

Group Scout Leader's Report

I joined the Scouts on their summer camp last year and had a fantastic time. As well as the water activities and visiting the caves, we went to Dover Castle and watched a tremendous battle between two teams as they scored points for hitting a target with their trubuchet. Just four actors, in their fancy dress of historical costume kept a crowed of sixty or eighty people entertained and educated for an hour. Those four were the people we noticed but on our way out, I kept my eyes open: parking attendants, sales assistants, guides, cleaners, electricians, drivers and gardners. Everyone there had a part to play but only four were visible.

Scouting is very similar; I guess our uniform

could be described as fancy dress or an historical costume but the similarity goes deeper. The Uniformed leaders are supported by volunteers who ensure that administration happens, that equipment is maintained, that there's a building to meet in and that there's money to pay for it. This support helps ensure that the Uniformed leaders can concentrate on building experiences for the young people.

Please consider whether you can offer the group direct support - in uniform or out of it - to help us help young people reach their full potential.

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