Timeline showing the development of Scout Uniform from 1908 to the present day



When Robert Baden-Powell devised the scheme of Scouting for Boys it was for use by existing uniformed organisations such as the Church Lads Brigade, Boys Brigade and Cadet Corps etc. However it was soon apparent that boys and girls who were not part of some existing organisations taking up Scouting and the demand was there for them to have their own organisation. They followed the guidance Baden-Powell had laid down in Scouting for Boys for non-uniformed groups.

The Uniform has been listed in the Boy Scout Regulations from 1911 until 1914 when the title was changed to Policy, Organisation and Rules the title still used to this day in which the uniform is still listed.

Thus always referring to the Boy Scouts as a Uniformed Scheme, this was confirmed in the Royal Charter of 1912, this gave the Royal Seal of approval and recognition to "The Boy Scouts Association.



UNIFORM - Quotes from Robert Baden-Powell

The uniform means that you are now one of a big brotherhood. It goes all over the world. People think a great lot of a boy who is dressed in this uniform, because they know he is not an ordinary boy, but that he can be clean and smart and active, and that he can be trusted to do his best, to obey orders or to do good turns for other people.

Wolf Cubs Handbook, 55

I may say that I always wear shorts, myself, winter and summer, and I never seem to have a cold. You might as well expect to get cold from having your face and hands exposed. Marksmanship for Boys, 58

I have often said: "I don't care a fig whether a Scout wears a uniform or not, so long as his heart is in his work and he carries out the Scout Law". But the fact is that there is hardly a Scout who does not wear a uniform if he can afford to buy it. The spirit prompts him to it. Aids to Scoutmastership, WB, 43

Smartness in uniform and correctness in detail may seem a small matter, but has its value in the development of self-respect and means an immense deal to the reputation of the Movement among outsiders who judge by what they see.

Aids to Scoutmastership WB, 43

I see a tendency to go about hatless when in uniform. Well, I know, if you have shingled hair or a fluffy quiff it must be very tempting to show it. At the same time it is rather swanking over the other poor chaps who can't show as fine a crop. And, moreover, it is not uniform. Jamboree, International Bureau Magazine, April 1929

Scouts wear the sleeves of their shirts rolled up because this tends to give them greater freedom, but also it speaks to their "Being Prepared" for any job that may turn up. Scouting (Boy Scouts of America), March 1932

One slovenly Scout, inaccurately dressed, may let down the whole Movement in the eyes of the public. Scouting (Boy Scouts of America), March 1932

Any little urchin can slip off his boots and go about in shorts and a dirty shirt and wear a beret, and would be classed as a Scout, were it not that a Scout is expected by onlookers to be always smartly and correctly turned out.

The Scout, circa 1930

For the boy a uniform is a big attraction, and when it is a dress such as backwoodsmen wear it takes him in imagination to be directly linked up with those frontiersmen who are heroes to him. The uniform also makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country. The Scout uniform, moreover, is simple and hygienic. Lessons from the Varsity of Life, 284-285

A like uniform hides all differences and makes for equality in a country. But, more important still, it covers the differences of country and race and makes all feel that they are members one with another of the one world brotherhood.

Jamboree, International Bureau Magazine, July 1938 (same idea, ATM, 189, and Scouting, Boy Scouts of America, March 1932)

1909 - Boy Scouts

In Camp Fire Yarn No. 3 in Part I of Scouting for Boys (1908) B-P wrote :-

If your patrol does not belong to any Uniform Corps, it should dress as nearly as possible thus:

- Flat brimmed hat or wide-awake hat.
- Coloured handkerchief tied loosely around the neck
- Shirt: Flannel
- Colours: a bunch of ribbons of patrol colour on left shoulder
- Belt, Haversack, Shorts: trousers cut short at the knee
- Stockings, with garters made of green braid
- Boots or Shoes
- Staff as high as scouts shoulder.



1909 - Girl Scouts

It wasn't just boys that were inspired by Scouting and girls also set up their own patrols and troops. Some were specifically for girls were as others formed part of a larger group with boys. These girls adapted the uniform to meet their needs.



1909 - Scoutmasters

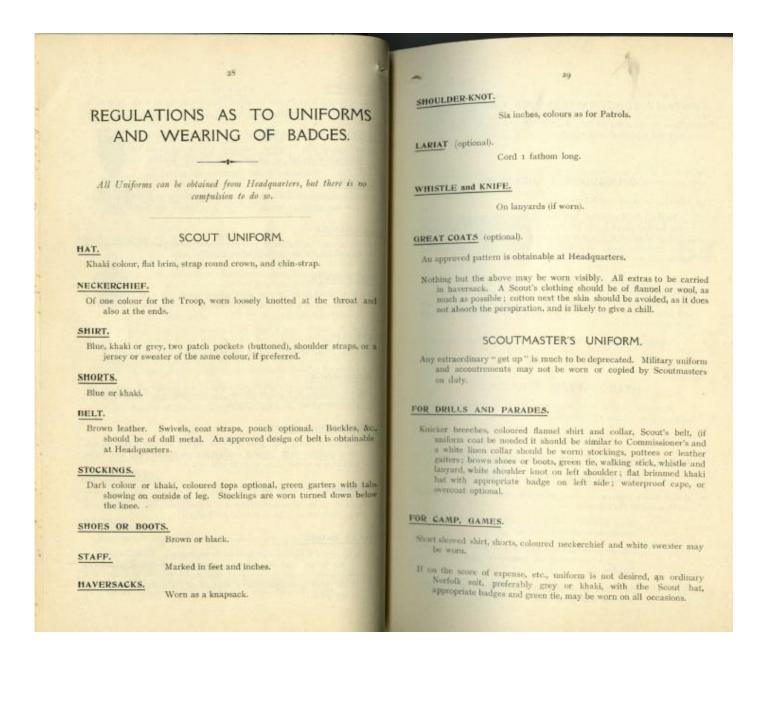
As no uniform for leaders had been laid down in Scouting for Boys early adults in the Movement adapted the boys uniform combining it with other practical wear.



