

Imagine a place where everyone gets the right information at the right time. A place to create and store documents, share photographs and manage programmes more easily. Introducing Skowt.

What is Skowt?

Skowt is the easy to use website that takes the hard work out of running Scouting and Girl Guiding.

Skowt enables you to share calendar events, documents, photos and messages with everyone involved in Scouting or Guiding in your area.

Why should we join Skowt?

As a County, Division or District when you join Skowt you enable all Groups and Units in your area to start enjoying the benefits of communicating and sharing online.

Be prepared and create your Space now so that you are ready to start approving Groups and Units as they join.

How much is it?

Skowt is totally **Free!** However building and maintaining a large website like Skowt is time consuming and expensive.

We ask that committees register their support for the project here www.skowt.com/support

What does Skowt give us?

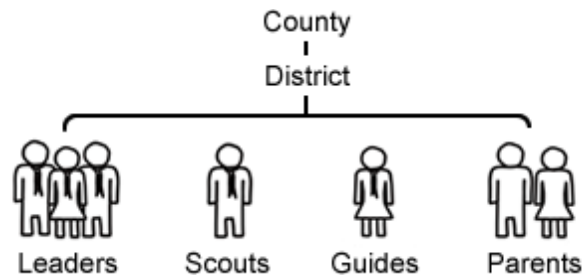
Joining Skowt gives you a simple up-to-date website. You can choose a website address and also add keywords to the site so that others around the web can find you.

How can Skowt help a County, Division or District?

Skowt offers new communication possibilities by providing simple online tools designed just for Scouting and Girl Guiding.

By reducing dependence on letters, phone calls and personal emails Skowt streamlines and simplifies communication between Leaders, Parents and Members.

Skowt directly connects you with your members. As a District or County Leader you can now contact any of your members by their role or by name.



Personal calendars make managing events and meetings really simple.

Sharing a letter or document with everyone in a County or District at the click of a button makes sense.

Uploading photos is a great way to share experiences.

Features

Profile

Your personal profile pages show you the information you need to see - at the right time, all the time.

Programme Calendar

Create a new event, choose who it is for and hit "Save". Every person you choose will instantly see the event in their personal Skowt calendar.

eDocs

Need to send a letter to every parent in your Group or Unit? Skowt makes it easy for you to create a new eDoc or upload one right from your PC or laptop.

You can easily publish newsletters, meeting agendas, minutes and even activity consent forms on your website.

Photos

Upload, share and comment on photographs from recent activities. You might even want to publish some pictures on your Space Homepage for the general public to see.

Inbox

Forget maintaining a directory or distribution lists. Skowt gives you access to all your Scouting and Guiding colleagues without having to know their email address or phone number.

If you want, Skowt can even forward messages to your personal email account so you stay informed all the time.

Talk wall

It's great to be able to share ideas and comment on what other people are doing. On your Talk wall you can hold conversations with your friends.

Space homepage website address

Skowt gives you an easy to remember website address. E.g. www.skowt.com/DistrictName.

How does it work?

Skowt is a one-site-for-all approach to Scouting and Guiding online.


A Group or Unit can create a website within Skowt. We call these Spaces and they give user access to loads of great features.


Creating a Space enables users to use all the features within Skowt to share their experiences and manage communication within the Group or Unit.


The clever thing about Skowt is that these Spaces are **connected** so users also receive information from their District and County.

The best thing about Skowt is that you don't need to know everyone's email address. Skowt lets you choose to send information to people by role.

Example: District Group Scout Leaders meeting

 Simply enter details of the meeting and select Group Scout Leaders then hit "Save".

 Attach the meeting Agenda as an eDoc at the same time.

 All Group Scout Leaders will see the meeting in their personal calendar immediately.

What if we already have a website?

Not a problem. Why not have both.

Skowt is different to standalone website as it allows all users to contribute to its content.

It also automatically receives content from other parts of the organisation.

What is a Space?

Spaces are the building blocks of Skowt. A Space is a website that represents part of the offline organisation.

Skowt links these Spaces together so that all members can communicate using the features and benefits of the system.

Every part of Scouting or Guiding can have a Space. This means that everyone from a Regional Commissioner to a Beaver or Rainbow has a place within Skowt.

Skowt doesn't need a webmaster or someone to look after your domain name or hosting account as its the user that create the content that keeps it up to date and alive.

Next Steps...

To make Skowt as safe as possible new users must be accepted by a Leader account. This is a simple one-click process but ensures only people we know offline are allowed to join us online.

To make sure Groups and Units in your area can join Skowt you need to create a County and District Space first.



Visit www.skowt.com today for more information.



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Understanding the communication needs of volunteer led youth organisations and how to meet them safely online is what Skowt aims to achieve.

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Online safety

We understand that being safe online is very important, especially for young people. Skowt was created with online safety and privacy in mind.

We have teamed up with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre to give users simple one-click routes to help and advice on keeping safe online.



Member privacy and safety are at the core of Skowt as we understand there can be dangers associated with promoting online activity amongst potentially vulnerable users.