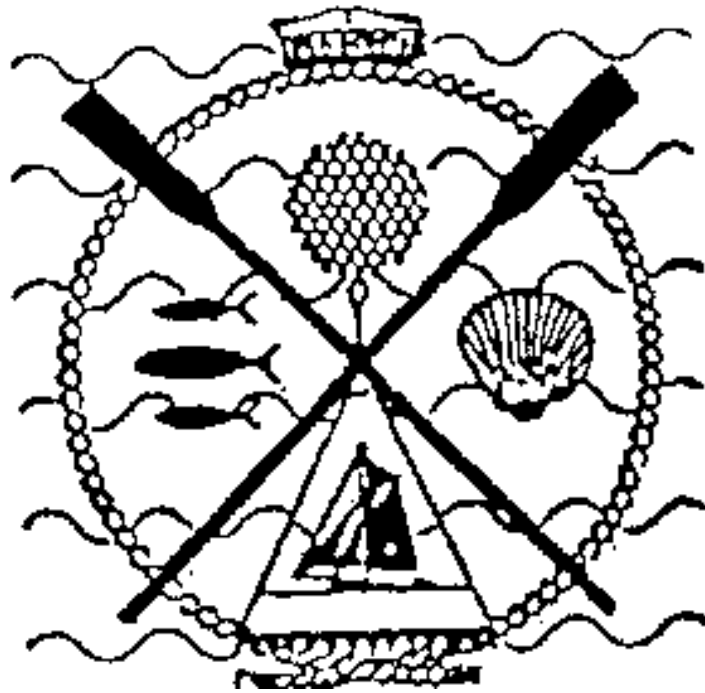


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WELCOME NOTE

Dear New Scout,

WELCOME TO THE TROOP

I would like to offer you a warm welcome to the 3rd Chalkwell Bay Renown Troop. The Troop is part of one of the most successful and active Sea Scout Groups in the UK. Different sections meet on most evenings throughout the week and the site is busy at the weekend too, with many opportunities for boating. Apart from messing about in boats, the Troop also runs a thriving land based activity programme, which many land Scout Troops would be pleased to achieve.

The Troop programme is based upon the theme of learning through fun, but with a strong emphasis on discipline. A lot of responsibility is placed on the older boys who are mainly responsible for delivering the instruction to younger Scouts. The main responsibility for younger Scouts is to attend. The more they come down and participate at weekends, in addition to their Friday night activities, the more they will get out of Scouting.

You will note from the extensive list of activities on the programmes that two one week trips are run during the year, which are open to all Scouts. Of these, summer camp is the most important event. The Easter Trip to Castleton in the Peak District is an opportunity to go hill walking and hiking in wild country, and to gain activity badges, whilst working towards the next progressive training award. Throughout the year the Troop also runs weekend trips and events, such as Weekend Troop camp in June and October Half term trips or activities and much more.

You are required to attend Admiralty Inspection, when this occurs every 18 months. You must also attend the Renewal of Promise Parade, Remembrance Sunday, and Presentation Evening. If you have a reason that prevents you from attending any of these events, then you must notify the Scout Leader in writing. In addition to these events, Scouts are expected to attend Church Parade eight times a year. You will also be required to attend Sunday Duty Patrol once every 16 weeks or so and Boat Maintenance twice during the winter period.

If you have any questions either about what you read in this pack or something with regards to an activity~ then ask! If your Patrol Leader or Assistant cannot answer then ask an Officer. We cannot help if we do not know about a problem, issue, or query.

Again, on behalf of the Troop Officers, I would like to welcome you to the 3rdCB and hope that you will, like so many before you, have the time of your life at 3rdCB.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Whiteley
Chief
Scout Leader (Renown Troop)

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & SCOUTS

What is Scouting?

Scouting is a worldwide movement with the aim of developing young people into responsible citizens through a lot of fun, challenge, and adventurous activities.

The Scout Troop

Renown Troop is for boys aged 10 to 15 and is divided into 8 Patrols of 8 Scouts. Each Patrol is run by a Patrol Leader (aged between 14 and 15), who is helped by an Assistant Patrol Leader (who is normally between 13 and 14 years of age). The Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for running Friday nights to time and the discipline within the Troop. The eight Patrols are all named after sea birds apart from one; they are Penguins, Seagulls, Gannets, Curlews, Seals, Merlins, Puffins, and Stormy Petrels (STP for short). The activities on a Friday night are run by the Troop Leaders or by the Patrol Leaders with the assistance of the Leaders.

