



60
million
Scouts in 2025



David Baden-Powell

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60. million. scouts.
let that sink in for a bit.
then say it to yourself again.
60... MILLION... scouts!!!

That is truly amazing. That's us. We are bigger than ever.

After the uncertainties of covid, recent world conflicts and governmental instabilities, scouting offers stability for the youth of the world. As a result there has been an amazing level of growth in the movement. In Africa, the number of scouts has nearly doubled. In the Asia-Pacific region there are now 37.2 million scouts. These are incredible numbers. But we should not think of it as just a "Boy" Scouts thing, we now also have 18.8 million girls and women in the movement. Another massive increase.

This is something that my great grandfather would have been immensely proud of. The fact that he founded an organisation that grew from 20 boys at Brownsea island in 1907 to an organisation of 60 million people in 2025. An organisation that is based on peace, education and inclusivity, and that continues to be relevant in an ever-changing world is no small feat.

Whilst my great grandfather started the ball rolling, it has been the efforts of millions of scouts over the years that have made Scouting what it is today. So we should all be proud of this incredible movement and where we stand right now.

60 million is just a number, but I like to think that you, we, i... now have 59,999,999 people that we can call our brothers and sisters.

Save the date! **JOTA-JOTI 2025** is happening on 17–19 October! 🗓️

And guess what? We've got a brand new permanent logo! 🤩 It's bold, it's fresh, and it's here to stay. This new look helps us shout even louder about the world's largest digital and radio Scout event! 📣

A permanent logo means more energy for creativity, connection and fun each year. But don't worry, you'll still get a new badge to collect year on year! 😊

•• Keep an eye on our socials this weekend as something very exciting is coming your way! And in the meantime, head to <https://brand.scout.org/> to download the JOTA-JOTI logo and learn how to use the new brand! ✨

#scouts #JOTAJOTI #jota #joti #scouting
#worldscouting #wosm #jamboreeontheair
#jamboreeontheinternet #scoutjamboree



Official badge for Squirrels Fun Day



Cleveland Courier Mailing List

With the changes that have happened within the Scout website we have updated the Courier mailing list.

If you receive more than one email or you know of someone who has not received the Courier please let us know.

County Commissioner's Corner



Welcome back to a new school year. I'm sure lots of you are welcoming new members to your sections this term and have had an action packed summer full of fantastic outdoor activities and camps. I always enjoy following the County's adventures on your various social media pages.

International: World Scout Jamboree and Haarlem 27 applications are now open!

Group contacts should be receiving information about the next international events being organised by County. Applications for both WSJ and Haarlem Jamborette (both taking place in Summer 27) are open from September 1st until September 30th. Applications for ADULT volunteers to attend Haarlem as part of the county contingent are also open. A selection weekend will then be held for both adults volunteers and youth applicants on October 11th/12th at Raven Gill campsite.



An online information evening will be held in early September for all members and families to ask questions about both events- further details to follow via emails and social media channels.



Submit your King's Scout Award logbooks by November.

King's Scout Awards will need to be submitted in good time if any young person wishes to be invited to next year's Windsor Day of Celebration and Achievement. Please email your completed logbooks to awards@scouts.org.uk in plenty of time to allow for processing, checking and approval.

We recommend sending all logbooks by the start of November, but if you can send them earlier, that's even better. Download the logbook and support materials on the King's Scout Award webpage.

Thinking of opening a Squirrel drey?

HQ are running 2 webinars to answer questions and share information about what it takes to open a squirrel drey.

These webinars are on:

Thursday 11th September 8-9pm and Wednesday 17th September 7-8pm.

For more information and to sign up for the webinars visit: [Thinking About Opening Squirrels | Events | Scouts](#)

Andy

A cartoon drawing from a 1990s Scouting magazine. Somethings never change. We still don't want to turn people away from Scouting because they can't afford it.



The UK Scouts membership fee

for 2026–27. The UK Scouts membership fee is increasing by £1 to £44 per young person for 2026–27, based on numbers submitted in the January 2026 Census.

The fee has been increased as one of several measures to help us tackle challenging cost pressures. There will still be a 50p prompt payment discount if we receive payment by 23 April 2026, making the amount paid per youth member £43.50.

Nations, Counties/Areas/Regions and Districts are reviewing their own financial situations, which means the fee you pay per young person may differ based on your local area.



