A white horse on a red background

Description automatically generated **A guide to using Communication Visuals**

**Visual supports are helpful for supporting young people and adults. They are particularly useful for supporting people with communication needs, hearing needs, and neurodivergent people - such as those on the autism spectrum, with ADHD, or dyslexia. They are also great for supporting communication with our younger members or for communicating with people who speak a different language.**

**We have a selection of downloadable resources ready for you to download, and a team of people ready to create bespoke communication supports. If you would like something created, please contact us.**

A close-up of a card

Description automatically generated**Visual Timetables**

Visual Timetables are used to communicate what is going to happen and when. They communicate the structure of a meeting or the schedule for an event.

Our section visual timetables can be cut out and laminated, and with Velcro added to the back can be placed up in the scout hut. We can create a visual timetable for an event or camp if you would like a bespoke one created.

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Expressing how you are feeling for some young people is difficult, especially when anxious or upset. For younger members, Feelings Visuals can be used to support a young person to show how they are feeling. For older members, using feeling visuals is a great way to support someone to express how they are feeling. We have emotion visuals posters based on zones of regulation, five-point emotions scales and some visuals that can be made into a portable emotions keyring.

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**Social Understanding Supports**

A visual form of your rules and expectations are useful to ensure that all young people understand what is expected of them. We have some rule visuals and some behaviour expectation reminders available for download. If you would like your code of conduct or specific visuals for your section written in visual form, please get in touch.

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Social stories are great for supporting young people who need additional support to understand the social world around them, or to prepare them for events, camp, or moving to another section. If you would like a social story written, please contact us.

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To support with preparing for investiture, we have a selection of promises and visual communication supports ready for download.