



THE FREEMASONS'  
GRAND CHARITY

CASE STUDY

# The Scout Association

## £500,000 grant for The Scout Association

A grant of £500,000 was made to The Scout Association in 2008. The money is being used to encourage more young people to join the Scouting movement.

The grant has been used in a number of ways to support local Scouting. This has included providing local areas with start-up and activity grants and supporting much needed equipment, such as activity books and games. It is estimated that over 500,000 young people have so far received new materials and equipment paid for by the Grand Charity's grant.

The start-up grants provide funds for regions where there is a desire among young people to join Scouting, but insufficient resources and adult provision means that they have been unable to take part. Funding has been allocated to grow 250 new Scouting Groups each year, and so far over 3,500 young people have been able to join Scouting thanks to grants from the Grand Charity.

*One of the new books the Grand Charity helped to fund.*



*If you would like to find out more about The Scout Association please visit: [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)*



Cambridgeshire is one region that has recently been assisted with Grand Charity sponsored start-up grants. Talking about the start-up grants, Richard Hames, the Cambridgeshire District Commissioner said:

*"I hope that this funding will be available to other Counties for similar projects and that they have the same or even higher levels of success. Twenty new members in a Beaver Colony with the associated leaders will grow into Cub and Scout sections, allowing even more people to join the Beavers. As these new sections become established and the first members move through the movement the total number of people this money can assist could be very considerable."*

The Scout Association provides adventurous activities and personal development opportunities for 400,000 young people aged 6-25. Personal development means promoting the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual well-being of the individual, helping them achieve their full potential.



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