



Completed all the CLEVELAND challenges?
Then you've earned the Cleveland Boundary Challenge badge. Priced at £1 each, contact Ian Railton at dccprogrammecs@gmail.com to order yours.



Have you booked !!!

Closing date for provisional numbers
- May 13th Ravensill

Don't miss out book today

BIRTHDAY FUN DAY
RAVEN GILL CAMPSITE
14TH SEPTEMBER
10AM-4PM

Celebrate 50 years of Cleveland County with a day packed with fun activities for all.

Climbing Wall Backspoons cooking
Craft area Giant Games
Crazy Golf Course Nerf Guns
Tomahawk Throwing Archery
Grass Sledges

£5 Child £2 Adult

To Name but a few!!!!

When registering your team/part please consider the limited space at Raven Gill (smaller car places and buses and vans) District Camp Team.

Bookings taken from 1st April To 30th April
Numbers to Ian Railton
dccprogrammecs@gmail.com

Scouts

WATER ACTIVITIES WEEKEND

Event Information

ACTIVITIES
Enjoy the course of a 2 hour session by three activities from:
• Kayaking
• Canoeing
• Stand Up Paddleboarding
• Inflatable Rafting
• Inflatable Boat

5th-7th JULY

£7.50 per person

BOOK

CONTACT
events@scouts.org.uk
www.clevelandscouts.org.uk

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Most Entertaining Illustrator
Liz Million

Saturday 11th May
10am - 11am
12 noon - 1pm
2pm - 3pm

Middlesborough HQ
Tollenby Road
TS6 7PQ

Bookings to
Ian Railton
dccprogrammecs@gmail.com

£3 each.

Scouts

County Commissioner's Corner



County AGM Saturday June 8th 10-4pm Teesside University

You are all cordially invited to attend our 51st AGM. The day will include presentations from World Scout Jamboree Unit and Haarlem attendees. I will then be giving an update on the challenges and opportunities for Scouting in 2024 and beyond. In the afternoon, workshops around safety and growth planning will be available alongside awards and certificate presentations. Please attend to find out about all these opportunities for volunteers in Cleveland.

Policy and Public Affairs Youth Advocates Applications NOW OPEN

After the publication of [Our Scouts' Manifesto](#), the Scouts policy team at Gilwell Park are now looking for 5 Policy and Public Affairs Advocates to join the growing team.

As a Policy and Public Affairs Youth Advocate, you'll showcase how Scouts develops #SkillsForLife and supports both young people and volunteers.

The recommendations in the manifesto will steer our actions for the next 2-3 years, offering ample opportunities for you to make a meaningful difference.

Throughout the year, your input will be instrumental in shaping our initiatives. Whether you're passionate about outdoor learning or civic engagement, you can help drive campaigns on these critical topics.

What Will I Get Out of This?

- Engage directly with senior government leaders and lead campaigns for positive change.
- Attend events like Party Conferences and connect with fellow Scouts advocates.
- Develop invaluable skills in public speaking, campaign management, and collaborative leadership.

Who Are We Looking For?

- Young people aged 18-25 within the Scout movement.
- Particularly interested in candidates:
 - o Who have not previously engaged in national youth voice or participation opportunities but are effecting change at a local or regional level.
 - o From Black, Asian, and ethnic minority backgrounds.

The application deadline is **09:00 on Wednesday 29th May.**

Know of a young person in Scouts that would be a brilliant Youth Advocate? We are welcoming nominations

Andy

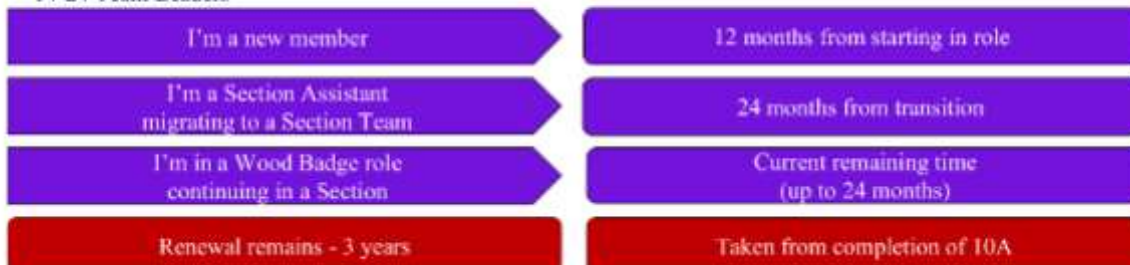
First Aid Update.

