

Adult Volunteers: Section Volunteering Options

Section Leaders, working with Assistant Leaders and Section Assistants, are responsible for the detailed programme of individual sections, and can be supported by other volunteers including occasional helpers.

This is a summary of information contained in the Policy, Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association (POR) – please see this document for full details.

Element	Occasional Helper (no DBS)	Occasional Helper (DBS)	Section Assistant	Assistant Section Leader	Section Leader
Membership type	None		Member or Associate Member	Member	
Member communications	None		Yes		
Uniform	Not entitled		Entitled		
Public liability insurance cover	Yes				
Personal accident medical expenses policy (PAME) cover	No	Yes (provided by Merseyside Scouts)	Yes		
Basic role description	Ad hoc involvement under the supervision of a Leader in Charge.	Routine involvement under the supervision of a Leader in Charge. OHs who are involved more than once a month should be made aware of the appointment opportunities available to them.	Assists the leaders in delivering the programmes.	Assists the section leader in planning and implementing the programme. The exact role needs to be agreed and regard should be given to the desirability of developing the Assistant's leadership potential.	Responsible for planning and implementing a high quality balanced programme for their section.
Activity supervision	No			Yes	
Unsupervised access to YP	No	Yes			
Compass role	None	Non-appointed role	Appointed role		
Vetting process	None	Personal Enquiry (CE and DBS checks)	Full Appointments process (Personal Enquiry, references, AAC meeting, commissioner approval)		
Appointment review	Not applicable		Yes		
Initial training	None		Getting Started (modules 1, GDPR, 3)	Getting Started (modules 1, GDPR, 2, 3)	
Further training	None		None	Wood Badge and First Aid	
Ongoing learning	None		Safeguarding, Safety, GDPR	Safeguarding, Safety, GDPR, First Aid	

“Unsupervised access to young people (YP)” means not being within sight and hearing of another adult who holds a valid criminal records disclosure check.

Sources of information:

POR Chapter 3: THE SCOUT GROUP rule 3.26

Chapter 4: THE SCOUT DISTRICT rule 4.28

POR Chapter 10: UNIFORM, BADGES AND EMBLEMS

POR: The Appointments Process, section 1.3 Other Terms

POR: The Appointments Process, Table 1: Appointments

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