Ian's Bit's & Piece's



The Next 12 Months of our Programme

Happy New Scouting Year everyone! We've got a busy 15 months in front of all of us!

Sunday 14th September 2025

Cleveland Watersports Team are holding the twice-postponed Water Activities Day on the Tees. Groups should already have details about this. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th October 2025

It's the annual Operation Escape for our Explorers where the Explorers operating in teams have to avoid capture! Great fun! Units should already have the details about how to sign up.

Saturday 18th October 2025

Our 6 Squirrel Dreys are joining together for the very first time for our County Squirrels Fun Day at the newly re-furbished 1st Norton headquarters. Information about the day is on its way to the Dreys.

Now into 2026!

40 Years of Beaver Scouting – 2026

Beaver Scouts started in 1986, who remembers that Beavers originally wore grey jumpers? To celebrate the 40 years there will be a Beavers Challenge for all our Colonies to join in during 2026 coming out in January.

Saturday 12th September 2026

The Second County Fun Day for all Sections celebrating 60 Years of Cleveland Friendship Camps which started at Raven Gill in 1966. There will also be a Time Capsule travelling around the County to help you all learn a bit more about 1966 and International Scouting especially about the Countries who attended the first Friendship Camp and looking forward to the World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2027.

Wednesday 16th December 2026

Cubs are 110 years old on this day! To help Packs celebrate there will be a Cubs Challenge for all our Packs to join in. This will be released after the County Fun Day in October.

But that's not all, by the middle of 2026 we will know which of our 14-16 years will have been selected for the World Scout Jamboree and will be joining with Humberside Scouts to form our Unit in Gdansk in the summer of 2027 with our leader Beth Gibson.

Fasten your seatbelts and let's get going!



Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Do you have everything you need to welcome new volunteers?

With the next Scouts year starting, it's a great time to bring new people on board. We've changed the way we welcome new volunteers, take a look at these resources to find out more:

- Check out the [new volunteer Joining Journey](#) and familiarise yourself with the steps for a new volunteer.
- Explore our [resources for new volunteers](#), including webpages, welcome packs, and more.
- Prepare to run [Welcome Conversations](#) by reading the guidance, completing Welcome Conversation learning and identifying volunteers with the Welcome Conversation Volunteer accreditation in your area.
- Be sure to use [Digital Tool Guides](#) so you don't get stuck using the new tools.

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Visit the King's Scout Award webpage

International Badgers Club

Badge swapping

COME AND SEE WHAT ITS ALL ABOUT

Middlesbrough HQ Tollesby Rd Middlesbrough TS5 7JP

Sunday 28th September 9.00 till 16.00



International Badgers Club

A worldwide Scout & Guide collecting club

Join us today at www.intbc.org



Do you collect badges?

Do you want to swap your badges

Or do you just want to know what's it's all about.

Then come along to the International Badgers meeting all are welcome

at

Middlesbrough Scout HQ

Tollesby Rd, Middlesbrough

TS5 7JP

on

28th September

from 9.00 till 16.00

Cleveland County

Operation Escape 2025 3-5th October



Explorer leaders in Cleveland should be receiving this by email from county, but in case you haven't seen it. Forms for this year's operation escape are now out.

Hope to see as many county teams in this year's event as possible.

If you have any questions or want to know, more drop us a message or email
operationescape.cs@gmail.com
See you in October!

Introducing Cleveland County's Leadership Team for the World Jamboree

Cleveland Watersports

We have the following weekend sessions available in September.

6th September (9:45 - 12:15) - 20 spaces
6th September (12:45 - 15:15) - 20 spaces
20th September (9:45 - 12:15) - 20 spaces
20th September (12:45 - 15:15) - 20 spaces
27th September (9:45 - 12:15) - 20 spaces
27th September (12:45 - 15:15) - 20 spaces

To book please visit our website:
clevelandscoutswatersport.org.uk

#scouts #programme team #clevelandscouts
#adventurousactivities #paddleuk #kayaking
#canoeing #standuppaddleboarding #raftbuilding

Synthonia Scout Group

We took the opportunity today to award Ross his chief scouts gold award. This is the highest award in scout section and takes a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve. Well done Ross!



