

# What do different Scouting roles do?

Unless you're familiar with Scouting jargon, we accept that many of our role titles won't mean much to you! The table below attempts to explain this by relating some of the roles in a Scout group compared to the roles you may be familiar within a school.

Scouts	School	Purpose
Group Scout Leader (GSL)	Head Teacher	To manage and support the Scout Group and its Leaders to ensure it runs effectively and that Scouting within the Group develops in accordance with the rules and policies of The Scout Association
Section Leader (SL) & Assistant Section Leader (ASL)	Teacher	<p>Manage and lead the operation of the youth Sections. In particular, the planning and delivery of the programme.</p> <p>The Leaders are the volunteers who have the most direct involvement with our youth members. Each Section (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) will have one Section Leader, and maybe several Assistant Section Leaders, nowadays there isn't really any difference between these roles other than identifying who is the primary point of contact.</p> <p>The Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders and the Section Assistants work together to make up the Sections leadership team.</p>
Section Assistant (SA)	Teaching Assistant	Provide assistance to the Section Leaders in the planning and delivery of the programme.
Executive Committee	Board of Governors	<p>Consists of a Chair, Secretary &amp; Treasurer along with representatives from the leadership teams and parents. Responsible for the "business" elements of running the Group, such as management and maintenance of the Scout hut, purchasing of equipment and control of the finances etc... to ensure the facilities and resources are available to enable Leaders to deliver the Scouting programme.</p> <p>If the Group is a registered charity, the Executive Committee Members are the Charity Trustees.</p>
Active Support Unit	PTA	<p>Provides support to the Group (both the Leaders and Executive Committee) as required.</p> <p>The remit of this can vary greatly depending on the individual Group, but it could include things such as a pool of people who can drive the minibus, help cook food on camp, provide additional volunteers on an ad-hoc basis to the Sections, run fundraise events or provide specialist skills/instruction.</p> <p>Also for adults who want to enjoy Scouting activities themselves, whilst not directly involved with youth Sections.</p>