

WELCOME



3rd Rainham Scout Group

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Welcome!

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are so pleased that you have chosen to join our 3rd Rainham Scout Group!

This welcome pack will hopefully answer any questions that you may have regarding The Scout Association and our Group.

If you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your Section Leader or myself.

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WHAT IS SCOUTING?

Scouting is an international movement with over 28 million members worldwide, spread through 216 countries and territories. The number of countries recognising the value of Scouting and accepting its principles is increasing and there are only six countries in the world who do not offer Scouting to young people.

In total there are about 500,000 people in Membership throughout the United Kingdom. This includes about 100,000 adults who have taken up appointments as voluntary leaders, administrators and supporters.

The Scout Association in the UK accepts members of all major faiths and offers equal opportunities for both boys and girls no matter what their social, religious or ethnic background may be.

During 1991, girls were admitted to the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Sections. This complemented the admission of young women to the Venture Scout Section in 1976.

It was founded by Lord Baden-Powell and still has a clear aim of providing an opportunity for young people to develop, to learn and to enjoy themselves. Scouting offers a wide range of skills and services.



The Scout Promise – Law – and Motto *BE PREPARED*

Scouting has a simple and positive promise that is required to be made by all members.

The Promise together with the Scout Law, gives a distinctive ethos to the practices of the Movement and acts as a bond with Scouts in other countries.

The three key principles are:

Duty to self

Duty to god

Duty to others

Everyone in Scouting expresses their membership and acceptance of the three key principles by taking the Promise and following the Scout Law. This happens at Investiture, when you become an official member of the Scout movement.

Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts have their own special Promise and Law, suitable for their age range. There are alternative words for different religions and for atheists.

The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
And to love God

The Scout Promise

I promise that I will do my best,
to do my duty to God
and to the Queen,
to help other people
and to keep the **Cub** Scout Law. *(Changes dependant on section)*



The Cub Scout law

Cub Scouts always do their best
Think of others before themselves
And do a good turn everyday

The Scout Law

A Scout is to be trusted.
A Scout is loyal.
A Scout is friendly and considerate.
A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.



The Purpose of Scouting

Scouting in the UK is organised through The Scout Association. The Scout Association has a clear purpose:

'To help young people achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as Members of their local, national and international communities'

Even if we can't solve all the problems in the world, we can help to make it a better place. We do this by helping young people to develop as active members of their community;

who are self reliant

who are caring

who are responsible

who show commitment.

Scouting works well when young people enjoy "learning by doing" in partnership with adults. They do this by taking part in a variety of activities and new experiences exploring the outdoors participating in teams taking responsibility.

Our method for giving young people the opportunity to learn by doing is called the Programme. The Programme is a seamless progression of training, activities and awards that covers everything that young people do in Scouting from the ages of 6 to 25.

All adults in Scouting have a responsibility to make sure that the Programme is fun and exciting. We must also make sure that it is safe. The Scout Association's policies, rules, code of behaviour, advice on child protection and safety are there to help adults make sure that the young people in their care stay safe while they enjoy themselves and learn.

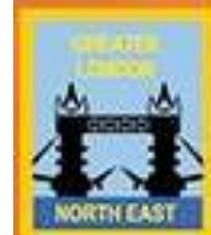


Who are we?

3rd Rainham Scout Group belongs to the District of Hornchurch, which in turn is part of the Greater London North East County (GLNE). The district is there to support and guide the leaders and to offer activities on a large scale to all Scout Groups.

The Scout movement is divided into 5 sections:

Beaver Scouts	6-8 years
Cub Scouts	8-10½ years
Scouts	10½-14 years
Explorer Scouts	14-18 years
Scout Network	18-25 years



The Beaver section is called a **Colony** and within the Colony can be Lodges.
The Cub section is a **Pack** and within the pack are Sixes.
The Scouts are called a **Troop** who can be split into Patrols
These are all part of a **Scout Group**

Explorer Scout Units are part of the Scout District, although some are attached to Groups.
Scout Networks are the responsibility of the Scout County.