Unit 72 Leadership Team

 Richard Humberside Unit Leader	 Aga Humberside Deputy Unit Leader
 Beth Cleveland Team Member	 Chris Humberside Team Member

Scouts Cleveland Scouts Humberside



Participant Information Sheet

What is it?

The Jamborette is an international scout event which occurs every 4 years (this is the 14th one). This event will host 3,000 Scouts from over 25 different countries, the unit will be camping within a subcamp

Where is it?

The Jamborette is being held in the recreational area of Spaarnwoude, a nature reserve between Haarlem, Amsterdam and Velsen in the Netherlands. The reserve has many hiking routes, a mountain bike track, swimming lakes, a climbing wall and even a ski slope. In addition to having easy access links to transport hubs, attractions, and sites around Holland.

When is it?

The Jamborette itself runs from 24th July – 04th August 2027 however there will be travel either side of that.

How much is it?

The official cost has not yet been finalized, but it will be approximately £800. We will be encouraging both individual, group and unit fundraising to support with the cost of this event. There are also grants and funds etc. available to support participants who may otherwise struggle to meet the financial obligation. All fees are paid in instalments spread over the 18 months leading up to the event.

What is included?

In addition to your camp fee the cost also includes all accommodation, group equipment, transport, additional food & drinks, Insurance, Jamboree Uniform and Unit Day out. The Jamborette fee covers camping, all food & drink, toilets, washing facilities, hot showers, free WiFi, 9 days of activities, opening ceremony and day out. Programmed activities are based around the following themes: Aqua, Trail, Hikes, Arts & Crafts and Jambotours. Further information about activities can be found here: <https://www.haarlemjamborette.nl/activities/>

What isn't included?

Personal kit, Explorer Scout Shirt & Trousers, Training Weekends, Team Activity Days and Social events, Personal spending money.

What happens after registering interest?

All registrations will be noted and you will be invited to apply at a later date. Following your application, all applications will go to a selection board, and you will be invited to attend a selection weekend, there will be a nominal fee for attending the selection camp. From here you will either be offered a place or be placed on a reserve list. Your position on the reserves list will be based upon your selection. A non-refundable deposit of £50 will be required to secure your place within the unit.

Where can I get more information?

More information can be found on the Jamborette website (<https://www.haarlemjamborette.nl/>). If you have specific questions please send them to the team via clevelandscoutsinternational@gmail.com



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



What is the World Scout Jamboree?

The World Scout Jamboree (WSJ) is a global gathering of Scouts and Guides from across the world. It's your chance to meet new friends, experience different cultures, and take part in an exciting, inclusive and sustainable programme of activities.

A Legacy of Adventure

Since the first Jamboree in London, 1920, this epic event has brought thousands of 14-17-year-olds together every four years for unforgettable adventures. In 2023, over 4,500 UK Scouts journeyed to South Korea - now it's your turn to shine in Poland, 2027!

Why You Should Go?

- ⇒ Make lifelong international friendships
- ⇒ Explore the world through hands-on activities
- ⇒ Be part of a global movement of young changemakers
- ⇒ Develop confidence, independence and leadership
- ⇒ Create memories that last forever



The UK Contingent Needs You!

As part of the UK Contingent, you'll join an amazing team of participants, Unit Leaders and volunteers.

To be a participant, you must:

- Be a member of The Scouts
- Be aged 14-17 during summer 2027
- Attend a selection event
- Take part in fun and exciting prep weekends

Don't Miss Out – This is YOUR Moment!

Ask your Scout/Explorer Leader or email clevelandscoutsinternational@gmail.com for more information and start your Jamboree journey today

Let's show the world what UK Scouts are made of.

Around the County

A New Recruit

Congratulations to James and Becca on the birth of their daughter Oona. It looks like 44th have bagged her for their Group!



1st Ingleby Barwick Scouts Group

On Sunday members of 1st Ingleby Barwick Scout Group volunteered at Ingleby Barwick Fun Run 2025.

Our members aged 4+ handed out the medals, water and goody bags to the over 300 runners.

It was a fantastic morning of community volunteering and we are proud of everyone who participated or volunteered.



27th Middlesbrough Scouts

The 27th have just been to Moor House Adventure Centre near Durham for summer camp.