As we migrate to new Team models, just a reminder of the requirements for every member for First Response training:

First Aid Reminder

First Response required for these roles:

- Section Team Members (inc. Section Assistants)
- Group Lead Volunteers
- District Section Team Members
- 14-24 Team Leaders



Reminder of webinars and training to support Transformation

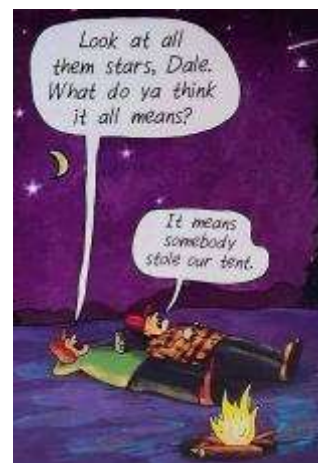
Look out for invites for the below webinars in all members emails coming soon.

Targeted Webinars



Astronomer's

Doing the Astronomer's badge in the younger sections?
Make edible constellations!

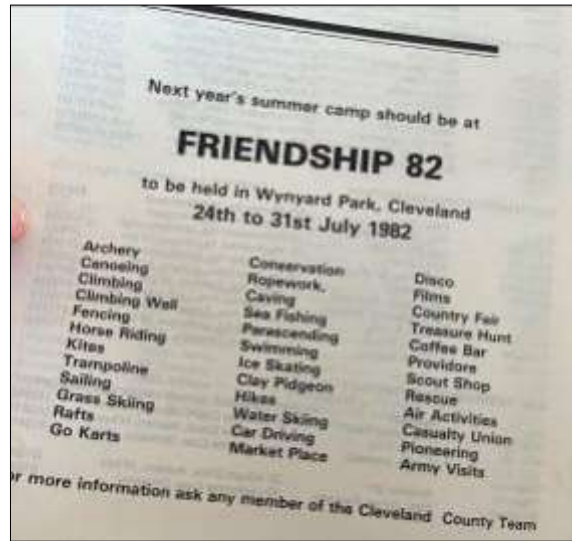




Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Flashback to Friendship 82 and the activities on offer.



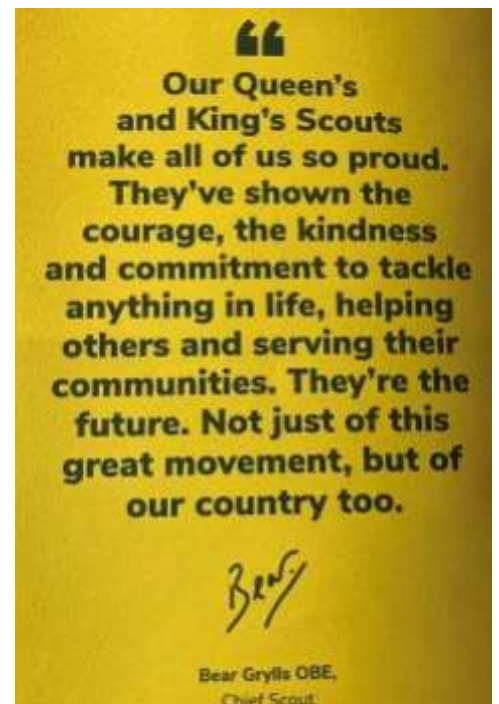
Are you a Queens Scout or a Kings Scout, Can you help?

Do you know someone who is, and you/they gained the award since 1974 in Cleveland?

I'm attempting to put together a list of our Queens Scout and Kings Scout recipients since 1974. Up to now I've got a list of over 150 going back to 1979 when Clare Lynas became our first female Queens Scout in the County, but not the 7 males who received theirs at the same time.

Send the names, Venture / Explorer Unit and the year received to dccprogrammecs@gmail.com

Thank you
Ian Railton



Bear Grylls OBE,
Chief Scout.

County Fun Day 2024 - Let's Celebrate!

The Information

The date: Saturday 14th September 2024

The venue: Raven Gill Campsite, Commondale.

The time: The day will start at 10am and end at 3.30pm.