1911 - Scouts and Scoutmasters

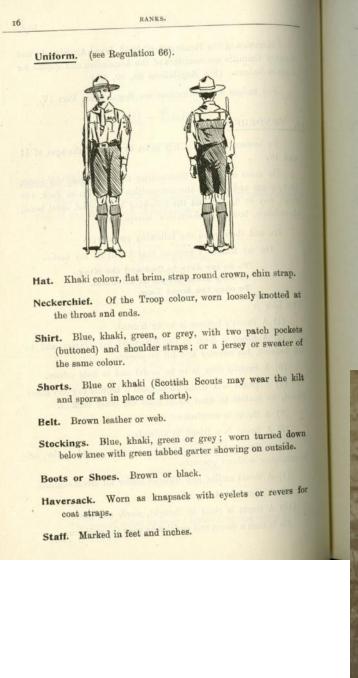
The uniform requirements for both boys and adults was incorporated into the "Boy Scout Regulations" (an early version of POR) for the first time in 1911.

In an attempt to distance the Movement from accusations of being a military organisation the rules consistently forbid adults from wearing any military uniform or accessories when Scouting.



1912 - Scouts

The first diagram detailing the Scout uniform appears in Boy Scout Regulations. This is also the first mention of a separate uniform for Sea Scouts.



Shoulder Knot. Six inches long of Patrol colours on left shoulder.

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RANKS.

Knife (optional). On belt or lanyard.

Lanyard (optional). To carry whistle-cord, one fathom long.

Great Coats, Mackintosh, etc. (optional). If carried, on top of haversack.

Nothing but the above may be worn visibly. All extras to be carried in haversack.

Sea Scouts Uniform. International at atterne at) ()

All Sea Scouts in a County must wear the same dress. At the discretion of the County Commissioner, this will consist either of the present Boy Scout costume and hat or of the same costume in blue serge and with a bluejacket's cap instead of the present hat. Cap covers to be worn in the summer only. Stockings should be of blue woollen, and be made long enough to turn up over the knees when in boats. Scoutmasters and leaders may use a "boatswain's pipe" instead of the usual whistle. Waterproof or oilskins and sou'westers may be worn with either costume at the discretion of the Scoutmaster.

Hat or cap ribbons are inscribed "Sea Scout" (see also Regulations 50 and 63).



Sea Scout, 1913.

1912 - Scoutmasters

The first diagram detailing the Scoutmaster uniform appears in Boy Scout Regulations. This is also the first mention of a separate uniform for Sea Scoutmasters.

It is interesting to note that should finance be a barrier to buying a uniform then practical outdoor wear could be worn instead.

Scoutmaster's Uniform. (See Regulation 66.)

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Any extraordinary "get-up" is much to be deprecated. Military uniform and accoutrements must not be worn or copied by Scoutmasters on duty. A Scoutmaster's uniform may be blue, khaki, green or grey.

ON PARADE he should wear shorts or breeches, coloured flannel shirt and collar, Scout's belt (if uniform coat be needed it should be similar to Commissioner's, and a white linen collar should be worn), stockings, puttees or leather gaiters; brown shoes or boots, green tie, walking stick, whistle and lanyard, white shoulder knot on left shoulder; flat-brimmed khaki hat with appro-

priate badge on left side; waterproof cape or overcoat optional.

Scottish Scoutmasters may wear the kilt and sporran, with shirt, hat, etc., as detailed above.

FOR CAMP, GAMES, ETC.—Short-sleeved shirt, shorts, coloured neckerchief and white sweater may be worn.

If, on the score of expense, etc., uniform is not desired, an ordinary Norfolk suit, preferably grey or khaki, with the Scout hat, appropriate badges and green tie, may be worn on all occasions.

1914 - Wolf Cubs

The pilot scheme for Wolf Cubs or Young Scouts was launched in January 1914. Although the programme was a diluted version of the Scout one efforts were made to create a uniform that was more appropriate to the younger boy.

RULES

TITLE .- Wolf Cubs or Young Scouts.

- AGE.—A boy can become a Young Scout at the age of nine, and he can continue as one till the age of twelve, though he may, at the discretion of the Scoutmaster, become a Boy Scout when he reaches the age of eleven.
- UNIFORM.—A Young Scout wears uniform like a Scout, but with the following differences: Instead of the Scout hat he wears a cap, dark green in colour, with a yellow cord border. Instead of the Scout shirt, he wears a jersey of dark green or blue. He is not allowed to carry a staff. He may not wear any of the Scout Badges or any of the other Scout decorations. He may not wear either shoulder knots or garter tags. The privilege of wearing these is gained when he is promoted to be a Boy Scout.
- ORGANISATION AND TRAINING.—Troops or Patrols of Young Scouts will be run so far as possible on the same lines as Scout Troops and Patrols, and, when desired, in connection with them. Fuller details of the training will be found in the Chief Scout's new book (shortly to be published), entitled Wolf Cubs—A Handbook for the Training of Young Scouts.
- RANKS.—(1) Young Tenderfoot or Čub.—A boy must satisfy his Scoutmaster that he knows the Scout signs and Young Scout's salute. Then he takes the Young Scout's promise as follows:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best—

(1) To do my duty to God and the King.

(2) To do a good turn to somebody every day.

He is then entitled to wear the Young Scout's Wolf Cub Badge, and become a Young Tenderfoot or Cub.