Who is Responsible?

The Scout Leader has overall responsibility for all activities that take place under his, or his Assistant Scout Leaders' supervision. Sometimes the Patrol Leader will be responsible for his patrol, which is part of the on-going training programme provided by the Scout Movement. But the whole Group is run by the Group Scout Leader, who makes sure that all activities going on have been prepared properly and also trains the new boys in the Troop, before they get invested to the scout movement.

Friday Nights

Renown Troop meetings are on a Friday evenings. The Den is open from 1900hrs and the scouts must be at the Den before 1910hrs and the meetings starts 1915hrs sharp and finish at 2130hrs. The Friday night programme is arranged jointly between the Troop Leaders and Patrol Leaders Council (the decision making body of the Troop chaired by the Senior Patrol Leader). The content of the Friday night programme varies, but there is generally a good mix of land and sea training, fun activities, games, badges and competitions every month. The Friday night programme is issued quarterly and is given to every Scout. Uniform is always worn on Friday nights unless it is stated on the programme.

What if your son cannot attend a Friday Night?

It is **very** important to contact your son's Patrol Leader and No.1 or any other Troop Officer if your son will be absent. If your son is absent for 3 consecutive weeks without informing the above it may be considered that he has left and his place will be filled.

Letters & Programmes

The Troop has become environment friendly and all letters and information is sent out via email to parents, we ask that if email addresses change you let us know please so we can update our records,

otherwise your son may miss out on important Troop news. All programmes and letters with permission slips are still printed out and handed to members on Friday nights. But a copy can be found on our Group website if you miss place it.

Badges

The Troop runs many activity badges for your son to learn and also to have fun; every Scout is given the opportunity to participate in a Basic Nautical (rowing), Nautical (sailing) and Advance Nautical (advance sailing) and many other water based badges within the Group, each water based course is run by a qualified instructor and are nationally recognised by the Royal Yachting Association. With the Group also being a RYA Training establishment, we also run RYA Courses, in sailing and power boating, ranging from Level 1 to day sailing courses. Also the Troop runs badges on summer camp and the Easter trip. Some badges are run by Southend West District such as climbing and archery. Information on them will be given to the Scouts on a Friday evening or displayed on the Scout notice board in the Den, or you could do the badge in your spare time at home. For the water-based badges, a email will be sent out, showing all the courses being run throughout the year, if you wish to go on one of the courses you will need to sign up for the course which will be displayed on the Boating board in The Den, the courses have limited spaces, so they are run on a first come, first serve basis. If you are unable to get onto the course your name will be placed at the top of the list for the next course. Also, throughout their whole time at 3rd CB they will work towards their Challenge and Chief Scouts Gold Award, which are the highest awards a Scout can get. If you wish to know what you have to do to complete the badge go and see Master in the Wardroom on a Friday evening or go to the Scout Association website at www.scouts.org.uk.

The Record Book

When your son joins he will receive a record book, in which he will record his Patrol leaders' details and other important information, which will help him in 3rd CB. A copy of where all the badges on the uniform go is also enclosed in their record book. The main purpose of the record book is for his training to be recorded for his Chief Scout Award. It is very important that the record book is kept safe and is taken to the Den on Friday nights for uniform meetings. If you do lose the record book, please see Master on a Friday night where you will have to purchase a new book for a small fee.

Uniforms

When your son joins the Scout Troop, he will be fitted out with uniform on a Friday night and a bill for the uniform will be sent to the parents. The uniform is one of the most important parts of the Group and you should be proud to wear the uniform. You should keep your uniform clean, scarf and trousers ironed, shoes polished and cap cleaned and you will be inspected on a Friday night in the Patrol Inspections. No.1 and your Patrol Leader will inform you how you wear your uniform, what you need to do and teach you how to tie a Discovery Knot in the scarf. Between May and September the Troop wears Square Rigs as summer rig, during October to May the Troop wears the Square Rig but with the Scout jumper over top, this is the winter rig. Boys who do not wear their Square rig during the winter will lose inspection marks.