Who can attend? Anyone in Cleveland Scouts from the youngest Squirrel to the oldest volunteer! Everyone is more than welcome to attend but the activities are for the 4-24s!

The cost: £5 per young person and £2 per adult. However, Explorers can choose whether they want to do the activities, in which case they will pay £5, or if they want to attend as a Young Leader and help run the activities, then they will pay £2.

Additional costs: The Providore will be open and well stocked so please ask the young people to bring spending money for souvenirs, sweets and ices.

The purposes of the Fun Day: To celebrate the first 50 years of Cleveland Scouts, and to fulfil one of the CLEVELAND Challenges in the Birthday Pack.

How will it be organized? Different zones around the site with as many activities as we can manage! Some of the activities will need to be run by adults whilst some will be self-led. The day will end with a Campfire for everyone at 3pm.

Food and refreshments: Everyone will need to bring a packed lunch and the activities will close for a short time in the middle of the day so that they can be eaten together. Refreshments will be available for Leaders.

Travelling arrangements: If you need to travel by coach then please arrange to travel with another Group if possible, especially if you are a small one. It will help everyone reduce transport costs. More local Groups may want to use parent transport.

When do bookings open? Bookings will open on Monday 1st April 2024 and will close on Monday 13th May 2024.

How do I book? See the following instructions.

Stage 1: Easiest way to book will be as a Group. 'Appoint' a Fun Day co-ordinator who will be the liaison person I will deal with right through until the day itself for the Group or however many Sections are attending.

Stage 2: The co-ordinator emails me (Ian Railton – dccprogrammecs@gmail.com) the Group's numbers for each Section attending the Fun Day by Monday 13th May 2024 and I will confirm with the co-ordinator how much is due.

How do I pay?

Either pay the County by bank transfer or cheque.

Bank transfer:

Bank: HSBC

Account name: Cleveland Scout Council

Sort code: 40-33-01

Account number: 31054457

Clearly state Group and that it's for the Fun Day so the County Treasurer knows how to account for it.

Cheque:

Send cheques to:

David Skaife (County Treasurer)
450 Acklam Road
Middlesbrough
TS5 8BB




















Clearly state Group and that it's for the Fun Day on the back of the cheque so David knows how to account for it.

What can we look forward to on the day?

**climbing wall...nerf guns and crossbows...archery.....parachute games
duck race...inflatables...assault course...arts and crafts...the military...
giant games...circus skills...photo-booth...bushcraft skills...
remote controlled models...50th birthday trails and scavenger...
hunts...aeroplane and helicopter making...passport and stamps to
collect....grass sledges...orienteering...mazeboards...lawn darts and
more! Plenty of FUN for everyone!**

Squirrels

Scavenger Hunt!

Can you find...	?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Something jaggy	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
Something smooth	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
The longest piece of grass you can find	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
Something fluffy or soft	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
Something blue	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
Something special!	 		<input type="checkbox"/>

Can you find...	?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A leaf bigger than your hand			<input type="checkbox"/>
A twig the same size as your thumb			<input type="checkbox"/>
A flower or blossom			<input type="checkbox"/>
6 small stones	6		<input type="checkbox"/>
Something yellow	 		<input type="checkbox"/>
A piece of litter to put in the bin			<input type="checkbox"/>

Census

Good morning everyone,

This email has been sent bcc to DCs, GSLs and points of contact in Groups. It is not confidential so can be shared within Groups, Districts and Trustee Boards.

I hope that by now you will have read the County Commissioner's words about **50 UP** in the April Courier. This email adds a bit more flesh to the bones.

The background

After analysis of the 2024 census, we had a very small growth of young people within the County but, we are still not at the levels we were at pre-Covid 5 years ago.

The census showed that we had 13 Groups who had at least 50 members. This would suggest that these Groups are in a really strong position, but could still grow. Coincidentally, all five Groups who have Squirrel Dreys are within the top 8 of this group.

9 Groups had between 37 and 49 young people, but we have 11 Groups with less than 36 young people which we consider to be the minimum number a Group should have. However, 2 of these are not a concern as both have only two Sections presently but both Groups showed the largest increases last year for different reasons. We will focus on the other 9 Groups.

1 Group chose to close last July without prior notice to its District which could have done something about it if they had been informed but were still included in the census.

What next?

The County has to grow.

