



WE ARE 50

At the County AGM Ian Railton revealed the badge that will be available for all members of Cleveland County to wear to celebrate Cleveland County Scouts 50th birthday.

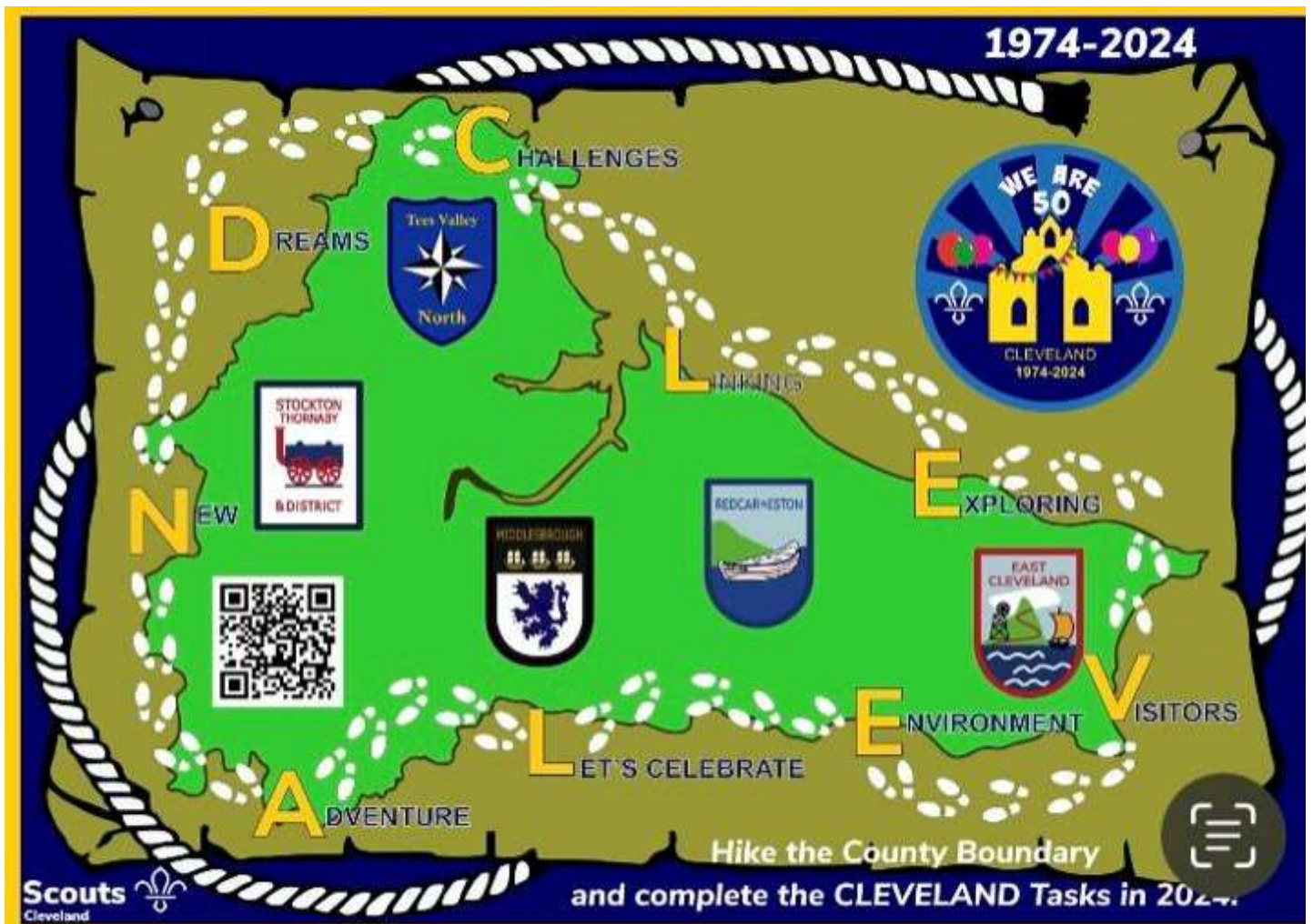
This badge will be available later in the year.



