape Scouting in Ormskirk & District, enabling more Young People to develop Skills for Life.

You can develop your own CV, skills or confidence while having fun and making new friends.

You'll invest your skills and experiences in opportunities for local young people.

You'll enable more people than ever before to enjoy and benefit from the experience of Scouting in Ormskirk & District.



What skills or experience would help?

All Executive Committee members have different skills to offer, come from different backgrounds and have varying experiences. This helps to make sure a wide variety of perspectives and a more rounded and effective Executive Committee is formed.

Everyone can contribute something and your particular skills will be a real asset. Here are some skills, knowledge and experience that would really help:

- Problem Solving;
- Decision making;
- Teamwork;
- Scouting knowledge;
- Project management;
- Financial management;
- Legal & regulatory knowledge;
- Board / committee experience;
- Policy, Governance & Compliance;
- Fundraising / Income generation;
- Strategic planning;
- Change management.

Being a Trustee in Ormskirk & District

Membership of the District Executive Committee is open to anyone over the age of 18 who is not otherwise excluded from being a Trustee¹.

Our Trustees include Scout leaders and parents as well as local businesspeople and councillors.

We actively encourage young people between the ages of 18-25 to become members of the Executive to develop our Youth-Shaped District.

Trustees are elected at our Annual General Meeting and typically work on the Executive Committee for one year before taking on other roles in the District.

Our Trustees take an active role in shaping the District strategy as well as developing Scouting, promoting safety, and ensuring that the policies of The Scout Association are upheld.

You will help us make a real difference.

Role Description

District Executive Committee Member

Outline: Executive Committee members contribute to the running of the District by providing administrative support, strategic direction, compliance with relevant legislation and completion of the duties set out in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Responsible to: The District Scout Council.

Appointment requirements: Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies).

General Executive Committee Member responsibilities:

To be a full and active participant in Executive Committee and Sub-Committee meetings and activities;

To uphold the responsibilities of an Executive Committee as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy Organisation and Rules;

Willingness and eligibility to act as a Charity Trustee for the District;

Contribute to the strategic aims and future development of the District;

An understanding of their own role, and the role of others on the Executive Committee;

A commitment to understanding and forming opinions on the key discussion points and responsibilities of the Executive Committee;

Willingness to complete various tasks which support the work of the Executive Committee and the aims of the District.

Skills of an Executive Committee Member:

Ability to work as part of a team;

Strong communication skills;

Able to think creatively and solve problems;

Able to handle and resolve conflict effectively;

Willing to speak one's mind and listen to the views of others;

Able to maintain independent and objective judgement;

Willing to actively design and contribute to the strategic vision of the District;

Willingness to take decisions which will further the work of the District.

ⁱ Under 18's, undischarged bankrupts and disqualified company directors are unable to be charity trustees. More information available at The Charity Commission www.charitycommission.gov.uk