



3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts
Royal Navy Recognised Group No. 23
Registered Charity No. 1194984
79-81 Manor Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0HG

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group Membership Agreement

Dear Parents/Guardians, Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts,

Welcome to 3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group! Please find in this letter a brief background to the group and useful information. Following this letter is also a copy of our Membership Agreement, which we ask you to read, sign and return as directed in the agreement.

The Membership Agreement is designed to provide you with information on how the Scout Group is run, highlight some of our values and what we feel are important events and expectations for all those involved in the group to follow, as well as to encourage further positive input from all Members, in order to assist our volunteer Leaders with the running of the Scout Group. Conditions within the agreement will be viewed with consideration for personal context at the time.

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group is a community youth organisation. As a Scout Group, we strive to be the best we can, what with our varied programme, range of facilities, and the dedication of our volunteers, who give up many effort hours planning, organising, maintaining and growing the group. Scouting is unlike other clubs or groups, all our volunteers gain no financial benefit from the group, often sacrificing not only their free time but, on occasion, their own income, in order for activities and events to run. Such events, like those for fundraising, take a lot of time and effort to plan and carry out. Successful fundraising allows us to keep termly subscriptions at currently levels (a 2017/18 estimate predicted subs would have to be increased to £100 per term if no fundraising was completed), hence your support at events is crucial to the sustainability of the Scout Group.

We regard ourselves as one of the best Scout Groups, because we are, have always been, and will always be, a family group of families, coming together to have fun, adventure and live by the Scout values and laws. Our ever-growing waiting list and reputation both within the community and within Scouting, are testament to this, and long may that continue.

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Luke
Group Scout Leader – GSL

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Group Background and Useful Information

Background

As the name suggests the Group is made up of two former Scout Groups: 3rd Lancing and 5th Lancing (St. James). 3rd was based in the present Manor Road hut and 5th in the Church Hall at the bottom of Mill Road. These two were fierce rivals and oddly enough never did much together. Tom Smith (Captain Chaos) is our longest 3rd leader and Alex McGregor (Uncle Nasty) from the 5th - Alex is also the longest serving leader in the Group.

The amalgamation of the two was in the early 1980's. Tom had had to work away and when he returned found for various reasons, that the District Commissioner (DC) had decided to close 3rd. He managed to persuade the DC to let him get the Group going again, but they insisted that 3rd and 5th come together. All was started afresh in the Manor Rd HQ, still used today. Previous problems resulted in the two groups shrinking with only around 5 scouts attending on the first night. Leaders also decided to change to the red, blue and white neckerchiefs worn today. The Group identification numbers were left as two should it be decided to split again. Many ask why 3rd / 5th? Now you know!

Old canoes flourished, restored and camping equipment repaired, a competition was held for a Group logo and it (featuring white sailing dinghy) was designed by a scout called Christopher O'Leary. The Beavers came about in the late eighties and a Scout mother called Karen Currey was persuaded to start it. She was followed by Dave and Brenda Cook who laid the framework of the very successful section we know today.

Tom was a water enthusiast and agreement was reached to use Brooklands Lake for canoeing and sailing using his old dinghy. However, the Lancing and Sompting Lions gave a grant of £250 which bought our first two sailing dinghies. The scouts restored 28 old canoes to floating standard. There was a grand launching ceremony at Brooklands with Alan Warren (Olympic silver sailing medallist) cutting a ribbon sending a restored canoe into the waters of Brooklands. The fantastic fleet we have now is a far cry from the rag tag collection of then and we no longer have ex Titanic life jackets!

Initially we were land scouts wearing green shirts, however it was often suggested to Tom that we ought to consider changing to Sea Scouts because of all the Group water activities. Hence, in the late 80s, 3rd / 5th Lancing became a Sea Scout Group. So good were the Group standards, we were asked to apply for Royal Navy Recognition. Only 101 groups are allowed to be recognised. We passed the initial inspection and were accepted in record time.

With 5th came Streamside, quite different to it is today. It was a decaying old railway carriage with mink and rats as well as campers. A large grant was obtained for a new boat fleet, but the carriage was in such a bad state, therefore it was removed, and the money diverted to construct the building you see today.

We were also able to buy our safety RIB that we still call The Yellow Peril! The building was a self-build project with people like Alan Luke, John Farrow and Richard Bellringer almost living there. It was opened in September 1994.

The Kayaking Boat Compound was a rough bit of ground that the farmer kindly let us have. Leaders and parents spent time up there cutting and levelling a deep unused ditch to one side, which was filled with rubble from 7 demolished garages. When it opened around 1991, the changing room was a yellow box off the back of a Telecom van. Money was raised and the wooden changing rooms were bought, followed later by the concrete store to one side. When the compound officially opened, we had over 200 scout canoes and boats, which were paraded down the Adur River with the lead boat displaying our flag.

The HQ has changed dramatically since the start. Only the main building was there, no workshop, store, or garages. At one time an old mobile home was at the back serving as both workshop and Venture Scout meeting place.

3rd / 5th Lancing tends to be one of the few groups to retain leaders' long term. It is recognised in West Sussex as one of the best run and most progressive groups. An accolade to all Group members - Leaders, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers or one of our Squirrel Scouts. ~ By Tom Smith (aka Captain Chaos)

Group Facilities

The Scout Hut:	79-81 Manor Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0HG
Streamside Campsite:	Streamside, Coombes Road, Coombes, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0RP
Kayaking Compound:	Cuckoos Corner, Coombes Road, Coombes, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 0RP
Shoreham Sailing Club:	Soldiers Point, 223 Harbour Way, Shoreham- By-Sea, West Sussex, BN43 5HZ
Supeta:	Halls Wharf, Wellington Road, Portslade, BN41 1DN

Group Contacts

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Cub Section Leader (Jo Barnes):	cubs@3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk
Scout Section Leader (Shaun Oliver):	scouts@3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk

Usual Section Meeting Times

Squirrels:	Thursdays 16:30-17:30
Beavers:	Wednesdays 18:00-19:00
Cubs:	Tuesdays 18:30-20:00
Scouts:	Fridays 19:00-21:00

Annual Events

January:	Start of Spring Term
March/April:	St. George's Day Parade (usually closest Sunday to 23 rd April)
April/May:	Start of Summer Term
September:	Start of Autumn Term
September/October:	Annual General Meeting (AGM)
November:	Firework Night Fundraiser (usually in 1 st week) Remembrance Parade (usually 2 nd Sunday)

Useful Links

Group website:	https://www.3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk
Group Facebook Page:	https://www.facebook.com/groups/3rd5thLancingseascouts
Badge Positions:	https://www.3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk/badge-positions
Uniform Suppliers:	https://www.3rd5thlancingseascouts.org.uk/uniform
The Scout Association:	https://www.scouts.org.uk