

### Your Camp Blanket

The Camp Blanket is a Scouting tradition stemming back to the very beginnings of the Scout movement. It has many functions not with-standing the obvious. But the main function of the Camp Blanket is as a place to keep all those badges that can no longer be kept on your uniform, campsite badges, event badges, badges from your old uniforms, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers etc.

Camp blankets are traditionally worn around the campfire circle and represent a history of your Scouting career, so others can see your achievements, where you've been, and the people you've met, it's yours to carry through all sections of Scouting and is very much yours to personalise as you see fit.

Your new camp blanket is made from 70% natural fibres making it fit for use on camp, particularly around the campfire where man-made fibres tend to melt or be highly flammable.



### Care of your camp blanket

- Before you begin to use your blanket, we advise you stick it in your washing machine on a delicate cool wash to remove any die. Add a bit of softener as the wool may be a bit itchy for the first few washes.
- Please put your name on your camp blanket so we can find the owner if its misplaced.
- We don't recommend using badge glue to stick badges on as it doesn't last, encourage your young person to sew badge son themselves.
- We recommend turning your camp blanket into a poncho so that it can be easily worn, simply cut a head shaped hole bang in the centre, you may need to overlock the cut out to prevent stretching.
- It's not just Scouting badges that can go on your blanket, swimming awards, fun badges, old neckers etc. all make a great addition.
- Don't forget to bring your camp blanket to camps and sleepovers, it's a great talking point and you should be proud to show off your achievements,
- A well-maintained camp blanket can count towards the collector activity badge.

