Hi there,

Earlier this month, we let you know that your had been selected at random, and that we'd like to invite you to help us in the first phase of testing the new assurance self-assessment tool.

Testing is now open. In this email, we'll share:

- More about the self-assessment tool
- How you can access it
- The ways you can share your feedback and get help.

What is the Self-Assessment Tool?

The self-assessment tool is being developed to help Scout Groups, Districts and Counties/Areas/Regions review key areas of their practice, understand what is working well, and identify any actions that may be needed.

Our aim is to create a practical and proportionate approach that:

- Supports safe and well-run Scouts
- Makes it easier to identify where support may be needed
- Reduces unnecessary administration for volunteers
- Provides confidence that key policies and guidance are being followed
- Provides clarity on the key expectations that support Safe Scouting

This first phase of testing focuses on safety. Testing is not about assessing or judging the performance of your Scout . It's about helping us understand whether the self-assessment tool is useful, practical and effective for volunteers - by taking part, you're helping us to help you.

Your help will allow us to create a tool that gives volunteers the confidence that key policies and guidance are being followed, help identify where support may be needed, and make it easier to run safe, well-managed Scouts.

Planning for testing

Time needed

We expect the self-assessment tool to take around 20-30 minutes to complete, followed by about 5-10 minutes to complete the evaluation form. If you don't already have the information to hand, you may need a little extra time to gather it first. Please do what you can with the time you have available, and let us know how long it took you in the evaluation.

Who can complete the tool

All members of your Trustee Board have received this email.

- Lead Volunteers and Chairs should work together to identify who's most appropriate to complete the self-assessment tool and provide feedback. *The tool can be completed by anyone in your – a Trustee, a member of the Leadership or Support Team, or someone else.*
- Chairs should work with other Trustees to review the report that they'll receive. This report will be sent to you once the self-assessment tool is completed (in future it will automatically be sent, but for now, bear with us as we'll send this to you manually). We're also looking for feedback on this report.

Testing is as much about completing the self-assessment tool, as it is providing feedback on the process and the guidance. Your feedback will help us understand whether the tool and supporting process work well for volunteers before they are introduced more widely across Scouts.

What we're asking you to do

Please aim to complete the self-assessment tool for your by 11 October, and tell us about your experience using it.

As you work through the questions, we'd like you to consider:

- Is the tool easy to access and navigate?
- Are the questions clear and easy to understand?
- Is it obvious what information is being requested?
- Are the outcomes and recommended actions easy to follow?
- Does the overall process feel practical for volunteers?

- Is there anything that was confusing, frustrating or difficult to complete?

Access the tool, read guidance and share feedback

- Self-Assessment Tool
- Before starting, we recommend reviewing the guidance and support materials. The guidance explains the purpose of the tool, how to complete the self-assessment and where to find additional support if required.
- Once you have completed the self-assessment tool, please complete the evaluation form.

Please try to complete both the self-assessment tool and evaluation form by **Sunday 11 October**.

Need help?

If you have any questions or experience any issues while testing, you can:

- Contact the project team at reassuring.scouting@scouts.org.uk, or
- Attend one of our drop-in sessions
  > Tuesday 29 September, 1pm
  > Wednesday 30 September, 7.30pm

Thank you for supporting this important piece of work. Your feedback will help make sure the self-assessment tool is practical, proportionate and genuinely useful for volunteers across Scouts.

Best wishes,

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