In order to do this we have put together the **Cleveland Scouts Growth Plan 2024**, which is shortened to **50 UP** as it is linked to our 50th Birthday celebrations. It was approved by the County Trustee Board at its March meeting and shared with all but one DC in a zoom call last month.

Our Regional Commissioner and our Growth and Communities contact have both met with Andy and I to discuss Growth in the County (as HQ staff are doing with all Counties in the UK). Each County has to have a Growth Plan. Ours is slightly different because of the links to our 50th birthday but they both approve of it.

If you have not read your Courier or you do not receive it then the Growth Plan is attached.

Our support to you

- We will meet with the GSLs and Leaders of the 9 Groups smallest Groups to see how we can help them grow. This may involve making sure they have sufficient Leaders and they are trained appropriately, they are running exciting, attractive programmes in all Sections, they are meeting on the right night, they are located in the right area, they are joining in District and County events, etc
- We are prepared to discuss the issues with Trustee Boards at District and/or Group levels.
- If you want to talk about your plans for growth then please contact the County Commissioner or myself.
- We can loan you banners and t-shirts if you want to run a recruitment event
- We can help you plan recruitment days and taster evenings for young people and adults
- We can help you plan school presentations
- We can help you write flyers

What we would like to see in the Census 2025 figures next January.

- **Each District INCREASES by at least 50 young people across their Groups**
- **The number of Explorers in the County INCREASES by at least 50**
- **The numbers of Leaders in the County INCREASES by at least 50.** This is less than one per Section. If we can get one per Section than we will have over 100 new Leaders
- **The numbers of Groups with less than 36 young people DECREASES by 50%.** In the past 7 years we've lost 7 Groups all of whom had less than 36 young people. We do not want to lose any more. We would like to see five possibly six Groups increase their numbers to more than 36.
- **The number of Squirrel Dreys in the County INCREASES by 50%.** At present we have 5, by January 2025 we would like to have 8. If you open up a new Drey this year you will get funding and support from HQ but the funding **STOPS** later this year.
- **The number of Groups with at least 50 young people INCREASES by 50%.** At present we have 11 Groups between 37 and 49, by January 2025 we would like to have 18 or 19 Groups with at least 50 young people.



Rewarding Growth

- For the past few years we have rewarded Groups and Units with a Growth Certificate presented at the County AGM. Last year we rewarded every Section and Group / Unit which grew with a Growth Certificate.
- In 2025, we will award Growth Certificates as usual and badges to all the young people and leaders in Groups and Units which grow by at least 10 young people according to the 2025 Census compared to 2024's. Details are attached.
- In addition in 2025, those Groups and Units growing by at least 10 will also receive a financial reward. Details are attached
- Those Groups and Units which grow by at least 10 and are in Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) areas 1, 2 or 3 will receive double the financial reward.

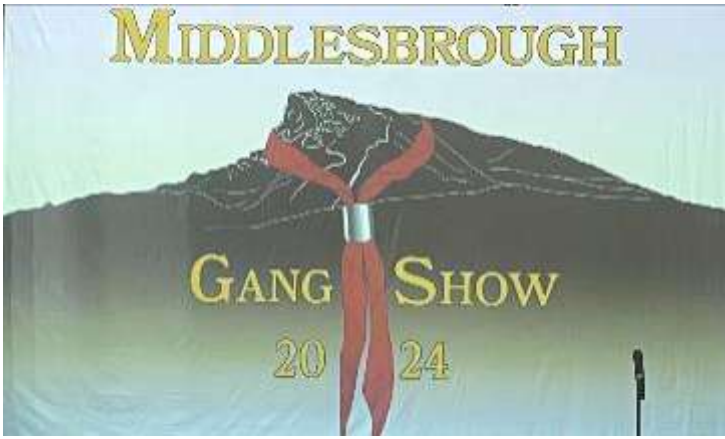
Growth is essential for our County. It is a measure of our success. We've done it in the past decade and we must do it again. Let's start in 2024. We look forward to seeing the plan come to fruition.

Ian
Deputy County Commissioner for Programme.

