



Summit25



At the end of January three members of the County Leadership Team, Andy, Frank and Ian attended the Summit25 National Conference in Birmingham to help shape the national strategy for the next 10 years.



County Commissioner's Corner



Summit 25

Frank, Ian and I attended Summit 25 this month. It was a great opportunity to review the work completed in the last 5 years and more importantly a chance to discuss what Scouting will look like for the next 10 years. Insightful speakers from across various Youth charities gave their views on what being a child in 2035 would look like and the challenges and opportunities to us.

Challenges for Scouts include:

- Do we focus on strategies to grow Scouts or hope it happens naturally?
- Do we grow in areas of deprivation or in any area?
- Do we spend resources on a youth membership system or use it for other reasons?
- Do we build programme built on environmental sustainability or just have it as one of many factors in our programme?
- Do we put resource into mental health support for young people or assume our programme itself will support with mental health?

Currently The Scout Association are formulating plans for the next 10 years. As part of this they are holding Youth Forums where Scouts, Explorers and Network members can give their opinion on next steps. However, the first 3 years of this new strategy will be about embedding the changes that have been made and allowing 'recovery' time after what has been a frantic few years for volunteers.

If you have any thoughts on Scouting for the next 10 years, please share any thoughts with me.

Updated Safety training

Why everyone needs to complete the new learning

Our previous safety learning required improvements to help all our volunteers understand what good safety practice in Scouts looks like. This was also a commitment within our response to the Prevention of Future of Deaths report issued by the HM Coroner last year.

The new learning is completely new and isn't just a refresh of our old module – it's more comprehensive, covering more things you should need as a Scouts volunteer and will be much easier to apply to your role. We've developed the course alongside the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), the UK's leading accident prevention charity and specialists in safety. The course now covers:

- What our safety policy is and why it's important
- What your responsibilities are in terms of safety
- How to assess and manage risks
- How to respond to and report incidents

The learning also contains practical, relevant and engaging scenarios to help volunteers apply good safety practices. All training can be accessed via the new online membership system and **MUST** be completed by 14th July 2025.

Andy



Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Two months packed with programme ideas!

February 2025

Badge of the month: Digital Citizen Stage Badge

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
27 January	28 January	29 January	30 January	31 January	1	2
					National Story Telling Week - Story stories	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Children's Mental Health Week - Go on a mindfulness walk						
National Story Telling Week - Create story stories						
			Time to Talk Day Make a wellbeing chatterbox	National Pizza Day Cook pitta pocket pizzas		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Safer Internet Day Play moral compass		World Radio Day Play phonetic phrases	Valentine's Day Make a card to thank a friend		
	International Day of Women and Girls in Science Make a recycled rocket jetpack			International Book Giving Day Create a little library		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
National Engineers Week - Designing Solutions						
Random Acts of Kindness Day Kindness bananas			World Day of Social Justice Try Equity spaghetti		Founder's Day Play Capture the flag	
24	25	26	27	28		
	National Tell a Fairy Tale Day Go on a story time adventure	International Polar Bear Day Climate change quiz		Carnival of Brazil Bake some Brazilian brigadeiros		
					What's happening this month: LGBT History Month Explore LGBT history	

March 2025

Badge of the month: Try one of our Science Badges

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1	2
					St David's Day Make Welsh cakes	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
World Wildlife Day Make seed balls	Pancake Day Make tin can pancakes World Engineering Day Make the best bridge		World Book Day Make a book cover	Global Day of Unplugging		
				British Science Week - Make invisible ink		
					International Women's Day Learn to fly like Amelia Earhart	♀
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
British Science Week - Make invisible ink						
			Purim - Make graggers			Bubble week
				Holi Celebrate the festival of colours		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Bubble week - Make your own bubble wands						
Neurodiversity celebration week - How do you see the world						
St Patrick's Day Irish soda bread		Spring Equinox Grow sunflowers			World Water Day Make foraged filters	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			World Theatre Day Put on a performance			EID - Baklava
						Mother's Day LEDs celebrate
31						
EID - Baklava						
				What's happening this month: Women's History Month Make a zine and learn about amazing women ♀		

Find more activity ideas at scouts.org.uk/activities

First Response Training 2025

In 2023 we signed up with Hampshire Scouts for our volunteers to attend their online training for Module 10A then to do the practical part (Module 10B) here in Cleveland once 10A is completed. We will continue to advertise County-wide courses run by our accredited First Response Trainers via our Cleveland Scout Leaders Facebook page and Team Cleveland WhatsApp group. Districts may also be putting on their own face-to-face courses throughout the year and you will be notified of them depending upon which District you belong to.

