

## Barlaston & Tittensor Scout Group

### **Land & Property Policy**

- a. The Group Trustee Board should obtain at least a formal written licence and preferably a lease of any land, with or without buildings, which they do not own and which is to be occupied for a substantial period.
- b. In any event no large amount of capital should be expended on buildings or other improvements unless the Group has at least seven years uninterruptible interest remaining in the said land.
- c. The Group Treasurer must ensure that all possible relief from rates is obtained.

#### Disposal of Property - Group Amalgamation

- d. The Model 'Declarations of Trust' referred to below, contain certain provisions for the amalgamation of Groups.
- e. The retiring Secretaries of the Group which are amalgamating must hand to the Secretary of the new Group all documents of title and the keys to any buildings which the former had.
- f. For further information on amalgamation see TSA POR Rule 3.51

#### Disposal of Property - Group Closure

- g. The property of B & T Group if it ceases to exist will automatically pass to Stone District Scout Council unless there is a pre-existing arrangement by which the property passes to another beneficiary. [As at Nov 2024 no other beneficiary exists]
- h. Any liabilities of B & T Group, e.g. an outstanding loan to Scout Headquarters, utility bills etc. will also become the responsibility of the Stone District Scout

Council, Staffordshire County Scout Council or Scout Headquarters as appropriate.

- i. Such property must be treated in the same way as other assets.
- j. For further information on closure see TSA POR Rule 3.50

#### Joint Occupation of Premises with a Guide Unit

- k. A special Declaration of Trust, which must provide for the formation of a joint management committee, must be drawn up if the premises are to be owned and occupied jointly by Scout and Guide units.
- l. This does not apply if the premises are used jointly under licence or if the premises are occupied by other similar arrangements.
- m. A copy of an appropriate model Declaration of Trust can be provided by the Scout Association's Legal services department and such should be amended/checked by a local solicitor acting for B & T Group to ensure it reflects local circumstances and/or any agreement with the said Guide Unit.

B & T Scout Group's Land & Property Policy, in general, aims to closely reflect and sit comfortably within the framework of The Scout Association's Land & Property Policy.