



# Richmond upon Thames District Explorer Scouts

Registered Charity No.229912



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To the Parents/Guardians

## Subscriptions to the Explorer Unit

At a recent meeting, the Leaders of the Explorer Units, with the support of the Richmond District Executive Committee, agreed that there should be a change in the way that subscriptions are collected each term. From January 2007 we are asking you to send your cheque, made payable to "**Richmond District Explorer Scouts.**" to your Explorer Unit. The subscription for each term has been set at £27.50 per person through out the District.

We realise that this subscription represents an increase for some, but it is also a reduction for others and it was agreed to be a fair and workable fee. It will also enable some Units to include activities for which previously you may have been asked to pay an additional charge.

There are several advantage to making these changes:

1. Every unit will end up with exactly the same amount of money per person to work with, which is only fair.
2. As a District, we will be kept up to date with any changes in membership - essential for insurance reasons.
3. We will be able to claim Gift Aid back on the subscriptions. We estimate this to be around £3,000 per year and the money will be used directly to benefit all the Explorer Scouts in Richmond.

To ensure the new system gets off to a smooth start, we would be grateful if subscriptions are paid within 2 weeks of the beginning of each term. This will enable us to speed up the return of funds to the Unit.

I have attached a Gift Aid form at the bottom of this letter and would appreciate it if you could fill in and return it with your first subscription payment at the start of the new term in January 2007. Please add or change any details that are incorrect.

Your co-operation in this matter is most appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of Explorer Scouting please do hesitate to contact me either by email - [thedesc@gmail.com](mailto:thedesc@gmail.com) or by phone on 07860 465769.

Regards

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### Gift Aid Declaration

I declare that I wish all payments made as a Subscription to Richmond upon Thames District Explorer Scouts, Registered Charity No.229912, either directly or though the Explorer Unit, since April 2000, to be treated as Gift Aid.

I confirm that I pay enough UK income tax and/or capital gains tax themselves to cover the amount of tax the charity will reclaim

Title & Forename

Surname:

Address:

Date

Signature: