

## PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



### For the Provision of Explorer Scouting

This agreement is made between Cheltenham District Scouts Association, 15<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham (SHURDINGTON) Scout Group, and *Stuffed Penguins* Explorer Unit.

#### INTRODUCTION

- Membership of the Unit is open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 years old.
- Management of the Group is the responsibility of the **Group Scout Leader**. Management of the Explorer Scout Unit rests with the **District Explorer Scout Commissioner**.

#### LIAISON BETWEEN UNIT & GROUP

- The Unit's Explorer Leader (or nominee) is invited to attend the **Group's Executive Committee Meeting**, the **Annual General Meeting** and **Leader Team Meetings**.
- The **Scout Leader** and **Explorer Leader** will meet at least twice a year to plan linking between the two Sections. It is to be noted that Scouts may join one or more Explorer Scout Units of their choice.
- The Unit Explorer Leader will report any incidents, which affect Explorer Scouts, direct to the District Explorer Scout Commissioner.
- The Unit Explorer Leader will report any incidents, which affect use of meeting hall or equipment, direct to the Group Scout Leader.

#### LIAISON BETWEEN SCOUT TROOP & EXPLORER SCOUT SECTION

- The Scout Leader and District Explorer Scout Commissioner (or their representatives) will ensure that effective transfer of Members takes place. The aim is for all Scouts to become Explorer Scouts. This will be helped by **Birthday Cards** on their 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday promoting Explorer Section, and Joint Activities.
- Every year the Scout Leader will provide details of Scouts aged 13 and over to District Explorer Scout Administrator or DESC.
- A Scout may choose to join any Explorer Unit and not necessarily the Unit partnered with this Group.

#### FACILITIES, RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT

- The *Stuffed Penguins* Explorer Unit will meet in the **Millennium Hall** in Shurdington, which is on hire the 15th Cheltenham from the Social Centre Committee. The amount the Unit will pay will be decided in the April Executive Committee each year.
- The Explorer Unit will normally meet at **19:30 on Monday nights**, but may use the meeting place at any other times, provided the normal bookings procedure is followed, through the Group Scout Leader.
- The Scout Group will provide **access to all equipment** held and owned by the Group, so long as reasonable warning is given to the Group Quartermaster and following the loan procedure.

- The Unit may **store their equipment** in the hall with prior consultation with the Group Quartermaster.

#### FINANCE

- The Explorer Scout Unit will manage its finances through the **Group Treasurer**, who will provide the Unit with an Annual Financial Report as at 31st March each year.
- Unit funds will be deposited in the Group's one account but accounted for separately.
- Explorer Scouts will pay Group Treasurer an **Annual Subscription Fee** as set by District, plus any further fee the Group may decide upon to cover expenses. Annual Subscription Fees will be handed to the District Treasurer by the Group Treasurer, by due date.
- The Explorer Unit will help the Group with any **Fund Raising** events as agreed at Group Executive Meetings.
- The Unit will wear the District Explorer Scout neckerchief with uniform.

#### REVIEW

- This agreement will be reviewed by all parties in September each year, or if there is any change of any on the persons acting as signatories to this document.

For the Scout Group

*Paul Calleja-Gera A/GSL*

**Group Scout Leader**

For the Explorer Scout Unit

*Steve Radnor ESL*

**Explorer Scout Leader**

For the District

*Paddy D J Langham DESC*

**District Explorer Scout Commissioner.**

*Dated this 7th day of February 2005*