BEAVERS⁺

take part in a wide range of activities. These include making things, singing, playing games, going on visits, investigating nature, listening to stories etc. They do this through taking part in a programme of activities provided by the leadership team.

They have the opportunity to be creative, explore their local community and experience the excitement of a Beaver Scout Sleepover with their friends.

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A team of adults will run the Cub Scout Pack, usually led by an Akela (Ar-Kay-La), some will be uniformed leaders others maybe sectional assistants, helpers or parents.

Cubs take part in a wide range of activities that are designed to be interesting and to challenge them. At the same time they have fun, adventure and make friends along the way. They do this through taking part in a programme of activities provided by the Leadership team such as: camping, playing games, trying new things and exploring the outdoors.

SCOUTS⁺

The Patrol Leaders work with the Leadership Team in setting the programme and in decisions affecting the Troop. The Patrol system is one of the important ways that young people can take responsibility for themselves and others. Scouts also have the opportunity to gain a wide range of activity badges by working inside and outside troop meetings. Most of the badges and awards in Scouts require independent work by the Scouts themselves.

Most Troops will offer a number of events away from home during the year, and very often a summer camp. These are important to the life of the Troop, as they are the culmination of much of the training during the year.



Where and when do we meet?

Our regular 3rd Rainham Scout Group meetings are held at:

Brenda Blakemore Community Hall

Davies Close

RM13 9LJ

We meet each Friday during term time, 39 weeks per year in total:

Beavers 6pm-7pm

Cubs 7pm-8pm

Scouts 8pm-9.15pm

The hall isn't owned by the Scout Group, so we have no storage facilities there. We are, however, able to use the gardens and kitchen area as well as the hall itself so is a great space for badgework and activities.

Occasionally we meet away from the hall, sometimes doing work in the community or at an event. You will be notified in advance and parent help may be requested.

Our 3 sections meet separately although we sometimes run joint events where 2 or all 3 sections meet together and meeting times may vary.



History



WHY DO WE HAVE THE EMBLEM OF A SHIP ON OUR 3RD RAINHAM SCARVES?

The Church of St Helen and St Giles, The Broadway Rainham, holds the key to the answer. The church is very old it was built in the year 1170. At that time, the River Thames came much nearer to the church than it does now, gradually over the years the land has been reclaimed. When it was closer the ships moored (opposite where Tesco's is now) to off load cargo and take on provisions and men to set sail again. We do know that this type of ship was built between the years 1550 and 1650, it must have been during these times that a sailor made his way to the church, perhaps to pray for the journey ahead, perhaps to shelter from the weather who knows? But what he did do while he was in the church was to etch into the wall of the staircase a drawing of the ship. Suggestions are that as the person probably could not read or write it was the only way he could tell his friend or family that he was setting sail again.

About twenty odd years ago, the 3rd Rainham Scout Group went to a jamboree at Hainault, where they found that another Scout group used the same coloured scarf. It was decided by the Scouts to change theirs by adding an emblem to it. They all drew many designs to present to the federation, but could not agree on one so eventually as they always had a church parade every month in Rainham church, they decided to have the sketch of the ship for their emblem as it was unique to their church. They presented the drawing to the Scouts federation who passed it and accepted it officially for the 3rd Rainham Scout Group.

If you come to our church, and sit on the right-hand side pews, look up and you will see an opening shaped as an arch, that is the top end of the staircase, the bottom end is where the recess is. The door has been taken away and the etching is on the left-hand side as you look up the stairs. It has been covered with plastic as it is so old and an important part of the history of the people of those times. The church cafe in Upminster Rd South also uses the emblem and you are very welcome to visit both places when they are open (providing there is not a wedding or funeral using the church). Many local schools too have adopted the ship emblem.

Danny Ager. (Many years ago GSL etc.)



How Much Does It Cost?

Scout Groups charge subscriptions to cover cost of equipment and the resources to enable us to deliver good quality Scouting.

