Hi there,

Thank you for all you do for Scouts.

We're writing to let you know that your , , has been selected at random to take part in the first testing phase of our new assurance self-assessment tool. Later this month, you'll receive an email that explains how to access the tool and take part in testing. This email will be sent to all members of your Trustee Board.

The self-assessment tool is being developed as part of our wider work to support safe, well-run and welcoming Scout charities. It’s designed to help Scout charities reflect on how they're operating, build confidence that key policies and guidance are being followed, and identify where additional support might be helpful. The intention is to develop something that can be rolled out across Scouts next year, helping all Scout charities provide a consistent standard of Safe Scouting and good charity governance.

This first phase of testing focuses on safety. You’ve been selected as one of a small number of Scout charities from across the UK to help us test both the tool and the supporting guidance before it is introduced more widely.

Why are we testing?

We want to make it easier for volunteers to:

- Understand what is expected of their Scout charity
- Be confident that key policies and guidance are being followed
- Identify and address any gaps quickly
- Access relevant support and resources when they need them
- Spend less time navigating processes and more time delivering great Scouting

Your feedback will help us understand whether the questions are clear, whether the guidance is useful, and whether the overall experience works well for volunteers. As we build the self-assessment tool, we want to design it with you, so it works for you, before it is rolled out more widely across Scouts.

What happens next

As your is participating in this phase, you'll receive:

- An invitation to access the Self-Assessment Tool
- Guidance to help you complete the assessment
- Information about support available during testing
- Invites to webinars to help guide you through testing
- Details of drop-in sessions where you can ask questions and share feedback

We'd be grateful if you could start identifying the volunteers within your Scout charity who will be best placed to complete the self-assessment tool, and provide feedback, when it is released later in September. The questions will be focused around premises and Fire Safety, Tree Safety, Gas Safety, Equipment Safety and Electrical Safety as relevant to the types of premises you have or use. From that point, you'll have three weeks to complete the self-assessment and share your experience with us.

Your feedback matters

Self-assessment is not about catching people out. It’s about helping Groups, Districts and Counties/Areas/Regions, their Trustees and volunteers feel clearer and more confident that Scouting is being delivered safely and well.

Thank you for helping us shape this important piece of work. This is an exciting milestone and your feedback will play a key role in creating a tool that gives volunteers confidence, supports good practice and helps make running Scouts easier.

Best wishes,

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