DATES FOR HAMPSHIRE SCOUTS' ONLINE TRAINING 2025

All First Response 10A e-learning and zoom sessions

- Monday 20th January 7.15pm
- Thursday 13th February 7.15pm
- Tuesday 18th March 7.15pm
- Monday 7th April 7.15pm
- Tuesday 13th May 7.15pm
- Wednesday 11th June 7.15pm
- Tuesday 15th July 7.15pm
- Monday 18th August 7.15pm
- Wednesday 24th September 7.15pm
- Tuesday 14th October 7.15pm
- Thursday 20th November 7.15pm
- Tuesday 9th December 7.15pm

To book on any of these courses go to First Response - Hampshire Scouts - Adult Training and go to the booking page via the book online link.

Once you have completed Module 10A with Hampshire Scouts email me, dccprogrammecs@gmail.com and I will contact one of our accredited First Response Trainers to arrange the very short 10B practical with you.

Jambowlree

Running until the end of the year. Any age section from any country from any Scouting (or Guiding) organisation can take part. Turn an evening bowling into an international event! More info at <http://www.jambowlree.org>



The Earth Tribe Award



How it works

The Earth Tribe Award runs alongside our current programme, but doesn't replace any current programme awards or badges related to the environment.

The activities for the Earth Tribe Award can count towards these badge requirements too. They can also count towards the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge.

We want young people to be as creative as they like with this, and choose activities to bring it to life in your local community. These could be anything from building bee gardens and learning about local ecosystems, to conserving energy in Scout meeting places.

The badges are available to pre-order now at Scout Store. They can be worn on uniform by young people on the right sleeve, below Group and Area Badges.

James Bowen

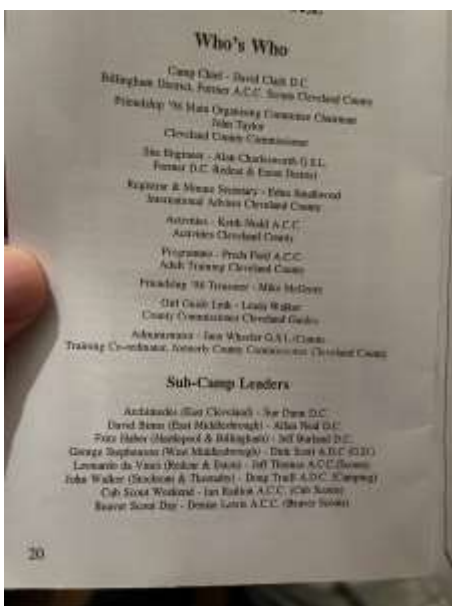
James is Lead Volunteer for the Middlesbrough District and he also volunteers for the Hartlepool Coastguard Rescue Team. Last year James and the team were awarded the title of Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Hartlepool for their work as Coastguards.

James and the team were also awarded the Kings Coronation Medal for their long service.



Andy's Christmas Present

County Lead Volunteer's Andy's surprise Christmas present from his wife Clare - the Friendship 98 Camp handbook with a few familiar names cropping up on the Who's Who page!



2nd Billingham

Huge thanks to BTC sponsored Billingham Stars for inviting our Scout section down to watch the Billingham Stars play the Sheffield Scimitars this weekend. Not only was it a great game, but getting to come onto the ice for a photo with the team was a great experience too enjoyed by our Scouts!



18th Hartlepool

Tonight the cubs started working on their World Challenge Badge by making community maps. As one of our leaders is a policeman he told us about the different services in our area and how they help. We also made planters for the railway project. We ended our night by have 4 beavers swim up to cubs, we now have a very full cub pack.



Christmas Memories from 3rd Guisborough

We would like to congratulate the 3rdGuisborough cubs on winning District Human Monopoly.

