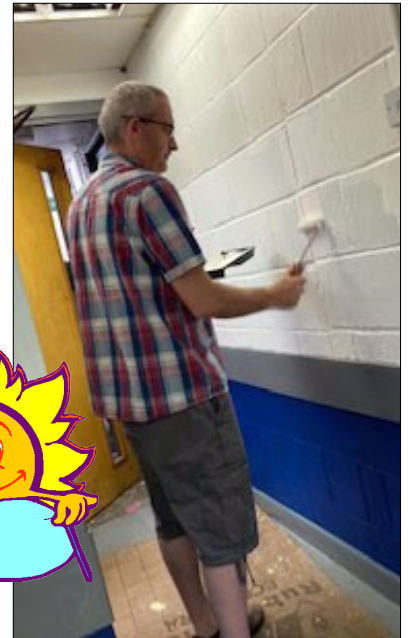




State of readiness to return to face-to-face Scouting is currently YELLOW

The Call Went Out

Many willing hands turned up at Ravengill when the call went out for painters to help decorate the Jubilee Building. If you are free the next painting day will be on August 9th, you don't need to bring anything just your lunch if you are staying all day.



County Commissioner's Corner



Hopefully you will all be rested and relaxed or looking forward to being through the summer holidays. As you will have seen, restrictions have been lifted and Scouting can continue with some precautions. It is predicted that all groups will be back Face to Face by September.

Whilst there is no need for Risk Assessments to be approved by Districts anymore, you should still be including Covid advice within your section risk assessments and having these agreed and approved at Group exec level. Any group who has not met during covid and wants some advice on Risk Assessments post covid should see their DC for support.

As we get back to some sort of 'normality', please can I remind you all that Safety and Safeguarding training should be up to date before Scouting resumes and First Response should be in date by January 2022. Please be aware that First Response training has reduced from 5 years to 3 years and as such large numbers of leaders may become out of date from Sept 21. Please check your Compass details to ensure you remain in date with this.

Jamboree South Korea

We are pleased to announce that we have been allocated 2 patrols for the next International Jamboree. Please pay close attention to our social media and emails as we look to recruit both unit leaders and young people in the coming months.

October 'Census'

Initial communications from HQ states that Octobers head count will be a very simple snapshot of membership. It will simply be how many members you currently have in each section which will be uploaded to a website. No need for passwords and log ins and no need to gather information on ages/ genders of members etc as is required in the full January census.

The aim of the headcount is to see how quickly we have recovered post covid with membership and also to give all levels of the movement an idea of the numbers so financial planning can be started for 22-23.

I hope you all take some time this Summer to rest and reflect on the amazing job you have all done in the last 18months keeping Scouting going and to look forward to getting back to doing the amazing activities that make Scouting what it is!



The Talk2Me Team

Are you good at talking about Scouting? If so, you could be one of the people we are looking for!

We're looking at building up a team of about 10-12 talkers from all roles and Districts that will become our **Talk2Me Team**. We want to raise the profile of Scouting in Cleveland by being seen at events across the County such as Shows, Fresher weeks and Fairs and to talk to people, especially adults, about the positives volunteering with Scouting can give them in life. We wouldn't expect all the Talk2Me Team to be at every event but 2-3 people would be good!

If you're interested then Talk2Me about it!

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Ian's Bit's & Piece's

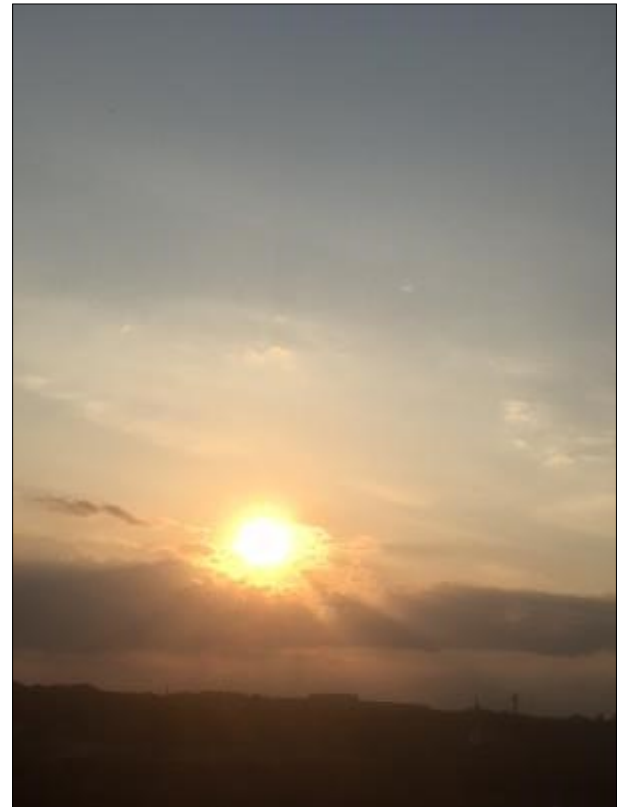


Summer Sunset Photography Competition

In addition to the monthly photography competition going towards our 2022 County Calendar we also have a special three month competition going on - taking Summer Sunset pictures! The picture on the left is one that's just been submitted by Jackie Bradshaw from 1st Fairfield.

