

# 51st Renfrewshire (2nd Renfrew) Scout Group

## Uniform History

The uniforms members of the Scout organisation wear today have changed quite a bit from the early days, as you'll see in this section of the displays.

### Cubs

Wolf Cubs or Young Scouts were introduced in January 1914. The programme was a diluted version of the Scout one, but efforts were made to create a uniform that was more suitable for a younger boy. In the tables below we've used the same Item names as used for the Scout section and noted in the year column the specific type of item the Cubs wore/wear.

Item	1914	1917	1968
<b>Hat</b>	Cap – dark green with a yellow cord border. At this time, the Young Tenderfoot or Cub rank existed. Stars were awarded at two stages, stars being worn on the cap.	Green with yellow piping.	<p>1967 was the year of The Chief Scout's Advance Party which reviewed all aspects of Scouting, including Uniforms.</p> <p>The Cub uniform itself was unchanged except as follows:</p> <p>✿ A T-shirt was introduced to wear under the jersey.</p> <p>Changes were related to badges:</p>
<b>Neckie</b>		Of the Pack colour, worn loosely knotted at the throat and ends.	
<b>Shirt</b>	Jersey – dark green.	Jersey – dark green.	
<b>Haversack (Optional)</b>		Worn as knapsack, with eyelets or revers for coat straps.	
<b>Shorts</b>		Dark blue.	








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<b>Stockings (Socks)</b>		Blue, green or grey; worn turned down below the knee with green tabbed garter showing outside.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ The cap badge was replaced with a gold fleur-de-lys badge.</li> </ul>
<b>Boots or Shoes</b>		Brown or black.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✿ The jersey badge was replaced by a membership badge. (An explanation of the Membership Badge is in the 'Emblem, Promise, Law, Motto' display).</li> </ul>
<b>Great Coats (1911) Macintosh (1912) (Optional)</b>		Optional.	<p>The above changes were to show the change from Wolf Cubs to Cub Scouts and the development of the programme, with less emphasis being placed on the Jungle Book.</p>
<b>Shoulder Patch</b>		Small triangular patch of cloth of Six colours, sewn at the top of left sleeve immediately below the shoulder.	
<b>Shoulder Badge</b>		Indicating the Pack, worn on right shoulder.	
<b>County Emblem</b>		If authorised.	

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Item	2002 – Official Items	2002
	2002 saw a further Uniform Review with a mass consultation process. Some suggestions were popular, some were not. The agreed changes are shown below.	The 2002 Review also provided a list of 'optional items' for which there is a personal choice, and which a Group could opt to have as part of its official uniform.
<b>Hat</b>		
<b>Neckie</b>	Group scarf and identifying Six woggle.	Personal choice:
<b>Shirt</b>	Sweatshirt – dark green crew neck.	 Smart navy blue skirt
<b>Haversack (Optional)</b>		
<b>Shorts</b>		Group choice:
<b>Stockings (Socks)</b>		 Navy blue shorts  Grey fleece
<b>Boots or Shoes</b>		 Navy blue outer jacket  Navy blue baseball cap
<b>Great Coats (1911) Macintosh (1912) (Optional)</b>		There were also optional items for activity dress:
<b>Shoulder Patch</b>		 Navy blue activity trousers
<b>Shoulder Badge</b>		 Dark green polo shirt
<b>County Emblem</b>		

You'll see that over the years, quite a number of items were either removed, or there was no style dictated (e.g. shoes/boots). Whether this was due to changing times, or to become more modern for a particular era, or possibly to reduce the costs of uniforms, we can't be sure. However, we do know that the 2002 Review was to give the Uniforms a revamp to make them pertinent to what young people now generally wear, and would be happy to do so as a uniform.