

Safeguarding & Safety

What you and your young person need to know before we go.

ADVENTURE

Gradbach Farm • Peak District

DATES

25-27 October 2026

SECTIONS

Scouts & Explorers

Safety is everyone's responsibility.

We need parents and carers to support us too. Please read this guide and talk through the important points with your young person before the trip. Just as importantly, please make sure we know anything that could affect how we support them while we're away.

01 Before we leave — please tell us

DON'T WAIT UNTIL SUNDAY

Tell us if something has changed.

Please tell us if there has been a change to your young person's health, medication, allergies or additional needs. We also need to know about anything affecting their emotional wellbeing or behaviour which could be relevant while they're away.

Tell us what helps as well. If they find particular situations difficult or there are approaches that work well at home, knowing beforehand helps us give them the right support.

02 Behaviour — we need your support

Please talk through our expectations before the trip.

We're giving young people opportunities to be independent. For that to work safely, we need them to follow instructions and stick to the boundaries we've agreed.

What we expect

- Listen when a Leader gives a safety instruction.
- Stay with the group they've been asked to stay with.
- Stick to agreed boundaries and meeting times.
- Treat other people with respect.
- Look after the places and property we use.
- Tell a Leader when something is wrong or they need help.

What we need you to tell us

- If staying with a group may be difficult for them.
- If they can become overwhelmed or dysregulated.
- If there are triggers we should know about.
- If instructions need to be communicated differently.
- If they may need extra support with independence.
- If something has recently changed which may affect them.

If behaviour becomes unsafe, we'll step in. We may need to reduce a young person's independence or stop them taking part in an activity. If unacceptable behaviour is significant or continues despite support, we'll contact you. In some circumstances they may need to return home and the parent/carer will be responsible for the cost of that return.

03 Independence at Alton Towers

MONDAY Scouts will spend some time exploring in small groups.

They won't have a Leader physically with their group at all times. Leaders will be positioned around the park and will remain contactable throughout.

Before they set off, Scouts will know where they can go, when and where they need to meet us, and what to do if they need help. Please reinforce the importance of staying with their group and following those arrangements.

04 Medication & medical information

At departure

Hand medication directly to a Leader. We'll ask you to complete the required paperwork and medicines should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Please don't leave medication loose inside their main luggage.

If something changes

Tell us before departure about new medication, a change to dosage or instructions, or medical information that wasn't provided when you booked.

05 InTouch — how to contact us

Paul is your main contact.

Please use our InTouch arrangements rather than trying different Leaders until somebody answers.

MAIN CONTACT

Use Paul's number before or during the trip if you have a question, concern or important information about your young person.

EMERGENCY BACKUP

Moley is the backup contact during the event. Use this number for an emergency if you cannot reach Paul.

Signal at Gradbach can be patchy. If Paul doesn't answer straight away, leave a message. If it is an emergency and you still cannot reach him, contact Moley.

06 Please remain contactable

Please check that the emergency contact details you've given us are correct. At least one nominated contact needs to be reasonably available while we're away, so please keep an eye on your phone and return a missed call from us as soon as you can.

There may be occasions when we need your help. Illness, a medical issue or a significant problem with behaviour could mean your young person needs to come home early. If that happens, we'll speak to you and agree what needs to happen next.

07 Our risk assessments

We've risk assessed the whole trip.

We've considered the journey and our stay at Gradbach. We've also assessed the activities we'll be doing and the arrangements for giving young people some independence.

A written risk assessment is only part of how we manage safety. Leaders will keep an eye on conditions throughout the trip and respond to what is actually happening around us.

Plans can change. Poor weather may mean a different route. Behaviour might mean we need closer supervision. An activity can be adapted, postponed or stopped if the Leaders decide the original plan is no longer appropriate.

You have a part in this too. Please tell us about anything that could affect your young person's safety or participation. The information we have about them forms part of the decisions we make.

08 The Yellow Card — what you need to know

YELLOW CARD

SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADULTS

Every adult in Scouts must follow it.

The Yellow Card sets the boundaries adults must work within when they're responsible for children and young people. As a parent, you should know what you can expect from the adults looking after your young person.

You should expect adults to:

- Treat young people with dignity and respect.
- Respect their privacy.
- Keep appropriate adult-to-young-person boundaries.
- Create an environment where concerns can be raised.
- Act on and report safeguarding concerns.

There are clear boundaries.

- Adults should not plan to be alone with a young person.
- Inappropriate or threatening language is not acceptable.
- Bullying, dares and initiation ceremonies are not acceptable.
- Safeguarding concerns must never be ignored or trivialised.
- Adults must not drink alcohol when directly responsible for young people.

If your young person tells you something that worries you, take it seriously. You don't need to investigate it yourself. If someone is in immediate danger, call **999**. Safeguarding concerns can also be raised directly through Scouts' safeguarding process. [Read the full Yellow Card →](#)

BEFORE SUNDAY One final check.

Please make sure **we have the right information, your young person understands what is expected of them and your emergency contact details are up to date.**