Please send your pictures to me at dcsections@gmail.com. The competition is running through to the end of August. A prize is awaiting for the winner!

Ian Railton
Deputy County Commissioner - Sections



GILLWELL REUNION 2021

Using the power of technology, this annual get-together will connect thousands of volunteers from across the globe for an online weekend jam-packed with workshops, training sessions, and the all-important socials.

Attend Reunion from the comfort of your own home or organise to meet with volunteers locally and take part online together (adhering to government regulations). The programme will include a variety of interactive workshops and online training sessions (both live and pre-recorded) as well as social activities and networking opportunities. Make sure you register your interest in Reunion to be the first to hear about what's happening, as there'll be a limited capacity for some workshops.

More information can be found on the Scout website

National Volunteer Recruitment Workshops

Coming up during August

The Perfect Match

There is no point squeezing a round peg into a square hole. A volunteer is much more likely to stay for the long haul if they are comfortable and satisfied in their work. So this workshop is all about matching what we need versus what a new volunteer can give.

Monday 9th August 7.30 – 9.00pm

Tuesday 10th August 7.30 – 9.00pm

Monday 23rd August 1.00 – 2.30pm

Wednesday 25th August 7.30 -9.00pm

Thursday 26th August 7.30 – 9.00pm

Register @ www.scouts.org.uk/events

#GoodForYou



Attracting New Volunteers

How good is your Group/Unit at attracting new volunteers? Back in June I attended the latest Adult Recruitment Workshop simply called 'Attract'. The message of the workshop was very clear,

'It's not just you: it's a team thing'

Hence the question, 'How good is your Group/Unit at attracting new volunteers?' Try this little activity we were asked to do. Simply put a mark where you think your Group is against each of the statements.

Statement	Strongly disagree	Somewhere in the middle	Strongly agree
Our Group/Unit engage, build relationships and positively interact with parents.			
Our Group/Unit is proactive at identifying opportunities to attract new volunteers			
Our Group/Unit has a positive atmosphere			
Our Group/Unit work well together			
Our Group/Unit is welcoming and friendly			
We are good at identifying where our Group are and what tasks we need help with			
Our Group/Unit is active and visible in the local community			
Our Group/Unit supports potential new volunteers to take things at their own pace			

Where does your Group stand now? If you want support with attracting new volunteers get in touch with me and I will come to your Group/Unit in person, or Zoom if you prefer, and talk with your current adults and actually get you started on finding the people you need.

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You Shape

This new badge will encourage young people to work with their section leaders, but ultimately, young people will decide what they want to achieve, how they want to achieve it, and when they've achieved each requirement.



It'll encourage young people to plan and lead programmes and represent Scouts locally.

Your District Youth Commissioners will champion the new badge at launch and support sections to get started delivering the activities.

If you want to find out more about our journey so far, check out the Scouts website: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-your-section/youth-shaped/youshape-award/>

Middlesbrough Scout Active Support Unit (SASU)



After surviving over a year with “Zoom” meetings it was great to be able to get back in a Face to Face situation all be it with some social distancing. On Wednesday 21st July 2021 we had our first meeting which consisted of an outside BarBQ at which there were 23 members attending. It was a very pleasant evening with all members catching up with colleagues that they had not seen for over a year.

At the end of the meeting 6 members were presented with Long Service Awards adding up to a total of 265 years service. These were made up by:- Avril Bradburn (15 years) Val Railton (40 years); Susan Corbin, Brian Filmer and David Helm (50 years each) and Doug Corbin (60 years).

Middlesbrough SAS is one of the few Units within Cleveland and meets on the third Wednesday of each month between 19.00 and 22.00. It is open to any leader in Scouting within Middlesbrough or the surrounding area.

New members are always welcome.



Liam Cawood District Youth Commissioner for Middlesbrough was on had to present the DYC Commendation award to Lucy from the 40th Middlesbrough for her work and dedication to the group.

Well Done Lucy





NEW!!

The DCC's Surgery - Thursday evenings at 7pm throughout August!

Have you got a burning Scouting issue you want to talk about?

Want to know about your Training requirements?

Want to recruit more adults or more young people?

Need ideas for your Section meetings come September?

Do you want to join our new Talk2Me team?

Join me, and another member of the County Team, each Thursday night in August at 7pm via Zoom to chat about anything Scouting, ask questions or seek information and we'll try and help you. We'll be zooming for about 30-45 minutes so join in any time. We'll talk with you one at a time. Our first guest is the County Chair, Frank Rose. Zoom links will be posted here on our FB page and via Team Cleveland on Thursdays.

A Treat for Leo

14-year-old Leo Armstrong a Scout from Middlesbrough, also known as 'hot dog boy' visited the Air Ambulance Base in his iconic costume. In the last year Leo has walked up and down Roseberry Topping for 12 hours and walked from Saltburn to Whitby dressed as a hot dog to raise money for our charity.

Well done Leo

