



10th Harpenden Scout Group Admissions Statement

The 10th Harpenden Group is an extremely popular and successful group, and it is normal for each of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections within the group to run at full capacity. As a result, entry numbers to all sections have to be managed to ensure an even spread of age groups within each section, and to avoid creating surges in pack or troop numbers at a later date.

The 10th Harpenden Group is run entirely by volunteers; therefore it is our expectation that members' families should fully engage in supporting the leadership team with the organisation and delivery of activities and fundraising events.

The Executive Committee of the 10th Harpenden Scout Group manages the waiting list for children under the age of 6 years old.

When places become available within the Beaver colonies, priority will be given to those who have been on the waiting list the longest and places are allocated in the following order of priority:

- (i) children of leaders and executive committee members with key roles. Our priority is to provide enthusiastic adult leadership in each section enabling us to run a balanced and exciting programme for our young people. We are always recruiting new leaders and therefore offer priority to children of leaders and committee members.
- (ii) siblings of Beavers, Cubs or Scouts currently enrolled in 10th Harpenden group
- (iii) those living in South Harpenden up to Station Road and the A1081
- (iv) anyone else on the waiting list.

If a child cannot be given a place in either Beaver colony at the beginning of the term immediately following their 6th birthday, the child's name is handed to the District Commissioner for Harpenden & Wheathampstead who manages the waiting list for 6 year olds and above.

The District Commissioner manages the list for all children over the age of 6 years old (including therefore the list for cubs and scouts). The list for those over the age of 6 years old is managed centrally within the district to give the children of that age a wider chance of finding a space somewhere within the District, if one becomes available at a later date.

When places become available within our Cubs or Scouts sections, they will initially be filled by those children already within the 10th Harpenden Group who are moving up to the next section. If there are still places available, places will be allocated from the District Commissioner's centrally held list.

We treat boys and girls equally on the waiting lists and currently have girls in Beavers, Cubs and in Scouts.

We have three intakes a year at the beginning of each school term; Beavers are normally admitted at the start of the term after their 6th birthday, Cubs when they reach 8, and Scouts from 10.5 onwards.

If your child is under 6 years old and you would like to add your child's name to the Group waiting list, please send an e-mail to waiting.list@10th-harpenden-scouts.org.uk, providing the name of your child, their date of birth, your address and a contact phone number. Once your child has been added to the Group waiting list, you will receive an e-mail from the Waiting List confirming that we have all necessary details. If your child is over 6 years old and you would like to add your child's name to the District waiting list, please send an e-mail to the District Commissioner (dc.harpenden@gmail.com) who will send you a form to complete.

Please be warned that casual conversations with Leaders, or even seemingly formal agreements, regarding getting children on the Group waiting list are not relevant or valid. The only way to place your child on the waiting list is to send an e-mail as stated above.