Weekend Activities at The Den

The weekend programme is issued for the summer months and covers activities at The Den. It includes the starting dates for the sea training badges, the dates for the Troop and summer camps, Ray Days, and

other activities. The Den is normally open at the weekends for general boating (weather, tides, and adult supervision permitting). Buoyancy aids, lifejackets, wet suits, sailing boots, splash jackets, and salopettes are provided to those boys who do not have sailing equipment. The Den is usually open during the winter months, but the Scouts will be informed of any changes on the Friday night. The Group has a number of boats that are used for sea training and general boating. There are currently 5 Wanderer sailing dinghies, 1 Tideway sailing dinghy, 5 Topazes, 1 Laser Stratos racing boat, 1 Laser Fun, 4 motorboats (planning and displacement), a Gig, EOD and 6 Rowing dinghies. When your son is at The Den they are required to write their name into the Roll Book, this can be found outside the Wardroom door, this is for safety and also attendance at weekends are overviewed along with many other things for promotions in the future.

Parades and Church Parades

The Troop takes part in the Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Southend Cenotaph each year and also the Scout Renewal of Promise Parade, these two events all boys in the Troop must attend. Also the Group has links with New Road Church and the Group has Church Parade there apart from the Summer Service and Christmas Service, which are held at The Den for Scouts and families to attend. Church Parade is normally the third Sunday in the month and the boys are expected to attend unless they attend their own Church. In this case, then a letter confirming attendance at their own Church must be sent to the Scout Leader in advance.

Duty Patrol and Boat Maintenance

Each Sunday The Den site is cleaned and the boats are bailed by the Duty Patrol, who work in rotation throughout the year. Members of the Troop are required to attend for a few hours on the Sunday when it is their turn, which is every 16 weeks or so. Boat Maintenance, is held during the winter months when the boats are being cleaned, repaired and painted ready for the summer months, boys are required to attend twice during the winter period. Those who attend are recorded and those who attend to help regularly may get the chance to go on a trip for those who work hard. If they cannot make Duty Patrol they are to inform their Patrol Leader.

Royal Navy Recognition

The Group holds recognition from the Royal Navy and is one of only 101 Sea Scout Groups nationally and in UK overseas territories. To qualify the Group has to pass an inspection by a serving Royal Navy Officer (normally a Lieutenant Commander) every 18 months, which all Boys must attend. The scheme allows recognised Groups to use RN Establishments, to draw equipment from their stores and to adopt a warship.

Rona Sailing Project

Boys aged 14 or over can sail with the Rona Sailing Project. There are 3 ocean going yachts owned by the RSP, which are manned by qualified crew, many whom are former members of 3rd Chalkwell Bay Group. This gives the chance to boys and girls to sail round the South coast of England or sail across the Channel to France and the Channel Islands for a week.

What is expected of me as a parent?

The Group have a number of activities each year to which parents are invited. These events are

organised by the Support Group who are always very appreciative of parental involvement. The Support Group is the fund raising committee of the Group and they arrange jumble sales, manning stalls and supplying cakes for the Old Leigh Regatta, quiz evenings and social gatherings. Once a year the Group holds an Annual General Meeting, to which parents are invited. At the AGM parents will hear about what is happening in the Group and it is at this meeting that the Group Executive Committee is elected. A number of parents serve on the committee, which is responsible for the Group's financial policy. Parents are also requested to attend the Group Presentation Evenings, at which major awards are made by a guest of honour to members of the Group. If you wish to help out just ask one of the leaders, also if you wish to help out you will be asked to do a CRB form, which is a security check which we have to do by law.

Change of Details

If any of the details entered into the Joining Form change please inform the Group.

www.3rdcb.org.uk

The Group has its own website where programmes can be found together with activity details and photographs of recent activities for all sections.

Facebook

Check out our Facebook page 3rd Chalkwell Bay Group for updates, photos and upcoming events, this is a closed group administrated by our leaders which only members and their parents can join and no outsider can view the contents.

The Troop Leaders

The Troop Leaders are trained leaders within the Scout Movement and most were 3rdCB Scouts when they were your son's age. The Troop Leaders are named after Naval titles and on programmes and letters their title will be used, for you information here are a list of their names and title, with the senior leaders telephone number if you require to contact them:

Position	Title	Name
Group Scout Leader	No.1	Ian Johnson
Scout Leader	Chief	Jon Whiteley
Assistant Scout Leader	Quartermaster	Peter Jacob
Assistant Scout Leader	Yeoman	Chris Grover
Assistant Scout Leader	Guns	Ed Kemp
Assistant Scout Leader	Sparks	Chris McHugh
Assistant Scout Leader	Pilot	James Francis
Assistant Scout Leader	Navs	Chris Daly
Troop Assistant	Master	Les Davis
Troop Helper	Midi	David Nial