(The Two Stars which he gains as a Cub are represented on the Scout's Badge which he eventually gains.)

(2) <u>One-Star Cub.</u>—Before being awarded the Star (which is yellow and is worn on the front of the cap) the young Tenderfoot must :—

- (a) Know the composition of the Union Jack, and right way to fly it.
- (b) Be able to tie the following knots :--Reef, Sheet Bend, Clove Hitch, Bowline, Fisherman's, and Sheep Shank; and understand their special uses.
- (c) Know and practise correctly the five body exercises given in Wolf Cubs Handbook.
 - He is then entitled to the rank of "Wolf Cub."
- (3) Two-Star Cub.—The tests are as follows :---



CUBS' FIRST AID.



1916 - Wolf Cubs

Wolf Cubs formerly became part of the Association in 1916 and the uniform was detailed in the 1917 POR for the first time.

Uniform.

- Cap. Green with yellow piping.
- Neckerchief. Of the Pack colour, worn loosely knotted at the throat and ends.

Jersey. Dark green or blue.

Shorts. Dark blue.

- Stockings. Blue, green or grey; worn turned down below the knee, with green tabbed garter showing outside.
- Boots or Shoes. Brown or black.
- Haversack. (Optional.) Worn as knapsack, with eyelets or revers for coat straps.
- Shoulder Patch. Small triangular patch of cloth of Six colours, sewn at top of left sleeve, immediately below the shoulder.
- Shoulder Badge. Indicating the Pack, worn on right shoulder.

County Emblem. If authorised, see Rule 71.

Great Coats and Mackintoshes. (Optional.)

Nothing but the above may be worn visibly.









1917 - Lady Scoutmaster (Scoutmistress)

The first warrant received by a Scoutmistress was issued in March 1909, however, despite pleas such as this

Wanted a ladies uniform

Headquarters Gazette, July 1913

"...this position will be made much more difficult unless they have, what is dear to the heart of every woman, be she a Scout or not, a becoming costume."

Details of a uniform for women in Scouting were not published until 1917. The First World War had lead to hundreds of women taking up Scouting to support the War effort and the Association recognised their value and contribution. It was still felt the women were best suited to working with the Wolf Cubs section.

Lady Scoutmaster.

For the purpose of enabling a Local Association to register a Troop of Scouts, ladies may, if nominated by the District Commissioner, be warranted as Scoutmasters or Assistant Scoutmasters. Warrants for these ranks will only be issued to ladies under special circumstances. (See Rule 72, Form G.)

The following Uniform for Lady Scoutmasters, Lady Assistant Scoutmasters, Lady Cubmasters and Lady Assistant Cubmasters is recommended, but is not obligatory :—

Scoutmaster's hat, khaki, green or blue shirt or Norfolk jacket, khaki, green or blue skirt, Scout belt, brown shoes and stockings, green tie, whistle and lanyard and appropriate badges.



Two Lady Cubmasters photographed December 1916.



1919 - What's round your neck?

Until 1919 the item of uniform worn around the neck was called a neckerchief. From 1919 POR refers to it as a scarf.

Scarf. Of the Pack colour, worn loosely knotted at the throat and ends.



Scarf. Of the Troop colour, worn loosely knotted at the throat and ends.

1923 - Rover Scouts

A senior division for the Scouts section was first launched in 1917 but it wasn't until the end of 1918 that the name Rover Scouts was used. Rover Scouts are first mentioned in POR in 1919 but only with a note to say that a pamphlet of provisional rules has been published. The first mention of a Rover Scout uniform in POR is in 1923 a more detailed summary appears for the first time in 1933.

ROVER SCOUTS.

34. UNIFORM.

The Scout Badge, described in Rule 25, must be worn by all grades of Rover Scouts in uniform.

A special R.S. Badge, made in metal, may be worn in the buttonhole of the coat in mufti.

A Rover Scout wears uniform as for Scout (see Rule 25) but :--

Hat. A Bar with R.S. thereon, worn in front, on the strap.

Shirt or Jersey. With green shoulder straps marked "Rovers."

Shoulder Knot. Red, Green and Yellow.

Garters, Red.

Thumbstick. May be carried in place of staff.

Rover Sea Scout Uniform.

As for Rover Scout but :--

Cap. As for Sea Scout.

Shirt or Jersey. Blue. In the case of jerseys, the Rover shoulder strap described above is not worn, but an Anchor Badge is worn on the right breast.

Shorts & Stockings. As for Sea Scout.

The Rules with regard to uniform in bad weather in the case of Sea Scouts (see Rule 25) apply also to Rover Sea Scouts.

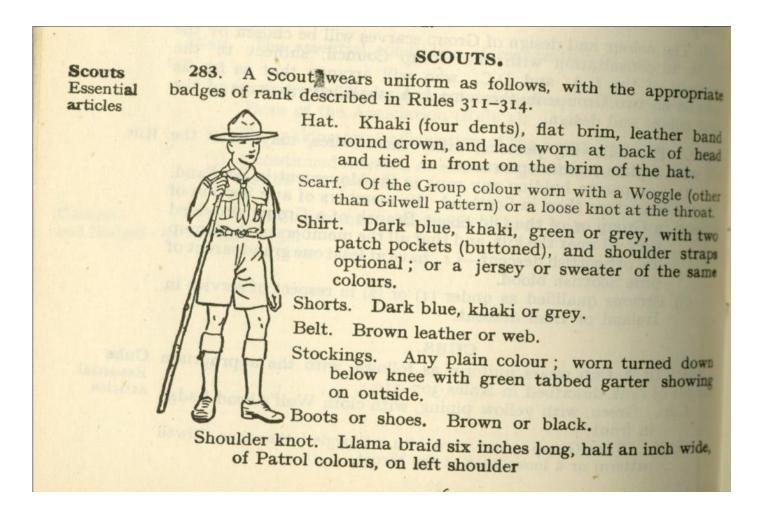
1924 - Troop ring

Until 1924 a loose knot was the official method of fastening the neckerchief/scarf. The earliest mention of an alternative method is 1924 when a troop ring is suggested. This had grown out of the leader training courses held at Gilwell Park. A Gilwell Park employee Bill Shankley had heard that America Scouts were trying a new method of joining their scarves using a ring. These were called Boon Doggles, a play on the idea some were made from dog bones! Bill developed the Turks Head knot from thin leather strips and named his invention the woggle to rhyme with doggle. Bill's woggle design became the Gilwell pattern which could be worn by Woodbadge holders.

