Baden-Powell Scouts' Association
Alcohol Policy Statement and Guidelines

We have a duty to protect and keep all children in our care as safe as practicable.

All adults need to be physically and mentally capable of undertaking their responsibilities.

When responsible for young people, adults must not drink alcohol.

Under no circumstances should young people under the age of 18 be allowed to consume alcohol during Scouting events.

During 'off duty' periods, adults in Scouting also need to take into account the effects alcohol can have and how it may affect their fitness to fulfil their Scouting duties.

Good Practice Guidelines.
During Scouting events where Leaders are responsible for young people and are attended by under 18 year olds, the following should apply:

At any one time at least two adults, and more depending on the size and nature of the event, (as referenced in the Qualification and Supervision for Scouting Activities) must not consume alcohol.

Any adults who do consume alcohol must not interact with young people and should be 'off duty'.

Adults should not consume alcohol in the presence of under 18 year olds. Where possible adults should consume alcohol in an area not accessible to under 18 year olds

Adults who do consume alcohol should behave in a responsible manner at all times.
All adults must follow the rules of the venue, campsite or accommodation, and if alcohol is not permitted on site this must be adhered to.

Leaders of events may, if they wish, declare a camp or event to be alcohol free, it is the camp leaders' duty to inform all those attending so they can follow these rules.