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This agreement between The Higham Wood Scout & Guide Group and the Tonbridge Methodist Church Council for the sponsorship of the above named Group was last reviewed in 2013

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1. We accept without reservation the Policy of the Scout Association as set out in "Policy, Organisation and Rules" (POR) and the Policy of Girl Guiding UK as set out in the Guiding manual, in force at the date hereof. Both documents include the commitment to Child Protection Policies, copies of which have been made available to the sponsoring authority. Likewise the "Group accepts and is in possession of the Safeguarding Policy of the Methodist Church. [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)
2. We understand the requirements as to the minimum standards set out in the above documents and that these must be applied to the Group.
3. The Sponsoring Authority undertakes to provide suitable accommodation for the Group subject to the same terms and conditions as any Church affiliated club or Organisation.
4. Membership of the Group is open to any person who may wish to become a member of The Scout or Guide Associations as laid down in POR or the Guiding manual.
5. The Sponsoring Authority has agreed with the Group Executive that the Group will be responsible for its own fundraising and hence retain its financial independence. The methods employed in fund raising will be such that they do not compromise the ideals for which the Church, Scouting and Guiding stand for. In return the Group will make an annual monetary gift to the Church as per the current formula agreed by the Group Executive.
6. The Sponsoring Authority undertakes into an agreement that the ownership of the Group property, equipment and funds is vested with the Group Executive. Further it agrees to ensure that such assets as may be available in the event of the Group being disbanded shall be held equally in trust by The Scout Trust Corporation and the Guiding equivalent, for the benefit of Scouting and Guiding subject to any instructions from either Association in accordance with their rules.
7. We undertake to give the Group Scout Leader and Group Guider the fullest support and encouragement in carrying out their work and in the development of Scouting and Guiding in the Group as described in POR and the Guiding Manual and any other official publications of the Associations.
8. We understand that this agreement shall be subject to review and revision as necessary, five years from the date hereof or at such earlier date as may be agreed between ourselves and the Group Scout Leader and Group Guide Leader.

Date ..... Sponsoring Authority ..... Minister, Chairperson of the Church Council

We acknowledge that the above is a true statement of the agreement reached between the Church Council of the Tonbridge Methodist Church and ourselves for the conduct of Scouting and Guiding in The Higham Wood Scout and Guide Group.

Date..... Group Chairperson.....

Date ..... Group Scout Leader.....

Date ..... Group Guider.....