This is the map of the Cleveland Scout Boundary which every Section in every Group and Unit will receive during the Autumn on which they can track their hike around it.

This was originally going to be a County activity in 1992 but was not very well supported and was eventually called off due to bad weather.

This one won't be called off!



County Commissioner's Corner



Cleveland County AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the County AGM and Leaders day a few weeks ago. Hopefully you found the day enlightening and learned some more about the transformation and changes ahead for Scouting especially the information Carl Hankinson UK Chief Commissioner shared.

More information about the Transformation process can be found from Ian Railton later in the Courier.

Cleveland Scouts is looking for a Safety Advisor and Safeguarding Advisor to support us in ensuring Safe Scouting across the county. What do the roles entail:

SAFETY ADVISOR & SAFEGUARDING ADVISOR

Main tasks:

- Provide support across the County on matters of safety or Safeguarding i.e. providing advice to Trustee Boards, commissioners, campsite managers and wardens and leaders, supporting with local understanding of risk assessment.
- Ensuring members within the County stay up to date on safety or safeguarding advice, guidance and rules to promote a culture of Safe Scouting across the local area.
- Providing a level of assurance for the local Trustee Board. This can include reviewing risk assessments, auditing safety and safeguarding procedures for premises (such as Raven Gill Campsite) or events and other tasks as requested by the County Commissioner or County Trustee Board.
- Collaborate with all adults to ensure that The Scouts safety and safeguarding policy is understood and implemented at all levels.
- Provide information and support to event organisers on how to ensure events are delivered safely and in line with Scouts policies.

Support the County Commissioner, District Commissioners and Group Scout Leaders to use tools and checkers (such as the 'Keeping Scouting Good' and 'Safe Scouting premisesaudit' and be available to offer help and support in implementing resulting actions.

Keep up to date with national Scouts developments relating to safety or safeguarding, using the information available (including management information and data, local and national learnings) to support and develop a culture of Safe Scouting within the County.

Initial tasks would be to support Raven Gill in ensuring Safe Scouting occurs on the site. Also providing advice and support to districts and groups in ensuring Safe Premises and Safe Programme.

If you are interested in either of these roles, contact Andy @clevelandscoutscc@gmail.com.

Andy



Cleveland Courier

The next issue of the Courier will be in September. If you have any items from your Summer events especially ones written by younger members please send them to clevelandcourier14@gmail.com



Cleveland County's AGM

1st Ingleby Barwick trying out the County photo frame at the County AGM. Memories from the last 50 years. Two recent ones.



- the giant Necker that was put together for the Cubs100 at Flamingoland in 2016

- the giant Outdoor Challenge badge from 2017 when all Sections were asked to meet once a month for a year outdoors! Over 900 badges were awarded!



Awards presented by Ian



Awards were
also presented
by
Carl Hankinson



Two Mayors were there
as well

'Our aim is to bring up the next generation as useful citizens with a wider outlook than before and thereby to develop goodwill and peace in the world through comradeship and co-operation, in place of the prevailing rivalry between classes, creeds and countries, which has done so much in the past to produce wars and unrest.'
Robert Baden-Powell, 1932

September 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August	1	2	3
				Gilwell Reunion		
				World Letter Writing Day Write a letter to your MP		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	International Day of Charity Learn about local charities			International Literacy Day Share your favourite story	Emergency Services Day Practise making an emergency call	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Hot Cross Bun Day Make campfire hot cross buns				Great British Beach Clean – Discover your local coastline		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Great British Beach Clean – Discover your local coastline						
	Talk Like a Pirate Day Play a quick game		World Gratitude Day Create a card		FSC Forest Week	
			International Day of Peace Design a safe space		BI Visibility Day Learn about the rainbow flag	(PM) Yom Kippur –
25	26	27	28	29	30	
FSC Forest Week – Create a sustainable time capsule						
Visit a place of worship				Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste Track your footprint		

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

What's happening this month:

Secondhand September
Give upcycling a go

Jamboree Time

Our World Scout Jamboree Scouts plus our Haarlem Jamborette enjoying last-minute preparation before embarking on their life-changing experiences in August!

