

Explorers and Junior Leaders



Hillsborough Explorers

Mon: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Wed: 8.00pm - 9.45pm

150th (Wadsley Church) Scouts

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Get the know..

From white water rafting in Switzerland, to staying in a barn on the slopes of Mam Tor... From 14 onwards, it's time for Explorers!

Explorers Quick Facts

⇒ **Mondays** 7.30pm - 9.30pm

150th HQ, Worrall Rd, Wadsley. S6 4BA

Leaders: Phil, Jez, Shaun, Steven & Mark.

⇒ **Wednesdays:** 8.00pm - 9.45pm

Wadsley Church Hall, Worrall Rd, Wadsley. S6 4BA

Leaders: Will & Josh

Hillsborough Explorers are an awesome success story, growing from a small number to over eighty members in just a few years.

Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders are 14-18 year olds who help to run beaver, cub & scout nights, but more on that later.

Get connected...

Explorers mostly communicate through Facebook, including programme info, meeting venues and asking for expedition kit.

Search for *Hillsborough Explorers* (for Mondays) or *Wedhexu* (for Wednesdays), or use one of these links.

- Mondays: facebook.com/groups/hillsboroughexplorers.
- Wednesdays: facebook.com/groups/221057912349210/

They're closed groups. They aren't available for public viewing. So, you'll need to click to request to join.

Parents can also join the Facebook group, that's fine. It can be helpful for them too. If your child's surname is different to yours, please send the Explorer Leader a quick email so we'll know to approve the request.

If you've a question about a night, you can ask on Facebook. More than one leader can see it and we can answer sooner. This is one reason why Explorers shouldn't use Facebook Messenger to message individual leaders.

Leaders are happy to accept friend requests on Facebook, but please wait until your 18th birthday, when you'll be old enough to legally buy your leaders a pint!

Get Away...

Most Explorers say that the best thing is going away. Explorers get the chance to go away several times a year.

Going away is often as part of an expedition, when small groups plan their own events, but we also have weekends at sites like Glenbrook, in the Hope Valley, and compete in larger events like the Apex Challenge.

Junior Leaders can also help on camps with their sections.

Get HEXNET...

HEXNET is a really successful Hallam District organisation. It gives great support to expedition training for scout awards and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

It runs centrally and means our Explorers can be supported by experts from across the city. HEXNET achieves one of the highest DofE success rates in the country.

Scouting awards and DofE awards are a large part of Scouting at Explorer age. They help young adults carve out a better future, gaining confidence and maybe even changing the direction of their lives. Many colleges, universities & employers really value these awards, so they can help open doors for you.

The DofE supervision and advice within HEXNET draws on an established base of experienced leaders. Hillsborough Explorer Leaders think this programme is excellent and so do the Explorers!

Joining in with HEXNET (and DofE/scout awards/expeditions) is optional. However, we encourage all explorers to take part in these awards—the highest in scouting. Those already registered to do DofE at school are encouraged to attend - even if just for the first meeting. Not all schools are able to support DofE above bronze level and, because HEXNET is volunteer led, HEXNET is the cheapest way you can complete DofE awards. HEXNET also means that planning of expeditions is easier as there is a bigger pool of volunteer supervisors.

On weeks with a HEXNET meeting (Wednesdays, 7.30pm-9.30pm @ Scout HQ, Trippet Lane), there'll be no normal weekly meeting at Wadsley. HEXNET meetings are usually a couple of times each term.

We love parents to attend the first HEXNET session as it answers loads of their questions. It's really useful to bring a chequebook to the first meeting as there's an enrolment fee to pay to DofE.