Also some of the members receiving there silver award at their Christmas camp with scouts in December

Akela Tania J for receiving her wood badge at camp

Also the 3rdGuisborough Christmas show



Northumberland Scouts

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Join us for our County Camp from Friday 23rd – Monday 26th May 2025 at Causey Park! 🚩

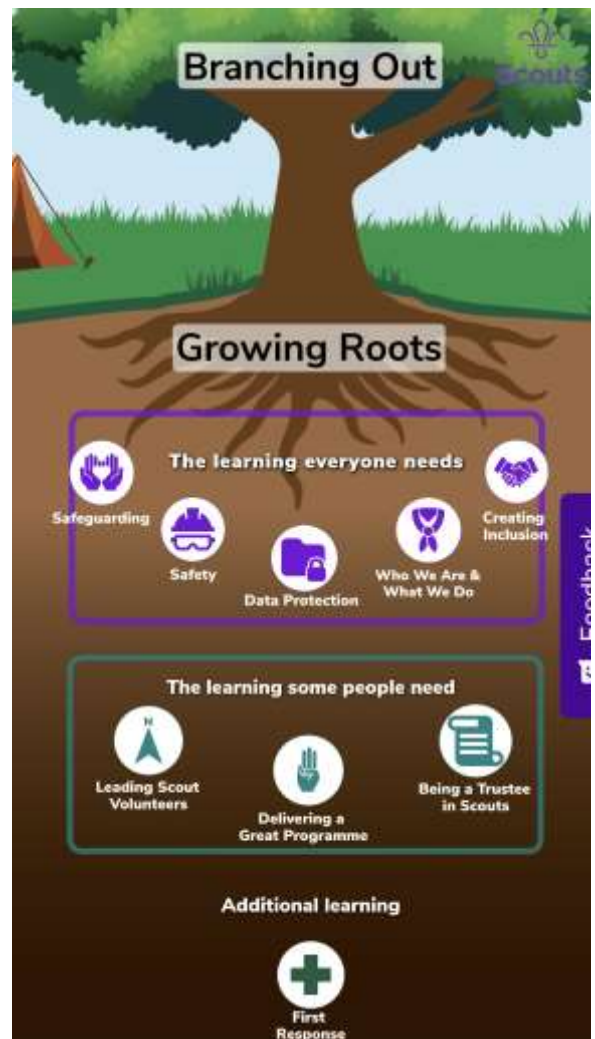
Get set for an action-packed, fun weekend as you...

- ✅ Get active, with adventurous activities including climbing 🧗, target sports 🎯 and grass sledging!
- ✅ Explore our world and the universe beyond, with out-of-this-world STEM activities and a visit to the Kielder Observatory Planetarium live on site! 🙋
- ✅ Enjoy inflatables and fairground rides 🎡 for all ages!
- ✅ Learn new skills and get creative 🧠
- ✅ Take on section-specific programme activities and challenges running throughout the weekend! 🏆

You can find more details and a link to the booking form, including day bookings, at www.northumberlandscouts.org.uk/camp-northumbria/

Booking deadline 1 April 2025. We welcome bookings from Scouts in nearby counties, as well as our colleagues in Girlguiding UK.

#CampNorthumbria #CampNorthumbria2025 #NorthumberlandScouts #SkillsForLife



The volunteer joining journey



Begin your volunteer joining journey.

Within 30 days



Safety
(Growing Roots learning)



Safeguarding
(Growing Roots learning)

Criminal record check

Within six weeks

Welcome Conversation

Internal check

Declarations

References

Within six months

Growing Roots

Learning everyone needs



Data Protection in Scouts



Creating inclusion



Who we are and what we do



Leading Scout volunteers

Learning some people need



Being a Trustee in Scouts



Delivering a great programme

Congratulations you're now a full member!

Adventure and opportunity this way

Other things you can do

Uniform, promise, necker

Talk to local volunteers

Join in

Welcome pack

Find a Buddy



The new Volunteer Joining Journey.


