

Equipment Hire Terms & Conditions

1. General

- Equipment owned by Cannock Chase District Scouts ("the District") is available for hire at the discretion of the District Lead Volunteer and/or the District Trustee Board..
- By hiring equipment, the hirer agrees to comply with these Terms & Conditions.

2. Eligibility

- Equipment may be hired by Scout Groups/Units, Guide Groups, schools, community organisations, and approved individuals.
- Priority will be given to Scout groups within Cannock Chase District.

3. Booking, Timeframe & Payment

- All bookings must be made in advance via emailing the 'Booking' email address.
- The hire period ("timeframe") must be agreed at the time of booking, including collection and return dates/times.
- Late return of equipment may incur additional charges.
- A deposit may be required at the time of booking.
- Full payment must be made prior to or upon collection of the equipment unless otherwise agreed in writing.

4. Collection, Location & Return

- Equipment must be collected and returned at the agreed times and location.
- The equipment must only be used at the location(s) specified at the time of booking. Use outside this agreed location requires prior approval from the District.
- Equipment must be returned in a clean, dry, and serviceable condition.

5. Proper Use & Responsibilities

- The hirer is responsible for ensuring all equipment is used correctly and safely.
- Equipment must only be used for its intended purpose and in accordance with Scout Association safety guidelines (where applicable).
- The hirer is responsible for providing adequate supervision, training, and risk assessments during use.
- The District accepts no liability for injury, loss, or damage resulting from use of the equipment.

6. Loss, Damage & Costs

- The hirer is responsible for the safekeeping of equipment from the time of collection until it is returned.
- Any loss, theft, or damage must be reported immediately.
- The hirer will be charged the full cost of repair or replacement for any lost, damaged, or unreturned equipment.
- Deposits may be withheld or additional invoices issued to cover these costs.

7. Insurance

- The hirer must ensure adequate insurance is in place for the equipment and its use during the hire period.

8. Cancellation

- Cancellations must be made as early as possible.
- Deposits may be non-refundable if cancellation is made within 14 days of the hire date, unless agreed otherwise.

9. District's Rights

- The District reserves the right to refuse, cancel, or withdraw hire at any time if circumstances require (e.g. safety concerns, misuse, non-payment).
- The District's decision on any matter relating to equipment hire is final.

10. Agreement

By signing the hire agreement form, the hirer confirms that they:

- Have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms & Conditions.
- Accept full responsibility for the care, use, and return of the equipment.
- Agree to pay for any loss, damage, or late return charges as set out above.