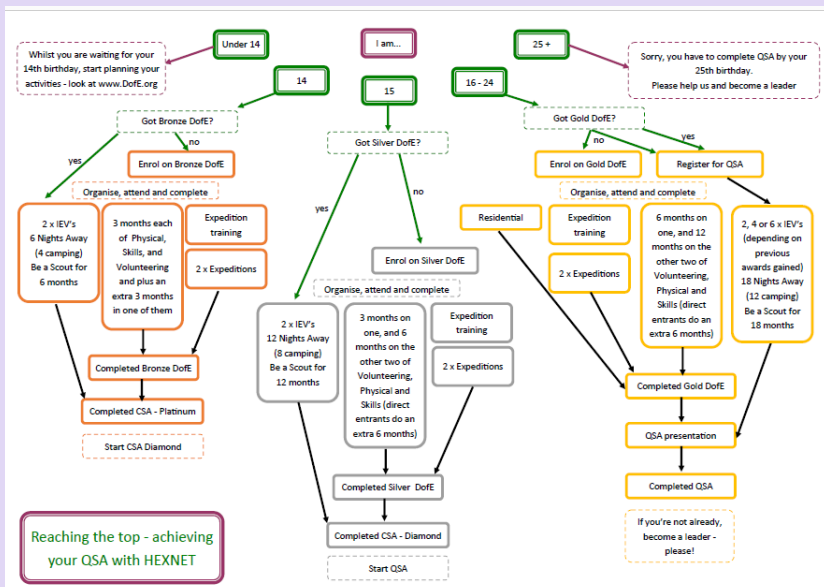
HEXNET: Hallam Explorers & Network Scouts.

For more info, visit the [HEXNET website here](#).



Get recognised...

Here's the awards flowchart from [HEXNET website](http://www.hexnet.org.uk).



Get Included...

We try to be as inclusive as possible. You can help us by letting us know of any extra needs.

We do our best to meet any diet needs (e.g. vegetarian, nut allergies) - please let us know about them as soon as possible.

Where individuals have a disability or special needs, we do our best to make all reasonable adjustments so that everyone can enjoy activities, expeditions, camps and weekends. Please chat to one of the leaders.

Finally, there are different wordings to the Scout Promise which may be more suitable, depending on your beliefs.

Get Involved...

What better way could there be to complete your volunteering for scout & DofE awards than being a **Young Leader**?

Becoming a Young Leader (YL) gives you a chance to keep doing even more of the cool stuff that you enjoyed before joining Explorers - it's just that you're now more of an adult instead of being a kid. Oh, and you'll probably get the chance to organise some stuff too.

We arrange YLs at the start of each term, so don't miss the deadline. Most YLs are happy and stick with the same role. However, if you need a change let us know before the end of a term so we can sort things for the start of the next term.

Training is available for YLs. Whilst this has previously been provided through 150th, it's now provided centrally by Hallam District. Amongst other stuff, training includes:

- ✓ Planning & running events/activities
- ✓ Getting kids to behave (and listen to you)
- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Safeguarding & Risk assessment
- ✓ Prizes



Mostly, these are pretty useful things for the workplace. They'll also help YLs get the most out of being a YL (and so give the beavers, cubs and scouts the most awesome time possible).

Being a YL gives you lots of skills to be a leader in the workplace. One of the things many workplace leaders do is complete forms, so it's great news that there's a form to fill in to ask to be a YL ;)

Interested? Complete [this form](#) and email it to activities@150th.org.uk

Deadlines are the first day back after each term's holiday.

There's no extra subs to pay for being a YL so apply today!

Get paid up...

Subs pay for most activities and the running costs of the unit.

If moving up from scouts, please cancel your standing order to the scout group - Explorers have a separate bank account.

Like 150th Scout Group, Explorers are part of Sheffield Hallam District Scout Council, a registered charity.

Parents pay subs via MyScout/Parent Portal. This cuts down the admin for both parents and for us.

Amount: £44 per term (you'll get an email about this).

If you're a UK tax payer, we can claim an extra 25% of your subs via Gift Aid. This helps us keep down the cost of subs.

The short Gift Aid declaration is filled in when you manage your subs payment on MyScout/Parent Portal





Get trim...

Uniform is the same for Explorers and Junior Leaders: It's a sandy coloured shirt. You can get one from the Scout & Guide Shop on Trippet Lane (behind West St) or at scout-and-guide-shop.co.uk. You can wear what you want for trousers.

If you've not yet had chance to pick up your Explorer shirt, chill. It's fine to wear your scout shirt for the first few weeks (or just whatever's comfortable if you've never been in scouts before).

We provide your red necker – just ask.

Here's where badges go. This info can also be found on the Explorer page of 150th.org.uk

