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District Mini-Bus

Have you booked your summer camp yet? If so how about booking the District mini bus. The team have received a number of bookings for the minibus already from outside Scouting so if you are thinking of booking it please come forward to avoid disappointment. The minibus is also available for days out, hikes etc with favourable rates for Scout Groups within Southport. To make an enquiry for the bus please email southportminibus@gmail.com.

Mini Bus Support Team

Mini Bus Regulations

The minibus team have been asked to clarify who can drive the District minibus. Since the District Scout Association purchased the minibus the categories for drivers have been amended to comply with EU regulations the updated rules are shown below.

If the minibus is not for 'hire or reward'

You might be able to drive a minibus with up to 16 passenger seats using your current car driving licence as long as there's no payment from or on behalf of the passengers (it's not for 'hire or reward').

Conditions you must meet

You can drive a minibus within the UK as long as the following conditions apply:

- you're 21 or older and under 70 years of age
- you've had your driving licence for at least 2 years

- you're driving on a voluntary basis and the minibus is used for social purposes by a non-commercial body
- the maximum weight of the minibus is no more than 3.5 tonnes - or 4.25 tonnes including specialist equipment for disabled passengers, eg a wheelchair ramp
- you're not towing a trailer

The minibus owned by Southport District Scouts has a maximum weight of 3.85 tonnes. This means that for anyone who gained their licence after 1997, you need to have category D1E on your licence.

The District has a Minibus permit which covers Scout use only, outside bodies must apply for their own permit. The permit allows members of the Southport Scout Association to charge running costs.

The permit allows us to charge passengers, as long as:

- the vehicle can carry between 9 and 16 passengers
- you're driving it for a voluntary organisation that benefits the community - e.g. an educational, religious or sports organisation
- the minibus service is only available for members of that organisation - not to the general public
- any charges are to cover running costs and are not for profit.
- The driver must be 21 or older and under 70 years of age.

Southport Scouts '100 Club'

We had 34 members for the February draw. The lucky winner this month is member number 69.....J Murphy, Dad of a leader at the 48th, he wins £34 The draw was made by a Beaver at the 55th.

Best of luck to everybody for next month

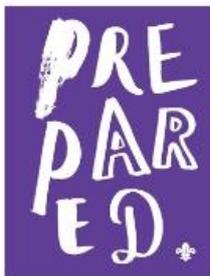
John, Dorothy, Kath & Norah
The minibus support team.

Southport District Scout Council is a registered charity in England and Wales.....Registration number 521672 The '100 Club' is registered with Sefton MBC as a Small Society Lottery.....Registration number 018800



Publication Reduction Reminder

	Retail	Sale	Discount
Adult 'Prepared' Handbook	£12.00	£9.60	20%
Explorer Activity Log Book	£6.00	£4.80	20%
Cubs Activity Log and Pocket Books 1,2,3	£12 bought separately	£8.00	33.30%
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Cub Charity Fundraising Initiative

A nice item has come in from a Cub at the 55th Southport Pack. Her mum (a leader) asked for it to be put it on Facebook and the District website.

I have pleasure in publishing it here, too

Brian



As part of her 'Personal Challenge' Badge Sacha Pursall, from the 55th Southport Cub Pack, has set up an Appeal called the 'Shining Stars Easter Appeal' in memory of her two brothers who sadly passed away due to ill health.

Sacha started up her appeal when she was 9 and as part of her fund raising is asking for donations of Easter Eggs, Toys, Games, Books and money to go to Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and Claire House Children's Hospice.

She also has a donation station in Tesco's Kew store (where she is pictured with her brother, Stephan) and this will be there until the 20th of March.

If you can help Sacha in any way please go to Tesco or contact the 55th Cub Pack at vivr1@southportdistrictscouts.org.uk or contact josephaaron2009@hotmail.co.uk