

About Scouting

- Adventure is at the core of Scouting. The Scout Association passionately believes in helping their members fulfil their full physical, intellectual social and spiritual potentials by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. Scouting provides opportunities for members to do this, and to continue to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility.
- Over 200 activities are offered by Scouting around the UK, made possible by the efforts of 100,000 voluntary adult leaders. This has helped make Scouting the largest co-educational youth Movement in the country.
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- Adults working in Scouting contribute in excess of 364 million hours of voluntary work each year to their local communities.
- The number of volunteers working for Scouting is bigger than the combined workforces of the BBC (24,000) and McDonalds (67,000) put together.
- Worldwide Scouting has 50 million male and female members, and operates in nearly every country in the world.
- Last year, Scouts were involved in a diverse range of community action projects through The Scout Association's "Million Hands Project", such as collecting goods for food banks, creating and cleaning up play spaces for young people with learning difficulties, spending time with those suffering from dementia and taking part in expeditions to remote regions in Africa to help bring clean water to local communities.