Part of those subscriptions (subs) go towards the annual membership fee paid to headquarters for the day-to-day running of The Scout Association that includes insurance for all members.

The monthly subscriptions are currently £13.00 for all three sections, please pay by DD / STO wherever possible:

3rd Rainham Scout Group

Barclays Account No: 30821667

Sort Code: 20-72-89

For young people trying out Scouting, the first 3 weeks are on a try before you buy basis, from then on the usual fees apply.

When the young person is first invested at the group, there is a joining fee of £5 to cover their badges and group scarf.



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Financial Help

We appreciate that funds can sometimes be tight, especially if you have siblings at the Group. If you need a bit of help with the cost of a camp etc or if you want to spread the payments, then please have a chat with our group treasurer or one of the Leaders. We are as flexible as possible and would rather know in advance than be chasing you later!

We are keen that everyone has the opportunity to attend as many Scouting events each year as possible. There is a cost attached to many of the events we run although we do try and fundraise to help subsidise the costs of these events, if you have any good fundraising ideas please let us know! Unfortunately for many of our events, once they are paid for, a refund cannot be issued in the event of non-attendance.

Gift Aid

The Group is able to recover income tax on any donation, provided a declaration has been made to cover the tax reclaim. The only criteria is that the individual making the donation has to pay income tax or capital gains tax of at least the amount to be recovered by the Group. If you pay online or by cheque, the name on the bank/cheque must match the Gift Aid declaration.

If you sign the declaration, up to 25p in each £1 can be claimed back by the Group from the 'Tax Man'. This will really help the Groups finances and cut down the pressure on the essential fundraising!

There is a gift aid form included in this pack or ask your leader.

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Uniform and Badges

The uniform is a required part of being a member of the Scout movement. It is to be worn to every meeting, event and outing unless told otherwise. We ask that you have the uniform ready in time for your child being invested.

Each section has its own uniform, although the activity trousers (optional) and red group t-shirt are common to all sections. Specific activities may have additional requirements.

*The jumpers/shirts/trousers are available to purchase from the Hornchurch District Scout shop which is a room within the 8th Hornchurch Scout hut.

(8th Hornchurch Scouts HQ, Chelmsford Drive, Hornchurch – Open Monday evenings 5pm-8pm term time only)

*The Group T-shirt is purchased from a unit called "Inprints" inside Romford (Rumford) Hall of Romford Market. Ask for a bright red round neck T-shirt with a large emblem of 3rd Rainham Scout Group on the front. Approximate cost £7.50.

Beavers and badge positions

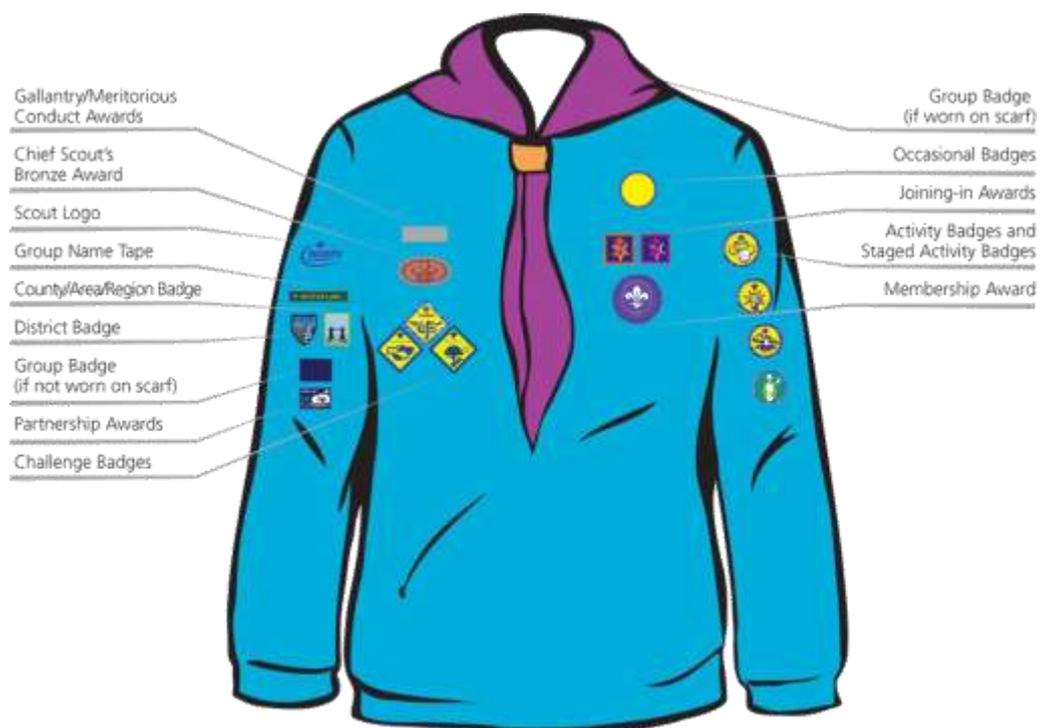
The Beaver Scout uniform specifically consists of the following items:

