**Scouts in (INSERT TOWN/CITY NAME) has Grown!**

**Scouts in (INSERT LOCATION), known within Scouting as (INSERT GROUP/UNIT NAME), has grown by (INSERT FIGURE)% in (INSERT YEAR). With the support of the local community and brilliant volunteers, (INSERT GROUP) have been providing amazing opportunities for adventure and to learn new skills.**

Scouts offers opportunities for young people from 4 to 18 and 94% of Scouts said that through Scouting they had developed skills useful to them in later life.

**(INSERT VOLUNTEER NAME)**, Lead Volunteer for **(INSERT GROUP/UNIT NAME)** said ***“I am so proud of the group, because of the volunteers the Scouts within our group have had the opportunity to (INSERT 2-3 exciting activities) and learn skills for life.”***

Through fun, activities and adventures, Scouts offers a youth provision that is known worldwide, but the benefits aren’t just for the young people. Which is why **(INSERT GROUP/UNIT NAME)** have such a strong team of **(INSERT NUMBER)** of volunteers.

**(INSERT VOLUNTEER NAME, ROLE)** said ***“I love volunteering for (INSERT GROUP) it has given me (INSERT SKILL OR EXPERIENCE)”*.**

Did you know that 79% of adult volunteers in Scouting volunteer because they enjoy it and 70% feel like they have a positive impact? Volunteering in Scouts has given adults, who want to improve things and help people, the perfect place to do just that through utilising their skills to develop the programme for the young people.

In the last year, the Group has grown by **(INSERT GROWTH FIGURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE)** across the sections. **(INSERT GROUP/UNIT NAME)** provides opportunities and adventure for boys and girls aged **(INSERT AGE RANGE ACROSS WHOLE GROUP/UNIT)**.

For more information, or if you are interested in becoming part of this growing group, please contact **(INSERT VOLUNTEER NAME)** on **(INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS)** or visit **(INSERT WEBSITE)** to learn more.

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**About Scouts**

* Scouts, the world’s largest youth movement, was founded on 1 August 1907.
* In the UK, Scouts is supported by The Scout Association, enabling 7,000 Scout Groups across the country to provide opportunities to over 475,000 young people aged 6-25.
* There are now more than 638,000 individuals actively involved in Scouts in the UK.
* All genders, races and backgrounds are welcome at Scouts. Every week, it gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.
* Scouts helps members gain these skills by encouraging them to ask the big questions and listen with wide open minds. It helps them to take a deep breath and speak up, think on their feet, ignore the butterflies and go for it. With Scouts, young people don’t give up – they get back up and try again, often with the support of the friends they’ve made there.
* Over 200 activities are offered by Scouts around the UK, from canoeing and caving to coding and community projects, made possible by the efforts of over 163,000 adult volunteers.
* Worldwide, Scouts has over 50 million members, both male and female, and operates in nearly every country in the world.
* UK Scouts has over 250 Scout Activity Challenge badges. These require participants to achieve a level of understanding and skill realistic and appropriate to their age range.