<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/running-things-locally/recruiting-and-managing-volunteers/welcoming-volunteers/joining-journey/>

If you have any questions please contact Ian Railton

Cleveland Scouts Watersport

Today Cleveland Scouts Watersport received a phone call from the Hedley Foundation to tell us that we were successful in our latest grant application for £3,500. This will go towards replacing the older kayaks with more modern kayaks better suited to young people.

It's grants like this and the hard work of the team which has enabled us to invest in new kit over recent years to improve watersport opportunities for young people in Cleveland.

Not long to go until bookings open on the 28th February. 



Synthonia Scout Group

Tonight at Beavers we had a special visit from Cleveland Mountain Rescue Team. Jack explained to us how to call mountain rescue, what they do as a service. We also got to see some equipment and the flashing lights and sirens on the vehicle. All the beavers really enjoyed this experience.

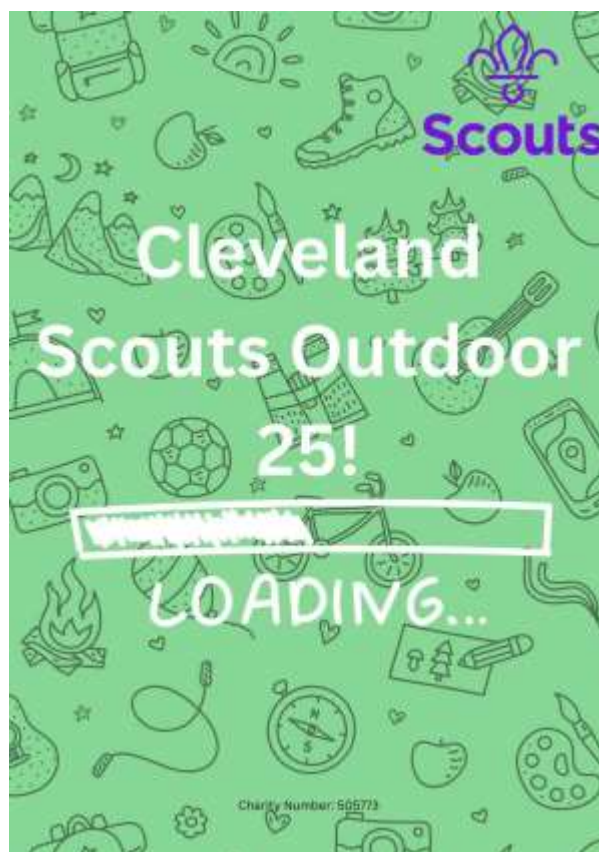


Tonight the scouts took part in a Trangia cooking competition. We had two different stir fry dishes, a paella and sausages with mashed potatoes. None of these dishes are easy on a Trangia stove and all the scouts really excelled. When marking the scouts we judged them on their teamwork and preparation, not just on the food they cooked, and in the end there was only 2 points between 1st and 4th! Well done to all the scouts for a massive effort



The squirrels started of 2025 with some games and dancing, working towards the be active badge.

It was lovely to see you all and be back to scouting again.



1st Norton on Tees Scout Group

The Scouts shared their hobbies and interests in their first meeting back. It was great to see their passion for a range of interests.



East Cleveland Scout District

Volunteers completed an outdoor first aid qualification this weekend. Well done and thank you all for giving your weekend up to help ensure that safety is always top priority.



1st Skelton Scout Group

Old school tasks at Scouts tonight.



Calling Beavers, Cubs and Scouts!

The [Royal Air Force Youth Engagement Team](https://www.royalairforce.gov.uk/youth-engagement) are kindly sponsoring takeover days at RAF Museums again this year to help you achieve your Air Activities Badge. To find out more, please follow the link: <https://bit.ly/4hfhS5w>





READY FOR THE NEXT ADVENTURE?
ENTER THE 2025 CLEVELAND HIKE
21st & 22nd JUNE 2025

Challenge yourself in an exhilarating competitive hiking event set in the breathtaking North York Moors.

Whether you're looking to test your limits on one of the UK's most loved hiking events, or just want an adventure you'll never forget with your friends.

Run, walk or jog, the Cleveland Hike can be **your race, your way.**

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE CLEVELAND HIKE

Using only maps and compasses, navigate your way from checkpoint to checkpoint across the North Yorkshire Moors.