The idea quickly became popular and an article appeared in The Scout in June 1923 called "Wear a scarf woggle" and the Committee of the Council approved the use of a ring to fasten scarves the same year.

In 1928 the 13th edition of Scouting for Boys refers to wearing a ring to fasten your scarf and in the 14th edition published a year later calls the ring a "woggle". The use of inverted commas suggests this term might have been thought of as slang, POR did not use the term until 1945!

Scarf. Worn loosely knotted at throat and ends, or a *Troop* ring (other than Gillwell pattern) of one pattern may be used instead of throat knot. If the Pack be attached to a Troop the colour should be similar.



1946 - Senior Scouts

Senior Scouts were introduced in 1946 offering provision for 15—18 year olds. The uniform was same as for Scouts but with maroon garter and shoulder tabs.

SENIOR SCOUTS. 286. A Senior Scout wears uniform as for Scout, Senior Sea Scout, or Air Scout, as the case may be, as Scouts described in Rules 283-285, but with the following differences :-Uniform Cap-for Senior Sea Scouts. Ribbon inscribed "Senior Sea Scout"; or, if desired, in the case of Groups described operating on inland waters, the words "Senior Scouts." Shoulder patch. Of patrol colours, instead of shoulder knot. 14 in. square, parti-coloured diagonally. Worn at the top of the left sleeve immediately below the shoulder seam. Garter tabs. Maroon. Thumbstick. As alternative to staff. (For shoulder straps, which are classed as badges of rank, see Rule 315 (1).)

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1952 - Lady Scouter's Uniform

Until this date a description of a Lady Scoutmaster/Scouter's uniform was provided but it was not until 1952 that an illustration was provided.



1952 - Headwear

In 1952 the beret was introduced as an alternative to the traditional "lemon-squeezer" style hat. This was available for Senior Scouts (maroon), Rovers and male and female Scouters. Cubs continue to wear their cap.

By 1957 the illustrations in POR are showing the beret as the standard headwear for all sections (other than Cubs) and leaders. The traditional hat is now the alternative heralding its eventual demise 10 years later.



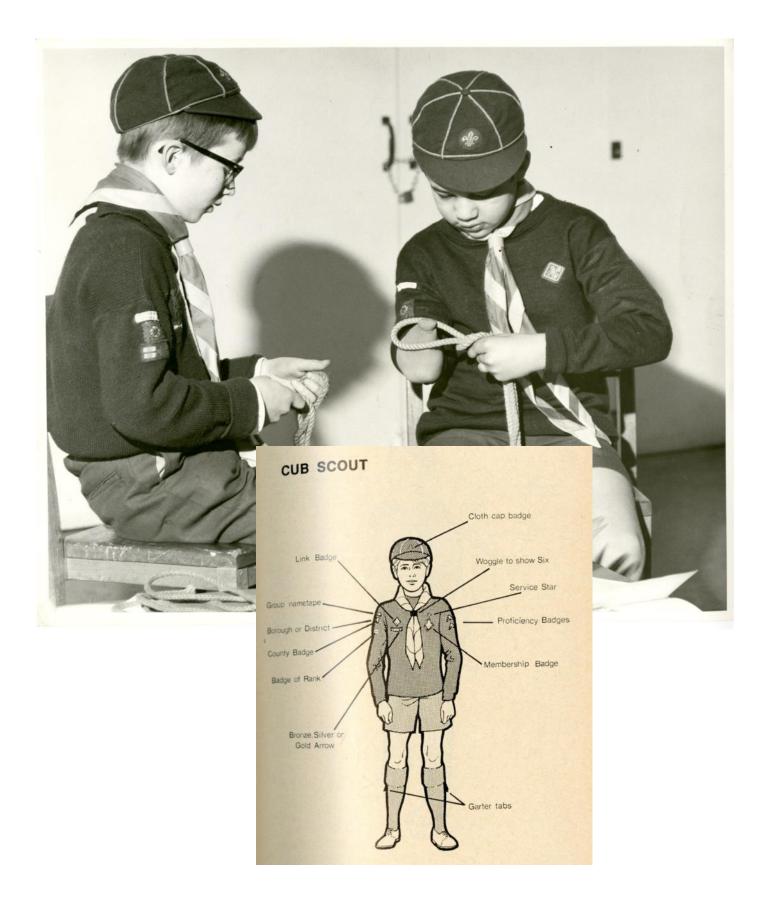
1967 - Implementation of Advanced Party Report (APR)

In 1964 The Chief Scout's Advance Party was formed to review all aspects of Scouting. The report was published in 1966 and changes implemented from 1967. The review included looking at the uniform across the board. In the APR it was recommended that the uniform for Lady Scouters be reviewed every 3-4 years and all other uniform every 6—8 years. The uniform was to be worn on formal occasions and be normal wear for most other occasions but the guiding principle was that dress should be most appropriate to the activity for which it is being worn. Headgear should be worn on ceremonial occasions but should not be insisted upon at other times. A common membership badge was introduced with a different background colour for each section. The Movement had a year to adopt the new uniform after the introduction of the changes.