Have a safe journey everyone and come back with plenty of stories to tell and memories to relive!



The Haarlem Jamborette Unit are having their YouthShaped Patrol Days today! Patrol 2 have organised pizza making at PizzaExpress followed by Bowling :) #youthshapeaward #plan #lead





Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Cleveland Scouts Transformation Update

Last month we held our first County Transformation Zoom Call and I was really pleased to see over 30 other volunteers on the screen! Thanks to everyone for joining in.

We talked about the slides that I had sent out following the HQ Zoom Call, clarified points and asked questions. We agreed that we would ask Carl one or two questions at the AGM which we did.

The next HQ meeting is on Tuesday 27th June and our County follow-up meeting to it will be on **Sunday 9th July at 7pm on Zoom**. Prior to this, as soon as I receive the slides from HQ, I will send them out to the 155 volunteers I have emails for. If you're not one of these 155 and you want to be, just email me at dccprogrammecs@gmail.com and ask to be added.

Transforming Getting Started Training

By now I hope that everyone who started Getting started training prior to February 2023 has now completed it. For those who haven't, I'm afraid you will be suspended until it is.

The reason that we wanted everyone to complete by June 30th is twofold, firstly your initial commitment to do the training within 5 months of joining and secondly, because it's changing. From February 2024 it will be called.....

Growing Roots

- **Growing Roots will become the new mandatory learning for all our volunteers**
- **Volunteers will have 6 months to complete their Growing Roots learning**
- **Growing Roots will comprise of two parts:**
 - **The learning a volunteer needs to get started**
 - **The learning a volunteer needs for their team and role**

The Learning everyone needs to get started

- **What we do and how we do it**
- **Safe Scouting**
- **Data Protection in scouts**
- **Creating Inclusion**

The learning a volunteer needs for their role

- **Delivering a Great Programme – for Section Team members**
- **Leading Scout Volunteers – for Team Leaders and Lead Volunteers**
- **Being a Trustee in Scouts – for Trustees**

More information is available at: www.scouts.org.uk/about-us/transformation-leads-resource-hub/

The 2023 Programme Awards

To recognise the importance of the Programme in Scouting and the part it plays in retaining and recruiting new members and volunteers, it was decided last year that we would hold our own Programme Awards Ceremony which would take place at the County AGM in June at Teesside University.

John Trotter, Group Scout Leader at 1st Norton was asked to make a unique trophy to present to each winner and Paul Elliott, District Commissioner Tees Valley North was asked to design a certificate for both the winners and all those nominated. Many thanks to John and Paul for giving up more time to help Scouting! (Ringo and George weren't available!)



Squirrels Programme of the Year Joint Winners

- 27th Middlesbrough – visit to Middlesbrough Fire Station
- 1st Ingleby Barwick – pyjama night for last night of the term



Beavers Programme of the Year Winner

- Tees Valley North – Burns Night District event complete with Piper.

Cubs Programme of the Year Winner

- 2nd Billingham – Learning British Sign Language to 'sing' Christmas Carols

Scouts Programme of the Year Winner

- Synthonia – Maze-making using power tools



Explorers Programme of the Year Winner

- Billingham Explorers – visiting Stockton Police Station

Best Raven Gill Residential Experience Winner

- 27th Middlesbrough Group Camp – celebrating HM The Queen's Life

Best New Game of 2023 Winner

- 6th Norton Cubs – Glow in the dark bowling at Hallowe'en



Best Investiture Venue of 2023 Winner

- Billingham Explorers – Stockton Police Station Cell

Best Youth-Shaped Programme of 2023 Winner

- Synthonia Cubs – Young Leader's programme on Croatia

Dates for nominations for the 2024 Programme Awards

Term	Nominations Open	Nominations Close
Summer Term 2023 Programmes	Saturday 22 nd July	Thursday 31 st August
Autumn Term 2023 Programmes	Saturday 2 nd December	Sunday 31 st December
Spring Term 2024 Programmes	Saturday 18 th March	Sunday 15 th April

How to nominate a programme

- Talk to your young people about the term's programmes
- Ask them which one was their favourite and why
- Send their nomination, why it was chosen and any pictures you have to support the nomination to: dccprogrammecs@gmail.com by the closing date in the table above.

