



9th December 2016

To all Scout Members in West Sussex County

I am pleased to advise you that West Sussex County Scouts has purchased an umbrella licence from Motion Picture Licence Company (MPLC). The fee has been paid by County and our licence is effective from 9th December 2016. County intends to renew this licence on an annual basis.

What you need to know:

- Whenever audio-visual content, whether films or TV shows on DVD/Blu-ray, downloads, streaming, broadcast, pay TV and video on demand are being viewed outside the private home it is considered a 'public performance' where legal authorisation is needed to avoid copyright infringement.
- MPLC licences these public exhibitions - the right for an audience to view all audio-visual content in a public location (including scout premises).
- In order to make it easy for its members to comply with the copyright law, West Sussex Scouts have purchased an annual 'MPLC Umbrella Licence' which allows unlimited showings of all works from MPLC's rights holders without the need of reporting titles, dates or times of performance.
- The MPLC Umbrella Licence allows all West Sussex Group/District/County members to show any audio-visual content at scout events. This will typically be at scout premises to include all Group and District Headquarters, Campsites and special event sites (eg WS2017). The licence is 'roaming' throughout the UK and so will also cover scout expeditions to UK premises outside of West Sussex.
- Groups/Districts/County are not allowed to advertise to the general public or charge an admission fee to an event.

Action you need to take:

- Discuss the contents of this letters with your immediate colleagues to confirm understanding.
- Display this letter on your premises notice board so that new members to our organisation are aware of this policy.
- If your District already holds a policy with MPLC you should ignore any future requests to renew. Whilst there may be a period of duplication for those Districts who already hold a licence, there is no option for a pro rata refund of fees already paid to MPLC.
- If you have any specific questions on this matter please contact Mr Deon Marshall at MPLC tel: 01323 649647.

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