1968 - Post APR new uniform details in POR - Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout uniform stayed the same as pre-APR although a t-shirt is introduced to wear under the jersey. The main changes related to the badges. Previous a Wolf Cub badge was worn on the cap and jersey. The cap badge was replaced with a gold fleur-de-lys badge and the jersey badge was replaced by a membership badge. This change reflects the name change from Wolf Cubs to Cub Scouts and the development of the programme with less emphasis being placed on The Jungle Book.



1968 - Post APR new uniform details in POR - Scouts

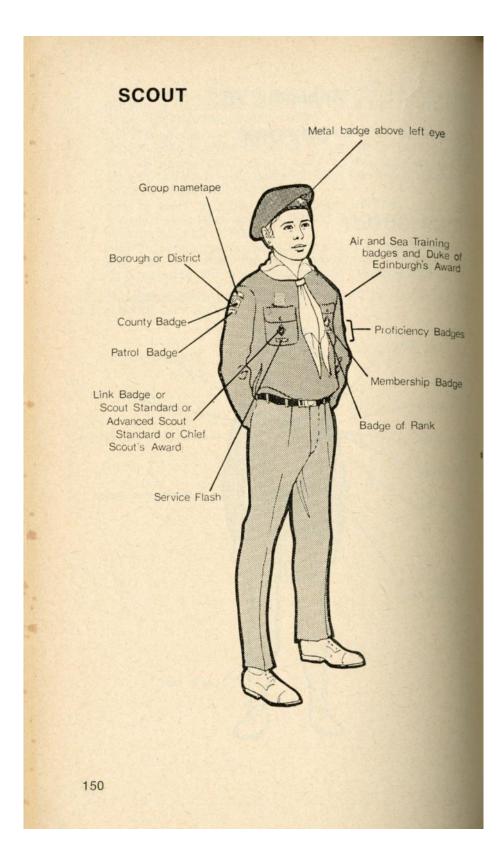
Main changes:

Land Scouts:

Mushroom colour trousers introduced (only section to still wear shorts are Cubs) Traditional lemon-squeezer hat replaced with beret

Shirt changes from khaki, dark blue, green or grey to a standardised green shirt.

Sea Scouts - only change is to wear navy trousers rather than shorts.

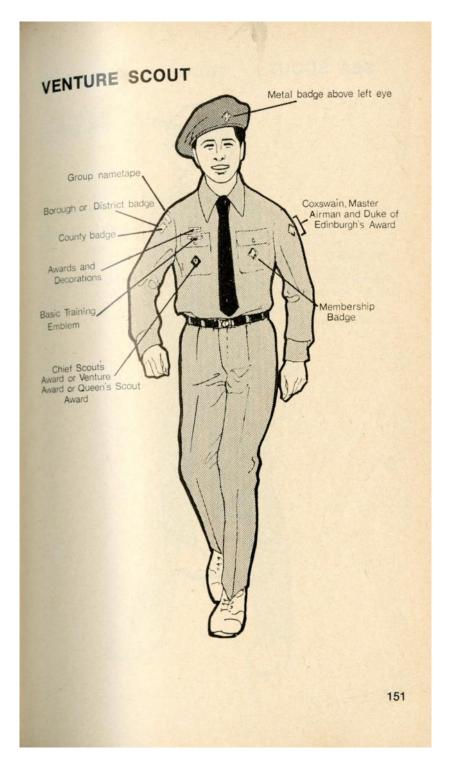


1968 - Post APR new uniform details in POR - Venture

The Venture Scout uniform was entirely new and consisted of:

- A beige long sleeved shirt
- A beige long sleeved V-neck pullover
- Dark brown tie (many Venture Scouts swapped to wearing a necker as the tie wasn't popular).
- Mushroom long trousers
- Fawn socks
- Brown/black shoes
- Green beret

Venture Sea Scouts and Venture Air Scouts wore the same ensemble but in blue for Sea Scouts and blue/grey for Air Scouts.

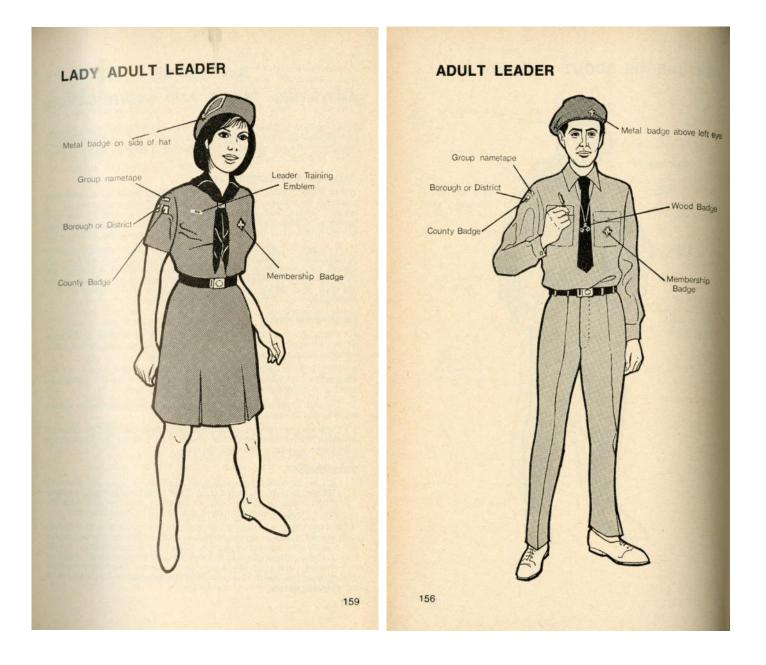


1968 - Post APR new uniform details in POR - Leaders

Following the APR the terms Scouter, Lady Scouter, Scout/Cubmaster and Scout/Cubmistress were dropped and all adult section/group volunteers became know as leaders e.g. Group Scout Leader, Assistant Cub Leader.