A Turquoise Beaver Scout jumper

Scout activity trousers (optional)

A red 3rd Rainham Group t-shirt

Group scarf with a woggle (the Group provides this and is presented on investiture – ours is red)



Cubs and Scouts and badge positions

The Cubs/Scouts uniform specifically consists of the following items:

A Green Cub Scout sweatshirt/ A green shirt for Scouts

Scout activity trousers (optional)

A red 3rd Rainham Group t-shirt

Group scarf with a woggle (the Group provides this and is presented on investiture- ours is red)

Cub Uniform



Scout Uniform



How do we get the badges?

There are four types of Badges in each Section:

Core Badges, given out as the young person progresses through the Scout Group. They will be given out automatically or without the young person needing to work for them. Examples of these include joining in badges, group awards, and camper nights.

Challenge Badges, achieving a Challenge Award involves accomplishing a number of more ambitious tasks within the Group or community. There are 6 in total and once all 6 have been achieved the Chief Scout Award can be obtained. Bronze at Beavers, Silver at Cubs and Gold at Scouts. The young person must take part in a range of activities to develop their skills and understanding in each of the challenge areas.

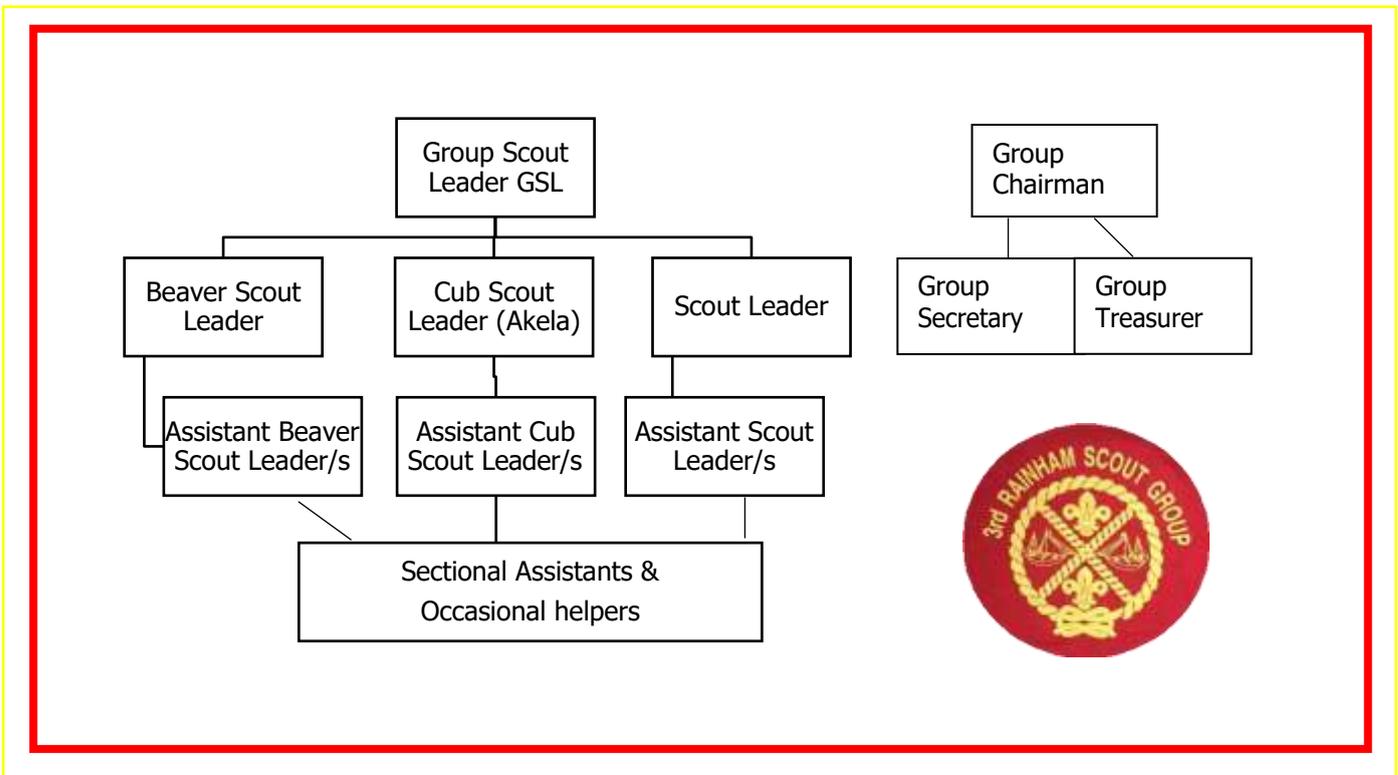


Activity Badges, are on a specific topic such as science, art, home help etc. These allow the young person to try new activities or show their progress in existing pursuits. They can be worked on at home as well as at the weekly meet. Your section leader will let you know which badges they are covering at the hall.

Staged Badges, available to young people from Beavers to Explorers, and cover a range of topics and skills. The stages have increasing levels of difficulty, and they can begin at whichever stage offers them an appropriate level of challenge.



The Basic Scout Group structure



Adult help and Volunteering!!

All the adult leaders at 3rd Rainham Scout Group are volunteers. We give our time freely and willingly. We work hard to increase the membership and organise the varied activities we do to ensure that each section of the Group is as exciting as it should be.