Sixty days of summer bucket list

- Go star-gazing
- Try tie-dye
- Build a den
- Fly a kite
- Learn to tell leaves apart
- Try rollerskating
- Cook on a campfire or barbecue
- Make a bird feeder
- Camp indoors or in a garden
- Learn some tracking symbols
- Bake something for a friend
- Make your own tasty ice cream sundae
- Create fruity racing cars
- Invent your own smoothie
- Play some card games
- Create your own obstacle course
- Read a book
- Grow a plant
- Do some yoga
- Create a summer playlist
- Learn how to write secret messages
- Learn 10 words in another language
- Send a postcard to a friend
- Create paracord or friendship bracelets
- Donate old toys to charity
- Build a lollipop stick catapult
- Create some wild art
- Build your own rocket
- Paint a self portrait
- Make an instrument
- Try macrophotography
- Give stop motion animation a go
- Play mini-bowling with tin cans
- Create a scrapbook
- Go fruit picking
- Watch the sunrise or sunset
- Try a water sport
- Climb a tree
- Paint pebbles for people to find
- Make and eat a picnic
- Explore a rockpool
- Earn a Scout badge
- Visit the zoo or a farm
- Learn to identify different birds
- Visit a climbing wall
- Watch a sports game
- Make your own juggling balls
- Try making your own lemonade
- Learn to read a map and compass
- Visit a library or a museum
- Play some tennis or rounders
- Practice some football tricks
- Make your own mini golf
- Go geocaching
- Create a puppet
- Make amplit fudge
- Build a wildlife home
- Spot a butterfly
- Practice magic tricks
- Play frisbee

GROWTH in Cleveland Scouts

according to the 2023 Census.

Middlesbrough sections which grew

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
27 th Middlesbrough	24 th Middlesbrough	15 th Middlesbrough	15 th Middlesbrough	
	27 th Middlesbrough	1 st Nunthorpe	1 st Nunthorpe	
	43 rd Middlesbrough	24 th Middlesbrough	27 th Middlesbrough	
	44 th Middlesbrough	40 th Middlesbrough	43 rd Middlesbrough	
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Middlesbrough Groups and Units which grew

15 th Middlesbrough	1 st Nunthorpe	24 th Middlesbrough	27 th Middlesbrough	43 rd Middlesbrough
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East Cleveland sections which grew

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
	1 st Loftus	1 st Guisborough	1 st Marske/New Marske	East Cleveland Explorers
	1 st Marske/New Marske	1 st Loftus	1 st Saltburn	
	1 st Skelton			

East Cleveland Groups and Units which grew

1 st Loftus	1 st Marske/ New Marske	1 st Saltburn	1 st Skelton	East Cleveland Explorers
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Redcar and Eston sections which grew

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
	6 th Redcar	2 nd Normanby	6 th Redcar	Excalibur
	7 th Redcar			

Redcar and Eston Groups and Units which grew

2 nd Normanby	6 th Redcar	7 th Redcar	Excalibur
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Stockton, Thornaby and District sections which grew

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
1 st Ingleby Barwick	1 st Egglecliffe	1 st Fairfield	1 st Egglecliffe	District YLs
	1 st Egglecliffe	1 st Kirklevington	1 st Fairfield	Egglecliffe Aliens
	1 st Fairfield	1 st Norton	1 st Kirklevington	
	1 st Norton	2 nd Hartburn	1 st Norton	
			2 nd Hartburn	
			6 th Norton	