The Group Standing Orders

When your son joins 3rd Chalkwell Bay, he agrees to follow the Group's Standing Orders. These orders are the rules and regulations which everyone from leaders to cubs agree that they will follow and will not break. These consist of attendance to Duty Patrol, Church Parades, rules on bullying which the Group takes a zero tolerance on and other rules. The Group Standing orders are located in the Pigeonhole by the Scout notice board in The Den. If your child is being bullied by a member of the Group please inform the Scout Leader, for the matter to be dealt with immediately.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are payable to the Group annually in order that your son is adequately insured whilst participating in any Group activity as well as providing cash flow enabling such activities to take place. These can be paid via standing order with Gift Aid participation where appropriate. Gift Aid is a simple procedure that enables the Group to recoup monies from Inland Revenue. It does not cost you any more! Where families are in difficulty this will be taken into account with strict confidentiality being observed. Unfortunately we must state that if you do not pay subscriptions then your son will be prevented from joining in any activity.



3RD CHALKWELL BAY SEA SCOUTS INTERNET SAFETY AT 3RD CB

Dear Parents

In today's society, technology plays a great part in all of our lives and most young people have access to the internet. We are aware that many of the boys use social networking sites such as Facebook, Bebo and Myspace, to keep in touch with their friends and to share photographs and although we all hope that they are careful, as to, who has access to these, we are aware that sometimes these sites can be viewed by rather unsavoury characters.

The leaders at 3rd Chalkwell Bay have discussed in length as to what precautions we should take regarding the young people's internet safety. The group have their own website (www.3rdcb.org.uk) which the leader team has control of, so can regulate the information posted, however we are aware that there is also a Facebook site (3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scouts) which we can only regulate as a leader team at a certain point.

We ask therefore, that you take an interest in what your son and his friends are posting on such sites when in connection with 3rd Chalkwell Bay and speak to him regarding internet safety. If you have any issues with photographs of your son partaking in group activities being posted on the internet, please contact us and we will make sure images of your son are not included on the group website and as far as is reasonably possible, not included on the Facebook site (although we must reiterate, we do not have control of this site and can only ask those who post the photographs to remove them, however they are not obliged to do this).

If you have any concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to speak to any of the leader team.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Johnson
No.1
Group Scout Leader

3RD CHALKWELL BAY SEA SCOUTS MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARENT REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome to 3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scout Group.

My name is Sue Middleton and I am the Scout parent representative. I have one son in the Scouts and another who is a Young Leader with the Group.

My role is to act as a voice for parents at the executive committee meetings regarding any issues, questions or ideas you may wish to raise regarding scouting at 3rd CB. As lots of our sons travel independently to the meetings, there is not always the opportunity for parents to meet up and chat, so I would welcome your thoughts, comments or questions via email, phone or face to face.

In order for our sons to continue to benefit from the fantastic opportunities that the group offers, the leaders, who give so much of their time, need and encourage the support of parents/guardians at scout events and fund raising activities, which are essential to enable the group to continue to flourish.

So if you have ideas, skills or contacts that would be beneficial to the group or have fund raising potential, then please let me know so we can continue to support the leaders and strengthen the group, from which all our son's benefit.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sue Middleton
Scout Parent Rep
Renown Troop

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3RD CHALKWELL BAY SEA SCOUTS

HMS ATHERSTONE – OUR ADOPTED WARSHIP

Over the years the Group has been affiliated to many ships within the Royal Navy, sadly over the years our previous adopted ships have been decommissioned due to their long but proud service. The Group is proud to be affiliated to HMS Atherstone of the Royal Navy. This relationship shows our close ties with the Royal Navy, which has resulted with many past and present members joining the service.