All leaders and helpers must undergo a DBS check by the district and the police to ensure their suitability. All uniformed leaders hold a warrant card, this is an official document awarded by the Scout Association to show they have responsibility for their section and undertake Scout training as and when required.

At 3rd Rainham Scout Group we also have a fundraising committee, made up of volunteers committed to raising as many funds as possible for our group to help subsidise events, activities and days out.

Scouting depends on its adult volunteers and we would welcome your involvement. If anyone is interested in becoming a leader or a helper on a regular or occasional basis please email or speak to a leader. No previous experience is necessary, as training will be provided. There is no payment for being a leader (except basic expenses), but you can expect lots of fun and to make many friends!



All the EXTRA stuff we like you to know.....

Behaviour & Discipline

We are very proud of our 3rd Rainham Scout Group and when in our care, we expect our young people to behave well and appropriately at all times. We do acknowledge that Scouting isn't school yet inappropriate behaviour will not be accepted under any circumstances. Depending on the type of behaviour the disciplines will vary, but usually sitting out of one game is sufficient. More serious incidents will lead to the parent/guardian being contacted and could result in suspension for a number of weeks.

This procedure starts fresh for each meeting. But if the young person continues to receive warning 1 and 2 every week parents will be contacted, so that we can try to find a solution.

Obligations

All members of the 3rd Rainham Scout Group are expected to play an active role in as many activities as possible.

The following are expected as a minimum from all young people:

Attend all Meetings when possible

Take part in the Remembrance Parade and St George's Day Parade. (This is the only absolute essential part of Scouting)

Parental Support

Help is always needed in many areas and support is essential to the future of the Group. Parents are asked to help in a number of ways these include:

Being vigilant when bringing or collecting young people from meetings or events, **always** ensure a leader is there before dropping off.

