

0.3 How to get the most from this file



Welcome to *Active Support*

Whether your Scout Fellowship is new or has been running for a number of years, this file will provide all the information you need.

It has sections on:

- what is the Scout Fellowship?
- running your Scout Fellowship
- developing your Scout Fellowship
- programmes
- resources.

How to use *Active Support*

The file has not been designed to be read cover to cover, but to be used as a reference and dipped into when you need help, guidance or ideas. It could be read in conjunction with *Scouting Essentials*.

The Frequently Asked Questions in most sections will guide you to the relevant factsheets. These combined with the Healthchecks should enable you to get the most from this resource.

The file has been produced in loose-leaf form to enable any updates or new sections to be added. You can also add the ideas to be found in the Scout Fellowship pages of *Scouting Magazine*, or on the Internet from www.scoutbase.org.uk

Starting a new Fellowship?

If you are starting a new Scout Fellowship then the check list in section 2.3. 'How to Start a Scout Fellowship' will assist you in the successful launch of your new venture.

A guide to using the healthchecks

What?

A healthcheck is a series of questions that help you assess how your Fellowship is doing. There are then a series of suggestions that provide practical help and ideas, and other resources or people that may be able to offer advice. The healthchecks cover Running a Scout Fellowship, Developing your Scout Fellowship, and Programmes.

How?

Read through the question and tick the answer that most applies to you. If your ticks are mostly on the left, then your Fellowship is doing quite well. If they are mostly on the right, then there may be areas that need some attention.

Who?

Everyone in your Fellowship should have his or her say. Get everyone together to discuss ideas.

Why?

Simply, it will make your Fellowship more fun and enjoyable. It will also help provide the best possible support to Scouting.

When?

Whenever you want - there is no fixed period of time. Just don't let them gather dust. Use them to see how your Fellowship has improved.

Remember!

If you find you have areas that need some attention - don't try to do everything at once! Work out a realistic plan of action and get everyone involved.