

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCOUT FELLOWSHIP (NCSF)

'Actively supporting Catholics in Scouting'



Are you a Catholic and involved with Scouting?

Are you looking for support and fellowship?

Then look no further

The story so far:

In 1925 a group of interested adults arranged a pilgrimage for Catholic Scout Groups to Rome.

The same group decided that a body concerned with the religious and spiritual development of Catholic Scouts was very important. So with the approval of the Catholic Hierarchy they formed the CSAC (The Catholic Scout Advisory Council), and a Bishop was appointed as its Religious Advisor.

Based on Dioceses, Guilds were formed in order to offer support at a local level. Diocesan Chaplains were also appointed to guide the Guilds.

Over many years the CSAC organised many activities and supporting Leaders to the benefit of the Scout Associations young people.

However there are no longer any Catholic Scout Guilds left with Avon & Bristol closing in 2016. Also many Catholic Sponsored Groups have diminished. Now many of our young Catholic people and Leaders belong to other faith or non-denominational Groups. Many Catholic adults also work at National, Regional, County and District levels in many differing roles.

In 2005 and in line with the Scout Association policy of all Scout adult support groups coming under its adult support section and the CSAC became The National Catholic Scout Fellowship (NCSF).

2011 saw another name change from Fellowship to Scout Active Support Units but the NCSF was able to retain its title with the addition "Actively Supporting Catholics In Scouting".

Membership is open to all Catholics involved in Scouting in any capacity. You can join as an individual (£10) or as a Group (£25). Any difficulty paying subs? Then contact the Treasurer.

Membership is due annually in October, which coincides with the NCSF's Annual Review.

Membership includes a vote at the Annual general Meeting usually held in October. A copy of the LINK our newsletter is published at least three times a year and more if necessary. More importantly your subscription enables the NCSF to support and be the voice of Catholic Scouting in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The NCSF also has an appointed National Chaplain by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales and we continue to have an appointed Bishop as our Religious advisor.

The NCSF is also a paid up member of the International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) and we send a delegate to its AGM.

Kiro Badges, Woggles, NCSF Neckers, Polo shirts and faith related resources are available via the Trading Secretary

More information is available via the NCSF web site: www.catholicsinscouting.org.uk

MISSION STATEMENT

To support and further the aim of catholic Scouting

Duty to God. Spiritual and religious development. Support and advise Scouting Chaplains.

To encourage and support the appointment of Catholic Scout Leaders and other appointed Catholic Scouting roles.

Provide support material to help deliver the Scout Associations Faith and Beliefs programme as part of its overall Sectional Training Programme and its Proficiency Badge scheme.

Use of all available communication media to promote Catholic Scouting. Produce a newsletter: The LINK. Contact and communicate with catholic youth organisations and any other appropriate catholic organisations such as ICCS. Also other Scouting denominations and faiths such as CIGS (Christians in Scouting and Guiding).



NCSF President: Sir Edward Leigh MP

Patrons: The Archbishop of Westminster,
Archbishops of Liverpool, Birmingham, Southwark and Cardiff

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Founder: Robert Baden-Powell

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**BE A PART OF CATHOLIC SCOUTING. HELP TO MAINTAIN A VOICE
NATIONALLY IN CATHOLIC SCOUTING. SUPPORT YOUR NATIONAL
CHAPLAIN.**

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Group/Individual Membership Application Form

Print Name:**Date Of Birth:**.....

Address
Post Code:

Tel No:**Email address:**

Scout Group:

District:**County:**

Appointment:**Membership No:**

Disclosure No: and date of issue:.....

Signed:**Dated:**

**Annual Fees = Group: £25. Individual: £10. Cheques made payable to:
NCSF. Renewal date: October.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER SETTING UP A BANK STANDING ORDER TO SAVE TIME
AND ADMINISTRATION. CONTACT TREASURER FOR
DETAILS.**

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Gift Aid Declaration

If you pay income tax then please consider Gift Aiding your membership fee/donation for the benefit of Catholic Scouting. For every pound paid we can reclaim the tax you have already paid on that sum.

Gift Aid can also be accepted retrospectively for a maximum of 4 years. So if you have not previously gift aided your membership/donation fee, you can do so now. Enter the current or retrospective date in the box below.

I wish my membership fee to be considered as a donation to the National Catholic Scout Fellowship (NCSF) for Gift Aid purposes.

I wish all future donations to be Gift Aided until I notify you otherwise.

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and that I paid tax to a value sufficient to cover the tax the NCSF will reclaim

Signed:**Dated:**.....

Print Name:

Address/Post Code:.....

Return To:**matthew.hewitt@scouts.org.uk**