Supporting Group activities (e.g. fundraising events)

Attend the Annual General Meeting

Paying subs within the first 3 weeks of every term and monthly thereafter

Label ALL items taken on Scout Group nights/events (we don't have facilities to hold lost property)



Supervision

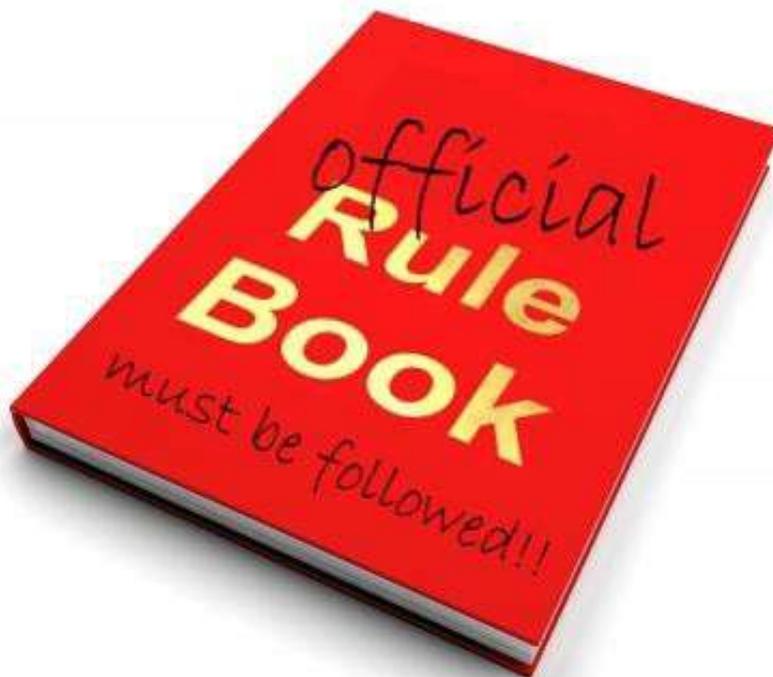
Leaders must abide by a book of rules called P.O.R (policy, organisation & Rules). In this book, clear instructions are set out to make sure supervision is always of the up most importance. These rules are followed closely and parents are welcome to see a copy of the book. If you feel supervision could be improved in any way please inform us.

Examples of some of the rules that ensure we supervise children correctly include:

There must always be an appointed leader on all events.

When camping, the leader in charge must hold a Nights Away camping certificate.

No adult is alone with a child, even if their own. Must be a minimum of 2 adults or 2 children for toilet runs / First aid etc..



Keeping you up to date

3rd Rainham Scout Group uses *OSM* (Online Scout Manager), which emails you every time a new event is created in each section. You are then asked to select yes/no to attendance on that specific event. We ask that you reply to these emails asap but only once you have definitely decided whether you wish your young person to attend or not as we make bookings based on the results.

It is important that you read and respond promptly to messages to ensure that your young person does not miss out.



Please join our Facebook page – *3rd Rainham Beavers Cubs, and Scout parents*

We regularly put posts on regarding upcoming events or useful info and ALWAYS photos of Friday night antics! We love parent interaction on here too, so post away!

www.scouts.org.uk is the official Scout Association website full of useful information if there is anything we have missed here.

It goes without saying that if you have any questions or concerns; please raise them with the appropriate Section Leader or with our Group Scout Leader, Sharon.

Note. If you need to talk to a leader there tends to be more time at the end of a meeting than beforehand. Often an email or a text message saying that you would like a chat helps too.



Gift Aid Declaration Form



Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick one of the boxes below:

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____; OR
- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to:

Scout Group/District/County Name: 3rd Rainham Scout Group

Donor's details

Title: _____ Initial(s): _____ Surname: _____

Home address: _____

Postcode: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify your Scout Group/District/County if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration.
- Change your name or home address.
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.