

# giftaid it



## 1<sup>st</sup> Bedhampton (St Thomas') Scout Group

### GIFT AID (Please read and retain)

Our Scout Group has a number of operational expenses which must be paid, so that all the exciting activities, your children enjoy can happen.

These include capitation (the money which we must pay to the Scout Association), the money we pay to the Church for using their premises and the cost of insuring our equipment and helpers. The present subscriptions do not cover these items.

The subscriptions can only be kept at the present level because of the fund-raising organised by our Executive Committee and by Gift Aid.

### WHAT IS GIFT AID?

Because we are a registered charity (No.1110160 for England and Wales) our Scout Group can claim back from H.M.Revenue and Customs the tax paid on the subscriptions, subject to certain conditions. There is no cost to our members or their parents/guardians and we need to know nothing about their finances. All that is required is for the parent/guardian to sign a simple declaration that they wish their payments to be subject to Gift Aid.

We do the rest ie calculate the amount paid during our financial year (from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March) and make a claim to H.M.Revenue and Customs.

You cannot help support our Gift Aid if you are a non-tax payer or pay insufficient tax to cover all your Gift Aid declarations. Do support our Gift Aid if you are able to.

If you are self-employed please request information as to how you can still help. Gift aid is an important part of the Scout Group income.

Please advise us if you no longer pay sufficient tax, change your name or address, or wish to cancel your declaration.

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(On behalf of the Scout Group)