Stockton, Thornaby and District Groups which grew

1 st Egglescliffe	1 st Fairfield	1 st Ingleby Barwick	1 st Kirklevington	1 st Norton	2 nd Hartburn	District YLS	Egg. Aliens
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Tees Valley North sections which grew

Squirrels	Beavers	Cubs	Scouts	Explorers
	40 th Hartlepool	2 nd Billingham	2 nd Billingham	Hartlepool ESU
	4 th Billingham	40 th Hartlepool		Valhalla
	Synthonia			


Tees Valley North Groups and Units which grew

2 nd Billingham	40 th Hartlepool	4 th Billingham	Hartlepool ESU	Valhalla
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Groups where all sections grew

43 rd Middlesbrough	1 st Fairfield	1 st Norton
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SUMMARY

- ✓ 52 sections grew
 - 2 Squirrel Dreys
 - 16 Beaver Colonies
 - 14 Cub Packs
 - 14 Scout Troops
 - 6 Explorer Units
- ✓ 21 Groups grew in total
- ✓ 3 Groups had all their Sections grow
- We continue to contribute to the [Independent Inquiry into Child Sex Abuse \(IICSA\) Changemakers coalition](#), which is chaired by the NSPCC, to ensure that we deliver the IICSA recommendations. As part of this we are working with partners to ensure survivors experiences inform and practice across youth organisations. 

Our safeguarding actions

Scouts offers fun, challenges and adventure to nearly half a million young people every week. We're committed to creating safe environments where they can thrive.

We are continually improving what we are doing to keep young people safe, learning from external experts and what we hear from survivors. Here are some of the actions we are taking over the coming months:

- **July:** We'll be updating our [Yellow Card code of behaviour](#) so that it's clear people can report concerns directly to our central professional safeguarding team.
- **July:** Our Safeguarding Committee and Board of Trustees will be reviewing how we can further strengthen what we do.
- **September:** We'll distribute posters we've designed with [NSPCC Childline](#) so young people know how to report any concerns they may have. These can be displayed in our 7,000 Scout groups' meeting places.
- **November:** We'll roll out updated training following this year's NSPCC recommendations. 

Feedback

Around the County

1st Saltburn

Tired 1st Saltburn Scouts cooking their breakfast after staying overnight at 3rd Guisborough's HQ as part of their expedition.



1st Hartburn

2nd Hartburn visiting Locomotion at Shildon



9th Hartlepool

They have received a grant for £1500 from Teesside Charities Golden Giveaway Charity award scheme. Group Scout leader David Kelly and Scout Isla Beach received the award at a presentation at Middlesbrough Football Club in June. The grant which will be spent on new tent and camping equipment for the group. Over 80 applicants from around Teesside applied for the funding. These applicants were reduced to a shortlist of 20.



Which then went to a public vote. 9th Hartlepool came 5th with a 2 week social media push on the groups facebook page. It was great to represent scouting in Cleveland at this event with so many businesses from around Teesside present. Thanks goes to Tanya our group chair who pushed the charity scheme and for the group to be involved and all the friends and parents who voted for us. David Kelly

6th Redcar

6th Redcar had a very enjoyable evening at Pets At Home last month



2nd Normanby

Sunflowers coming along nicely



40th Marton

Fire lighting and backwoods cooking



18th Hartlepool

Leaders and Beaver at Preston Park. There was more than one Beaver there I'm assured!





Synthonia

Swedish stove time. Synthonia Scouts making croissants for their breakfast at their weekend camp last month. Not surprisingly there weren't any left over for the editor!



1st Norton

visited and camped at Beamish Museum.



40th Hartlepool Cubs

Their pack orienteering at Summerhill on a perfect summer evening



27th Middlesbrough

County Commissioner Andy Woolf at 27th Middlesbrough's Awards Night presenting certificates to members of all the Sections and leaders!





OPERATION ESCAPE 2023



6th-8th October
Save the Date!

Can you outsmart your leaders to evade capture?
Want a chance to prove your knowledge?
Do you have what it takes to win?

Open to all explorers within Cleveland. More information to follow.
If you are interested in this years event or have questions please
get in touch!

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