

1st Liskeard Rainbows – Additional Information for Grant Application

Q - Have you previously received a grant from Liskeard Town Council?

NO – the details given on the form relate to a grant from the Cornwall Council Community Chest fund. This funded items including 14 high vis waistcoats used when taking children out on trips.

Q - What exactly will it be used for?

The 1st Liskeard Rainbow's group currently has 15 children registered (ages 4 – 7 years), plus 5 young leaders (3 under 14 who count in ratios so only one can attend per week), 3 regular volunteers, 2 casual volunteers who cover when needed, and a further regular volunteer in training.

Ratios require one adult per two children aged 4, and one adult per 4 children aged 5 – 7. Young leaders are not classed as adults so are an extra pair of hands not included in the ratio unless they are aged under 14 when they add to the child numbers.

Membership fees are invoiced to the group by Girlguiding in January to be paid by the end of February. These are based on £60 per child or volunteer, and cover things like insurance and DBS checks. **Training** such as First Aid, Safeguarding is extra and usually about £25 per course. Last year's membership fees were only £350 as the group was new but will be substantially more in 2026 due to the increase in numbers.

Rent – all groups that meet at the Guide Hut pay £1 per head per session towards the building costs.

Uniform – all children have a jacket priced at £20.75, some also have T-shirts £13 and trousers/leggings/shorts £9.25 - £15.25

All children have a **badge book** £7, and the group must provide any **badges** the children achieve £1 - £4

Arts and craft materials average approx. £1.50 per child per week.

Trips generally about £10 per head (summer trip to Looe on the train with ice cream), where more than this parents are asked to contribute eg recent cinema trip with MacDonalds meal.

Christmas party with visit from Santa and individual gifts for all paid for by children's fundraising throughout the year.

Subs – children pay £5 each per week. This was set based on the Brownie cost, although Rainbows running costs are higher due to ratios.

While the Guides and Brownies are usually term time only, Rainbows operate all year round as some of the families need activities in school holidays.

The Brownies and Guides have been established for a long time and have built up funds over time to cover memberships fees as they fall due, but as a new group rainbows are still mostly using the money that comes in each week for rent, art and craft materials, badges, etc.