Female leaders had the option to wear green skirt/shirt or green dress with a green cardigan. Trousers (slacks) could be worn on pack holidays but not to meetings.

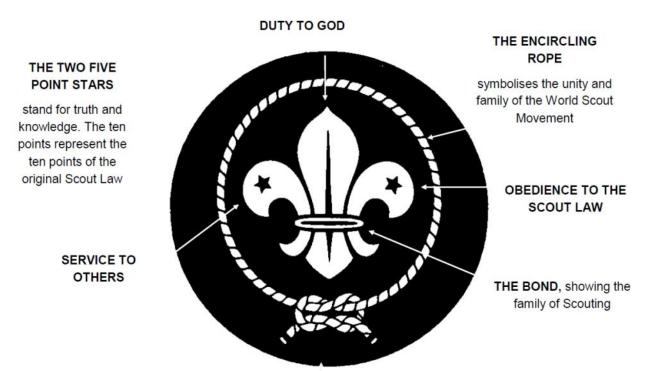
Male leaders uniform was the same at for the Venture Scouts; beige shirt and jumper with mushroom trousers and a green beret. The only difference was the leaders wore a green tie.



1972 - World Membership Badge

The membership badges that had been introduced for each section in 1967 were quickly replaced by a universally used purple membership badge. This badge first appeared in POR in 1972.

THE WORLD SCOUT EMBLEM - ITS MEANING



1985 - Beaver Uniform

Pre-Cub sections were being started by Scout organisations across the world and in the mid-1970s The Scout Association commissioned a report into the possibilities of launching pre-Cub provision for the rest of the UK. A favourable response was received and, following the example of the Wolf Cubs almost 70 years previously, a pilot scheme was launched in 1982. During this experimental phase Beavers were not formal members of Scouting as they, unlike their leaders, did not make a promise. The purpose of the section was to provide "fun and friends" and deliver a programme with balance and variety. The initial basic uniform was a turquoise scarf with a maroon woggle. In 1985 the first Beaver uniform summary appeared in POR. From 1986 the uniform stated Beaver Scouts should wear appropriate trousers or shorts.

Rule Beaver Uniform 140 Rule 140 i

Grey long-sleeved sweat shirt bearing the motif 'Beaver';
Turquoise scarf and maroon woggle.

Rule 140 ii

The Beaver Badge is worn, when gained, on the point of the scarf.



1985 - Female Venture Scouts and leaders

Girls were allowed to join Venture Scout units from 1976 however the first POR reference to a girls uniform was not until 1985.

The uniform was the same as the boys uniform with the addition of a mushroom colour skirt. Female Venture Scouts did not have to wear a beret.





In 1985 the female leaders uniform was revised and the colours changed to mushroom tie in with the male leaders uniform. Cub leaders could opt to still wear green. Women could also now wear trousers as part of their uniform.

1989 - Headwear

From 1989 all headwear was dropped from the uniform requirements for Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and leaders. Sea Scouts, Ventures and leaders continue to wear a cap and Air Scouts, Ventures and Leaders continue to wear a blue beret.



1992 - Girl Scouts and leaders

1992 - Culottes are added to the uniform options for female leaders and Venture Scouts.

Following a resolution in 1991 girls were allowed to join all sections of Scouting from 1992. This was optional and groups could opt out if they wished. There was no amendment to the youth sections uniform until 1995.

1995

- Cubs standard uniform "nether garments" to be agreed by the pack, GSL and parents.
- Scouts colour and style of uniform trousers and alternative for females to be decided by the Patrol Leader's council after consultation with Troop membership, bearing in mind the image of The Scout Association.
- Air and Sea Scouts blue or grey trousers and alternative for females

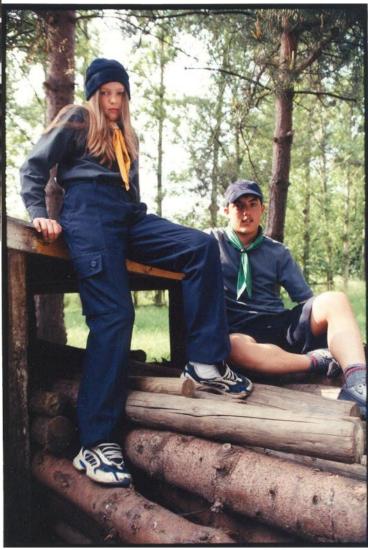


2002 - Uniform review

From 2000 a review was implemented with a mass consultation process that included 46,000 questionnaires being completed by the Movement. The process involved gathering feedback on various proposed options including:

- Navy activity trousers and skirts trousers were popular skirts were not.
- Beavers sweatshirts changing from grey to turquoise—60% approved of the change
- Claret shirts for the new Explorer section—not popular
- Grey shirts for leaders—not popular





Uniform

'A Movement of Change'

Last year, the Chief Scout, George Purdy reminded us: 'We are a Movement of change.' He was introducing a set of proposals, *Visions For The Future*, as part of the Programme Review. It aimed to find out how Members thought Scouting should develop in the 21st Century.

One of the most important outcomes of the review was that Scouting for young people in the future should be provided in five Sections, with core ages: 6-8, $8-10^{1}/_{2}$, $10^{1}/_{2}-14$, 14-18 and 18-25. You will notice these new age ranges used throughout this paper.