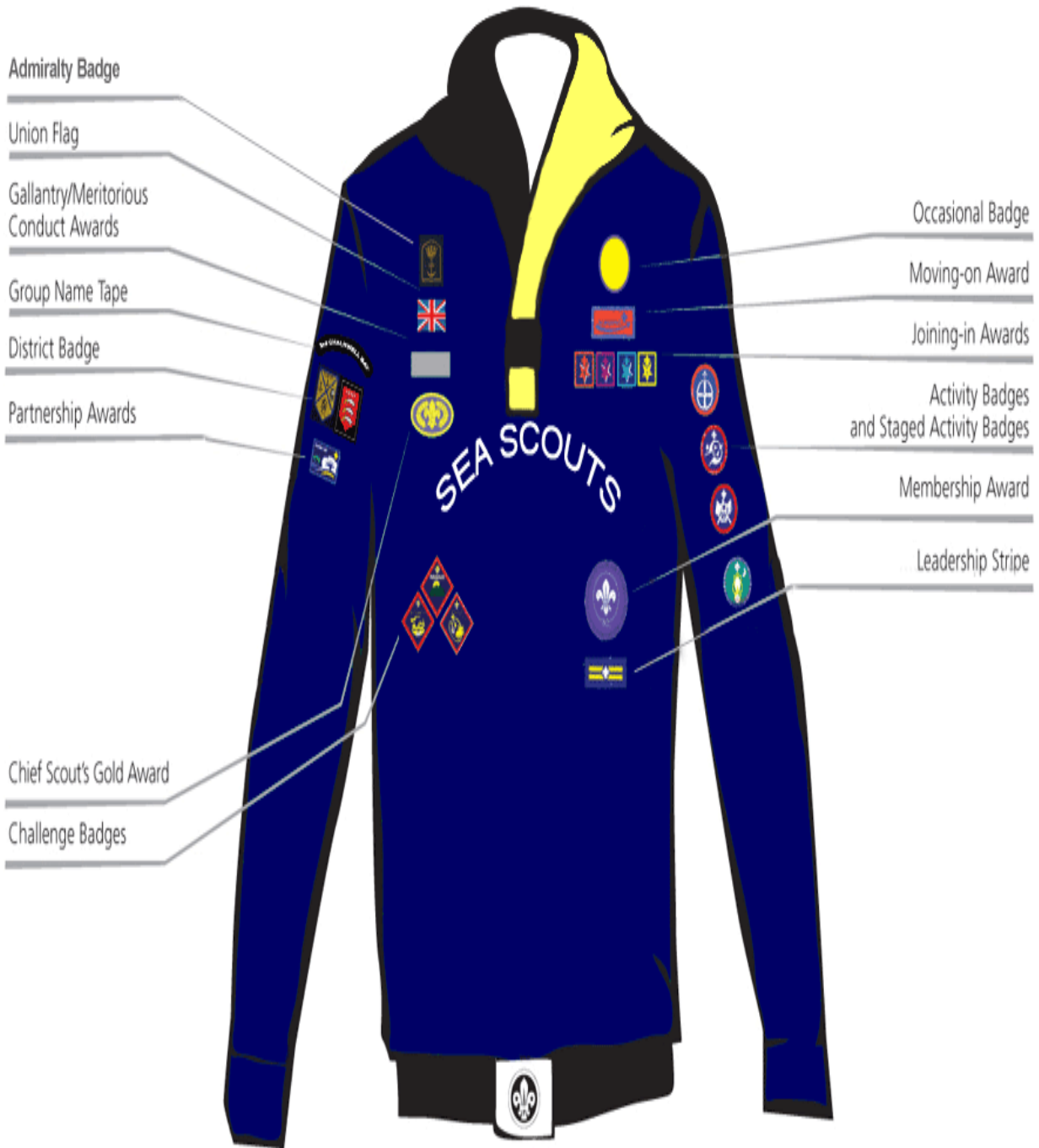
HMS Atherstone is one of eight Hunt Class mine countermeasures ships based in Portsmouth. Built by Vosper Thornycroft, Atherstone (known affectionately as the Crazy A) was launched in March 1986. She is currently deployed in the Gulf.

Key Facts

Pennant – M38
Length – 60 Meters
Displacement – 685 Tonnes
Beam – 10 Meters
Draught – 3.4 Meters
Top Speed – 15 Knots
Range (Nautical Miles) – 1500 Miles
Crew – 45
Number of Officers – 5
Launched – 01/03/1986
Commissioned – 30/01/1987



3RD CHALKWELL BAY SEA SCOUTS UNIFORM BADGE GUIDE



Admiralty Badge

Union Flag

Gallantry/Meritorious
Conduct Awards

Group Name Tape

District Badge

Partnership Awards

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Challenge Badges

Occasional Badge

Moving-on Award

Joining-in Awards

Activity Badges
and Staged Activity Badges

Membership Award

Leadership Stripe