

Redbridge Endeavour Explorer  
Sea Scout Unit

&

4<sup>th</sup> Epping Forest South  
(Bancroft's School) Scouts,  
Redbridge

Partnership Agreement

Last reviewed January 2023

## INTRODUCTION

This Partnership Agreement is designed to assist Redbridge Endeavour Explorer Scout Unit and 4th Epping Forest South (Bancroft's School) Sea Scouts have an effective Scouting relationship for the provision of Explorer Scouting.

This partnership agreement should be reviewed bi-annually, or whenever one or more of the signatories to this Agreement changes.

## AGREEMENT

1. This Partnership Agreement is between Redbridge Endeavour Explorer Scout Unit and 4<sup>th</sup> Epping Forest South (Bancroft's School) Sea Scout Group, Redbridge Scouts to support the provision of Explorer Scouting
2. The Explorer Scout Unit may have partnership agreements with other Scout Groups within the Redbridge district. In particular it intends a partnership agreement with 36<sup>th</sup> EFS Redbridge Scouts
3. Membership of the Unit is open to any 14 –18 year old within the Redbridge District subject to the Explorer Scout Unit's intake policy
4. Management of the Scout Group is the responsibility of the Group Scout Leader
5. Management of the Explorer Scout Unit is the responsibility of the Explorer Unit Leader, governed by the District Explorer Scout Commissioner and the District Explorer Scout Administrator
6. This document is not intended to create legal relations
7. This partnership agreement is not intended to conflict with, nor be governed by any sponsorship agreement that either party may have with sponsoring party and any such sponsoring party has no governance nor obligation relating to the partnering unit.

## LIAISON BETWEEN THE UNIT AND THE GROUP

1. Effective liaison between the Scout Group and Explorer Unit is important.
  - a. The District Section Leader (Explorer) or a representative, are invited to attend Group Executive Committee meetings and Group AGMs, invitations to which shall be shared via email.
  - b. The Group Scout Leader or a representative are invited to attend ESSU management and planning meetings, invitations to which shall be shared via email.
2. The Scout Leader and District Section Leader (Explorer) will meet at least two times a year to plan linking between the Explorer unit and Scout Sections.
3. The Group Scout Leader will collaborate to undertake Royal Navy Unit inspections and other requirements of the RN recognised Sea Scout scheme

## LINKS BETWEEN THE SCOUT TROOPS AND THE EXPLORER SECTION

1. The Scout Leaders and the District Explorer Scout Commissioner (or their representative) will ensure that effective transfer of Members takes place.

2. The Scout Group will collaborate with the Explorer Unit to provide the support to the Unit required by the RN Sea Scout scheme and the Unit will participate in and support RN Sea Scout inspections as required by the scheme.
3. The Unit will promote and support all RN Sea scout activities and ensure that it provides a relevant programme as required by the RN Sea Scout scheme, supported by the Scout Group.
4. The aim is for all Scouts to become Explorer Scouts. This will be helped by:
  - a. Joint activities
  - b. Explorers Promotion
5. Every year, the Scout Leaders will provide details of Scouts aged 13 and over to the District Explorer Scout Administrator.
6. A Scout may choose to join any Explorer Scout Unit.
7. This Agreement does not mean that Scouts should only join the Unit partnered with this Group.
  - a. Also, a Scout may join more than one Explorer Scout Unit.
  - b. Young people who are not members of the Scout Group may join the Explorer Scout Unit

## **EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

1. The Scout Group is not required to provide meeting space for the unit.
2. The Unit may make use of and borrow equipment owned by the Scout Group
3. The Scout Group may make use of and borrow equipment owned by the Explorer Scout Unit
4. Use of Scout Group or EUS equipment will be at no charge or at a reasonable rate as agreed from time to time to cover wear and tear.
  - a. The borrowing group or unit will be liable for any damage to equipment it makes use of and will be responsible for maintaining adequate insurance or funds to cover such damage.
  - b. A formal process for recording the borrowing and lending for equipment will be maintained by the Explorer Scout unit on behalf of the unit and any partnering Scout Group
5. In the case of any damage to borrowed equipment caused by any member of the borrowing unit, The borrowing unit will repair or replace at cost all items where not covered by the unit's insurance policy.
6. The Scout Group will, in the event of the Explorer Unit's closure, have no ownership of any of the Unit's resources or equipment solely purchased for the Explorer Scout Unit. These will go to the District Scout Council.
7. In the event of the Scout Group's closure, the Explorer Unit shall have no ownership over the Scout Group's assets. These will go to the District Scout Council.
8. The Explorer Scout Unit will manage its own finances. It will provide annual accounts to the District Scout Council, and pay the Headquarters membership fee, along with any other fees (e.g. County and District) to the District Treasurer.

9. The Scout Group will endeavour on a best effort basis to provide leadership and coaching support for:
  - a. Water activities during the regular meeting times
  - b. Weekend or overnight activities as part of the annual programme
  - c. Explorer camps
10. It is envisaged that the unit will aim to partner with other Explorer units and potentially run joint camps with either of the Scout units to provide the unit with camping experiences

## **GDPR**

1. Both Scout Groups and the Explorer Unit will maintain their own GDPR compliant Data and Privacy policies which will consider the interaction of adult and youth individuals between the groups and ensure that their policies reflect this collaboration.

## REVIEW

1. This agreement will be reviewed by all parties in January of every second year or if there is a change of any of the persons holding the roles below:

Signatures to the agreement

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For 4<sup>th</sup> EFS Scouts:  
Group Scout Leader

Stephen Young

Date:

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For The Explorer Scout Unit:  
Explorer Scout Leader

Matthew Balchin

Date:

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For the District:  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Kresh Veerasamy

Date:

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