Points are awarded based on reaching each checkpoint within the target times and by successfully completing either a physical, skill based or mental challenge at each checkpoint.

2025 will be the 60th Cleveland Hike!

WHAT DISTANCE IS THE HIKE?

Entrants can choose to compete in the full two day competition (30 miles) or either of the single day events (choose from 10 or 20 miles).

*Overall distances may vary slightly based on the finalised routes.

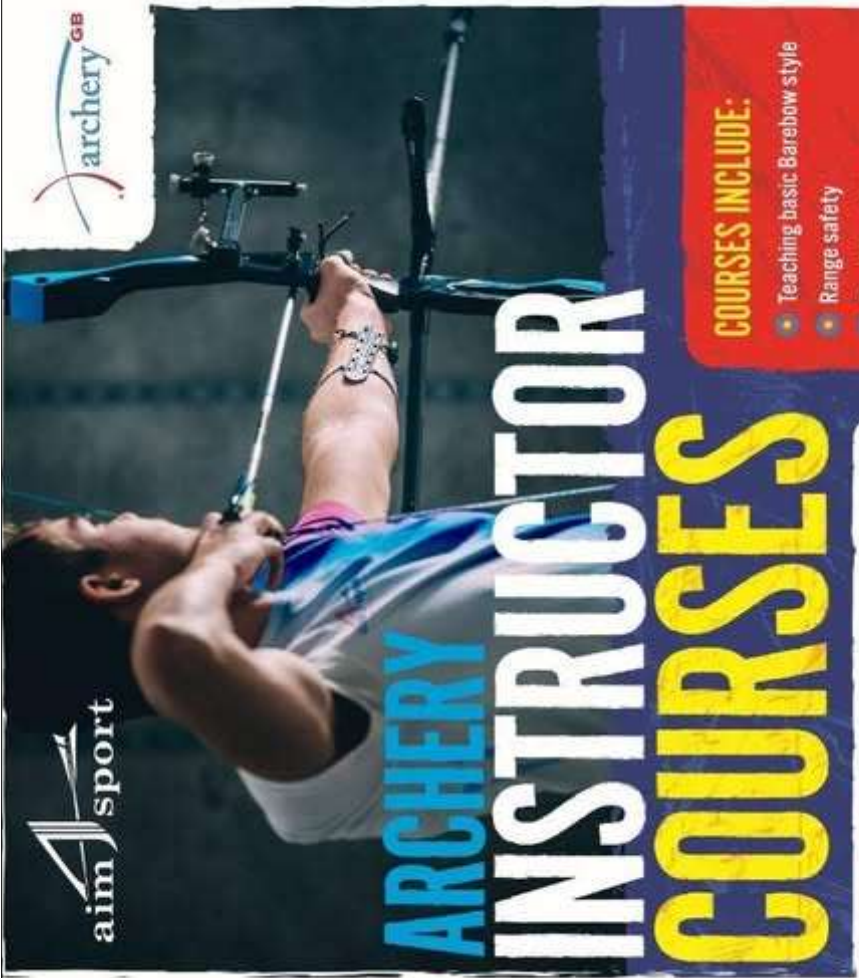
WHO CAN ENTER

The Cleveland Hike is split into three competitions:

ADULT TEAMS	YOUTH TEAMS	EXPEDITION TEAMS
Ages 20+ (Teams of 3 or 4)	Ages 12-19 (Teams of 3 or 4)	Non-competitive teams or teams with under-12's and an adult

READY TO TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE?
 Find out more information about the hike and enter online via our website.

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ARCHERY INSTRUCTOR COURSES

COURSE DATE: Mon 31st Mar – 1st Apr 2025
VENUE: Eskdale Academy, 82 Eskdale Road, Hartleppol, TS25 4BT

The Archery GB Instructor Award is our new entry level training course for people working in leisure, recreation and educational environments.

The course is focussed on training learners to deliver fun and safe introductory archery sessions.

- COURSES INCLUDE:**
- Teaching basic Barebow style
 - Range safety
 - Coaching others
 - Improving basic technique
 - Range set-up
 - Choosing the correct equipment
 - Practical shooting (Assessment)
 - Multi question test (Assessment)
 - Instructor manuals provided

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