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Description automatically generated2nd Crowthorne Scout Group

Group Chair Role Description

**Outline:** The Chair will lead the Trustee Board, ensuring that it fulfils its responsibilities within the Group, District or County/Area/Region. The Chair will work closely with the Group Scout Leader/ relevant Commissioner to achieve the purpose of The Scout Association through the development of local Scouting, in accordance with the Policy, Organisation and Rules of The Scout Association.

**Responsible for:** Trustees.

**Responsible to:** The relevant Scout Council.

**Appointment requirements:** Must successfully complete the appointment process (including acceptable personal enquiries and acceptance of The Scout Association's policies).

It's expected that whilst volunteering for this role you will undertake regulated activity.

**The responsibilities of the Chair:**

* Objectively and impartially chairing and facilitating Trustee Board meetings.
* Acting as the Chair of the relevant Scout Council.
* Planning the annual cycle of Trustee Board meetings and setting the agenda for Trustee Board meetings.
* Monitoring that decisions and actions agreed at Trustee Board meetings are implemented.
* Working closely with the GSL / relevant Commissioner to ensure there are long term and short term goals and the role the Trustee Board can play in helping to achieve these.
* Providing direction for the Trustee Board.
* Ensuring that all Trustees have been briefed and inducted into their roles, receive appropriate training, and are aware of their status as charity trustees.
* Addressing and resolving conflicts that arise.
* Membership and attendance of any working groups or sub-Committees set up by the Trustee Board, where appropriate.
* For District and County/Area/Regional Chair, acting as the final appeal point for appointment disagreements between the Appointments Advisory Committee and District or County/Area/Region Commissioner.

**General Trustee Board responsibilities:**

* To be a full and active participant in Trustee Board meetings and activities.
* To uphold the responsibilities of a Trustee Board as outlined in The Scout Association’s Policy Organisation and Rules.
* Willingness and eligibility to act as a Charity Trustee for the Group, District or County/Area/Region.\*
* Contribute to the strategic aims and future development of the Group, District or County/Area/Region.
* An understanding of their own role, and the role of others on the Trustee Board.
* A commitment to understanding and forming opinions on the key discussion points and responsibilities of the Trustee Board.
* Willingness to complete various tasks which support the work of the Trustee Board and aims of the Group, District or County/Area/Region.

**Skills for a Chair:**

* Strong leadership skills
* Strong communication and inter-personal skills
* Ability to work as part of a team
* Able to think creatively and solve problems
* Able to motivate others and encourage participation
* Able to handle and resolve conflict effectively
* Willing to speak one’s mind and listen to the views of others.
* Able to maintain independent and objective judgement
* Willing to actively design and contribute to the strategic vision of the Group, District or County/Area/Region
* Willingness to take decisions which will further the work of the Group, District or County/Area/Region.