While these changes were under discussion, we began talking to small groups of Members about the future of the uniform. The feeling, especially among young people, was that they wanted a new look to reflect the active and exciting lifestyle of Scouting today.

Reasons for a New Uniform

The current uniform was introduced in October 1967 as part of a programme review of the time. Since then, it has remained essentially the same. But the world and Scouting have moved on. A uniform now 33 years old, is out of step with a dynamic, youth driven organisation.

Members told us they want to enjoy their Scouting without feeling selfconscious. They wanted a fresh new look they could wear with confidence. While still very clearly a uniform, the garments under consultation have a contemporary look and feel.



The uniform is seen by many as 'formal dress.' It can be unsuitable for the knocks and scrapes which naturally happen during Scout meetings, day hikes, camping and outdoor activities. The proposed new uniform is designed to withstand the destructive powers of even the most energetic of Cub Scouts! It is proposed the uniform would be made from a fully washable, poly-cotton mix - a high quality, breathable fabric. It would be hard wearing and fun to wear.

It is possible you already wear similar clothes outside Scouting. The proposed range has a bright, lively look, with bold colours and comfortable, loose fitting items. It is hoped that the proposed new uniform, with its smart design, would be widely used beyond Scouting. The extra wear would represent better value for money.

Progress So Far

Every effort has been made to involve people at every stage of the design. After some work by a focus group of young Members at Gilwell Park during Autumn 1999, the consultation was opened up to a larger number of adults and young people. The garments you see in this paper are a result of their feedback, combined with input from the National Special Needs Team.

So far, over 2000 Members across the country have been consulted.

Now it is time for everyone to have their say.

Adult Uniforms

Consultation

July to November 2000

We want to hear from our adult volunteers, too. Current suggestions for adults include an 'activity orientated' uniform similar to that proposed for young people, with the option of a smart, tailored skirt or trousers for when more formal wear is required.

The Timetable for Change

The following is the schedule we are working toward.

July to November 2000 Movement consulted.

December 2000

The Committee of the Council makes decisions based on consultation.

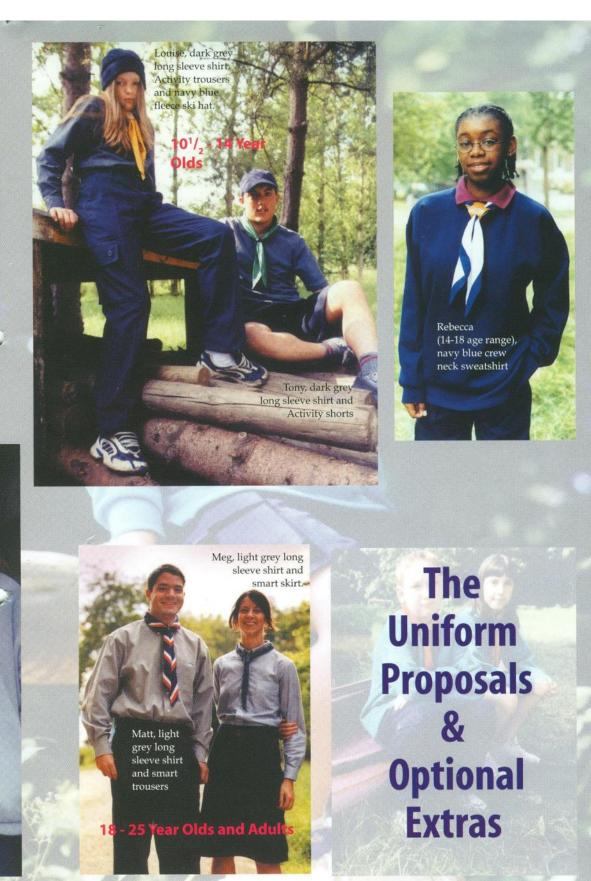
February 2001 Uniform launched to the Movement and the public.

Summer/ Autumn 2001 Uniform available to purchase from Scout Shops Ltd. (Outdoors or Camping & Outdoor Centres) and licensed suppliers.

Have Your Say

This is an important moment for the Scout Movement as it moves towards its Centenary in 2007. So whether you are an adult or young person, make sure your views are heard. Be among the tens of thousands we hope will complete the questionnaire and help shape the future of the uniform.





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2002 - Uniform review

Summary of the feedback received and the final uniform decisions. Tweaks have been made since 2002 with changes e.g. logos for the Beaver and Cubs sections appearing on the sweatshirts.

Summary of Uniform Consultation Results					
	Proposed trouser style (in favour)	Proposed official upper garment style (in favour)	Group Scarf (in favour)		
Beaver Scouts Cub Scouts Scouts Explorer Scouts The Scout Network and Adult Leaders	76% 79% 70% 63% 85% (choice of smart skirt or trousers)	82% (sweatshirt) 67% (sweatshirt) 57% (smart shirt) 65% (smart shirt) 87% (smart shirt)	83% 76% 62% 71% 92%		

Notes: All percentages are drawn from young people commenting on the proposals for their own Section. In the case of the new Explorer Scout Section, the results are based on the views of Venture Scouts.

