



PUTNOE SCOUT GROUP

Hardship Policy

While Putnoe Scout Group ("PSG") is a Charitable Non-Profit Organisation we understand that there are times when financial situations cause difficulty for our young people and their Carers. We want all of our young people to have the opportunity to experience camps, activities and of course our usual weekly Section meetings. Therefore, we have developed a financial hardship fund and policy whereby the Carer of a young person can request assistance with the financial obligations of being a member of PSG.

If you find yourself in this situation please do not give up, speak to your Section Leader, on a confidential basis, who will put forward your case to the PSG Executive Committee for Hardship Fund consideration.

Contribution to, or full payment of, regular subs and/or the cost of additional activities will be considered for those young people with attendance records of 75% or above for the prior and current term. Consideration will also be given to non-member siblings of current PSG members where financial circumstances prohibit siblings joining PSG. Young people will be expected to continue attendance at the 75% and above level unless exceptional circumstances are discussed and agreed with the Section Leader.

Funding for nights away camps will be considered on a case by case basis but cannot be guaranteed even where regular subs assistance is given.

While consideration will be given to all cases, funding will be provided, and may be subsequently withdrawn, at the complete discretion of the PSG Executive Committee.

Where funding has been agreed each case will be reviewed at the conclusion of the Scouting year (June) and may not be automatically renewed for the year ahead. All cases will be handled in a sensitive and confidential manner.

**For and on behalf of
Putnoe Scout Group Executive Committee**