Be proud of everything you've achieved
Think back on your adventures and the friendships you've made
Reflect on the tough times as well as the good
Look forward to the great adventures yet to come
Say thank you to those who've supported you along the way
Never be afraid to ask for help – it's the bravest thing we can do
Inspire others in the same way those who inspired you
Never forget your promise to do your best and help other people
Shine bright – you're the best of the best

Bear Grylls OBE,
Chief Scout

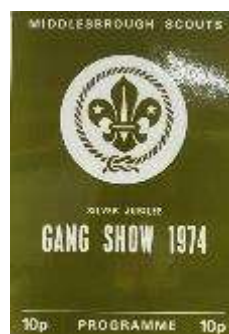
The Gang Have Been in Town



The Scouts of Middlesbrough put on a fantastic show at the Middlesbrough Theatre. It has been said it was one of their best. Chris Cooke also made a visit



The Gang Were in Town in 1974



We had been promised more photograph and items from the young people but as yet they haven't arrived .

Hopefully we will have more for next month.



St Georges Day

Activities from TVN's St George's Fun Day.

The also renewed their Promise



1st and 3rd Guisborough celebrating St George's Day in St Nicholas' Church and at the Priory afterwards.



Beth Gibson

Today was the day!! I was honoured to be a part of the Day of Celebration at Windsor Castle, parading around the Quadrangle with other top award holders from around the UK! Was such an amazing once in a life time opportunity and I cannot explain how amazing it was to be a part of it as the last ever Queen Scout. It was lovely to see old friends, make new ones and to march along side the Army's band!! So excited to see where Scouting takes me next!! 🙌

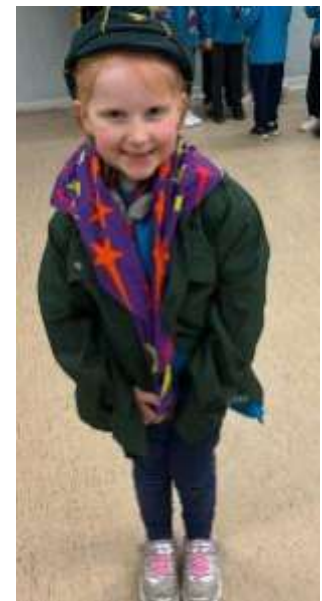
Congratulations to Beth Gibson who took part in the Winsor St Georges Day parade. She holds the last ever Queen Scout to be awarded in the UK.

East Cleveland's District Campfire at Raven Gill to celebrate St George's Day including Promise Renewals.



Time Capsule is on the Move Again

This time it was at the 43rd Beavers/Scouts



Middlesbrough SAS Celebrated St Georges day



Middlesbrough SAS celebrated St Georges Day in style. They ate true English style food and then the Battle of Britain was re-enacted after they made their planes. Not sure who actually won this time.

Scouting in Lights

Stockton Council lit up Newport Bridge to celebrate Cleveland Scouts 50th Birthday and St Georges Day



Newport Bridge and Stockton Riverside lit up red and white to celebrate St George's Day.



Out & About in Cleveland

1st Loftus

Cubs completed their chefs badge tonight cooking a 2 course meal of stir fry and fruit cocktail. They loved the tasting part of this too! 🍷



1st Norton-on-Tees

Tonight our Scouts visited Billingham Food Bank to learn about the work they do in the community and helped out with packing some food parcels for those in need.



43rd Middlesbrough

Great night walk last night with the Scouts and Explorers. We had 5 new members invested at Captain Cook's monument and ticked off more of our Cleveland Birthday Challenge. See you all after half term.



40th Hartlepool

Yesterday the Beavers and Cubs had a visit to Hodgson Fish Quay, we learned about different fish, seen a lobster and crab. Then we sung happy birthday to Thomas and he got some fish cakes.



East Cleveland Scouts

Young Leaders & Explorers from across the District have undertaken an Expedition Training Weekend [Seeonee Lair Kettleness Scout Centre](#) in preparation for top award expeditions over the summer.

What a fantastic bunch of young people we have in the District and thank you to all the adult volunteers who made this weekend happen.



Out & About in Cleveland

Middlesbrough SAS

Middlesbrough SAS have been travelling again. This time 5 days in Scotland.

2025 trip is already penciled in. Why not come and join us.



Synthonia Scout Group

Synthonia completing 2 of the 50th birthday challenges.

Visiting the beach and asking a visitor questions



1st Norton

Lisa at 1st Norton investing a new Cub at the Fire Station.

18th Hartlepool

18th Hartlepool investing three Cubs at Summerhill Activity Centre.