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The new Scout Uniform

official uniform in bold options in italics

	Footwear	Trousers	Skirt	Smart Shirt	Polo Shirt	Sweatshirt
Beaver Scouts	free choice appropriate to the	navy blue activity trousers	no activity skirt, BUT any smart navy blue skirt may be worn	not applicable	turquoise	turquoise
Cub Scouts					dark green 1	dark green 1
Scouts		navy blue activity trousers		dark green 2 long sleeved	dark green 2	not applicable
Explorer Scouts				beige long sleeved	beige	
Scout Network			smart navy blue skirt: no activity skirt	stone long sleeved or stone short sleeved	stone	
Adults						
Scout Fellowship	AND AND A					
Sea Scouts (over 10)		as above	as above	navy blue jersey, or light blue long sleeved	not applicable	not applicable
Air Scouts (over 10)	and the second			light blue long sleeved		

Note: the two dark green colours referred to above will be industry standard colours [ie no special dyeing needed: costs reduced], but are NOT identical

Scarf	Belt	Badges	Other		Notes	
Group scarf retained throughout (with Gilwell adult, and Scout Fellowship scarves available) and a tie as an alternative for Scout Network, Adults, and Scout Fellowship	not applicable leather Scout belt as below leather Scout belt (brown as now, with buckle showing new Scout logo badge)	cloth badges, worn on uniform upper garment, position decided nationally	other options to include navy blue shorts, a navy blue baseball cap; a grey fleece and a navy blue outer jacket; and the existing variations in respect of kilts, pleated tartan skirts and religious and cultural practices to continue	Beaver Scouts	NB: Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts in Sea/Air Scout Groups wear these Section uniforms	
				Cub Scouts		
				Scouts		
				Explorer Scouts		
				Scout Network		
				Adults		
				Scout Fellowship	distinctive badge available	
				Sea Scouts (over 10)	current headwear retained: distinctiv badge available	
				Air Scouts (over 10)		

Beaver Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- turquoise crew neck sweatshirt;
- Group scarf;
- maroon woggle or one of another colour that identifies the lodge or team.
- b. Items of official uniform for which there is a personal choice:
- smart navy blue skirt.
- c. Optional items a Group may decide to have as part of its official uniform:
- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue baseball cap.
- d. Optional items for activity dress:
- navy blue activity trousers;
- turquoise polo shirt.





Cub Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- dark green crew neck sweatshirt;
- Group scarf and identifying Six woggle.
- b. Items of official uniform for which there is a personal choice:
- smart navy blue skirt.

c. Optional items a Group may decide to have as part of its official uniform:

- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue baseball cap.
- d. Optional items for activity dress:
- navy blue activity trousers;
- dark green polo shirt.





Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- teal green long sleeved shirt or blouse;
- navy blue activity trousers;
- smart navy blue skirt;
- Group scarf and woggle;
- leather Scout belt and buckle.
- b. Optional items a Group may decide to have as part of its official uniform:
- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue baseball cap.

c. Optional items for activity dress:

- teal green polo shirt;
- navy blue sweatshirt.





Sea Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- dark blue jersey;
- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- smart navy blue trousers;
- smart navy blue skirt;
- Group scarf and woggle;
- leather Scout belt and buckle;
- Seaman's Class 2 round cap with 'Sea Scout' tallyband.

b. Optional items a Group may decide to have as part of its official uniform:

- navy blue shorts;
- lanyard worn only with Bosun's call;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue activity trousers.
- c. Optional items for activity dress:
- navy blue baseball cap;
- navy blue sweatshirt.





Air Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- smart navy blue trousers;
- smart navy blue skirt;
- Group scarf and woggle;
- leather Scout belt and buckle;
- Air Scout beret with cloth badge.
- b. Optional items a Group may decide to have as part of its official uniform:
- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue activity trousers.
- c. Optional items for activity dress:
- navy blue baseball cap;
- navy blue sweatshirt.





Explorer Scout Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- beige long sleeve or short sleeve shirt or blouse;
- Explorer Scout Unit scarf and woggle (a Group scarf may be worn if specified in the Partnership Agreement);
- navy blue activity trousers;
- smart navy blue skirt;
- Scout belt/Explorer Belt and buckle/Young Leader belt and buckle once achieved.

b. Optional items a Explorer Scout Unit may decide to have as part of its official uniform:

- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue baseball cap.

c. Optional items for activity dress:

- beige polo shirt;
- navy blue sweatshirt.

Variation for Sea Scout Explorer

- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- Seaman's Class 2 round cap with 'Explorer Sea Scout' tallyband or peaked Officer's hat with
- white top and Sea Scout cap badge (each Explorer Scout Unit to wear the same headwear
- option)

Variation for Air Scout Explorer

- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- Air Scout beret with cloth badge.



Scout Network / Adult Member's Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- stone long sleeve or short sleeve shirt or blouse;
- Group / Explorer Scout Unit / Scout Network / universal / Gilwell / Scout Active Support scarf
- (as entitled) and woggle or, on formal occasions, a blue tie;
- Scout belt / Explorer Belt and buckle.
- b. Items of official uniform for which there is a personal choice:
- navy blue activity trousers;
- smart navy blue trousers;
- smart navy blue skirt.

c. Optional items a Group / Explorer Scout Unit / Scout Network / Scout Active Support Unit may decide to have as part of its official adult uniform:

- navy blue shorts;
- grey fleece;
- navy blue outer jacket;
- navy blue baseball cap.
- d. Optional items for activity dress:
- navy blue sweatshirt:
- stone polo shirt.

Sea Scout Network / Adult Member's Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- peaked Officer hat with white top and Sea Scout cap badge;
- Naval pattern tricorn hat option for females holding uniformed appointments.

Air Scout Network / Adult Member's Uniform

a. Items of official uniform:

- light blue long sleeve shirt or blouse;
- Air Scout beret with cloth badge.



2014 - Long line ladies Scout uniform shirt

Uniform should not be a barrier to accessing Scouting or Scouting activities. To ensure the official uniform meets the needs of TSA's Members, an alternative version of the female adult uniform was developed. This was designed particularly for members who are required to dress modesty due to religious or cultural reasons.

The shirt was designed in consultation and partnership with female Muslim Members.

This may be worn by adult Members and Members of Scout Network. It is worn over navy blue trousers.