We used their onsite activities and did the Leap of Faith, Crossbows and Crate



Stacking. We also got the bus to Durham for the day and climbed the 324 steps up to the top of the tower. We had some serious rain on the first day, so went for a "little walk" in that, but thankfully the weather improved!!



Synthonia Scout Group



That's summer camp 2025 finished. We've all had a fantastic time, both leaders and scouts. A massive thank you to all the leadership team in the scouts section who have worked so hard to make this camp happen. It's been an emotional time planning and running our first summer camp without Scott, but everyone has shown that adapt and overcome spirit that we like to think Synthonia is famous for. The best tribute we can give to Scott is to make sure our young people have the best time at scouts. On that note I'd like to take time to thank everyone who has contributed to our fundraising over the past year- our new minibus has performed faultlessly. Without your help we would have struggled to provide as great an experience for our scouts. One final thank you we need to say to Mark and Tony for slaving away in the kitchen keeping everyone fed. They say an army marches on its stomach, and that is also true of our scouts and leaders, thanks for making sure no one goes hungry at our scout camps!

Around the County

43rd & 44th Middlesbrough

A large Group photo of 43rd and 44th Middlesbrough's Joint camp. Don't they all look smart in red!



6th Redcar

Its not just the young people who can have fun.

6th Redcar leaders having some fun themselves in the summer.



2nd Hartburn

Found in a Bristol charity shop by one of 2nd Hartburn leaders during their summer tour with 1st Fairfield.

Also some Scouting artefacts are in show in a museum in Bristol visited by 1st Fairfield and 2nd Hartburn Scouts during the summer.



East Cleveland Explorers

East Cleveland Explorers supplemented by some Scouts spent two days in London at the beginning of the holidays. They're pictured here in Westminster Hall in the Houses of Parliament and outside the Royal Albert Hall.



1st Fairfield & 2nd Hartburn

1st Fairfield and 2nd Hartburn Scout Groups spent 10 days visiting different Camp Sites during the Summer holidays including Brownsea Island.



Around the County

East Cleveland Cubs

Pictures from East Cleveland's Cubs Monopoly event just before the summer.



Middlesbrough SAS

Avril Bradburn welcomed Oona Jayne Bowen to their Summer BBQ



Adam Bell

Amazing week at Kent International Jamboree. Spent it as part of a subcamp team (the best subcamp at the jamboree), supporting 5000 young people from all over the world.

Our team also ran the Club 14-17 for evening activities. Bands, drag bingo and silent discos were all happening here. Along side that was a mocktail bar, although it's safe to say that I'm sticking to my day job as I mainly got in the way when on the bar

The whole event was ended with a private performance by [@scoutingforgirls](#), including a rock and roll version of a famous campfire song!

Thanks to everyone on the team, most of who I hadn't met before the event. Made some great friends, and delivered some amazing memories for so many young people.



Do You Fit The Name

Cub Leaders do you follow the tradition of being called after Jungle Book characters? Here's a list of them with their qualities.

Jungle Book characters

Primary names held by Leaders



JUNGLE NAME	ANIMAL	QUALITY
Akela	Lone Wolf	Leader
Bagheera	Black Panther	Teacher of Jungle Skills
Baloo	Bear	Teacher, Lawgiver
Chil	Kite	Observer
Hathi	Elephant	'The True Master of The Jungle'
Kaa	Rocky Python	Tree Climber
Kim	Little friend	Helpfulness
Mowgli	Little frog	Friends to animals
Raksha	Mother wolf	Intensely loyal
Rama	Great herd bull leader	Leader
Rikki Tikki Tavi	Mongoose	Cheeriness

Smarties Time

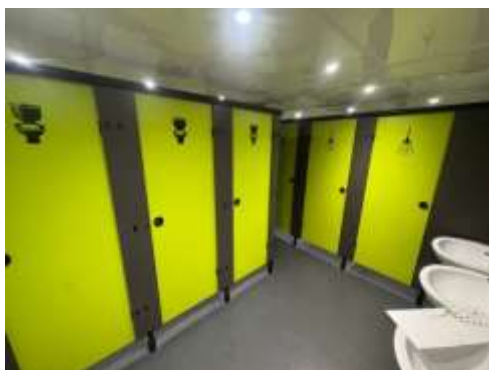
Hands up if you attended the Cubs 75th birthday event in December 1990 at Ayresome Park, when all the Cubs were asked to collect coins in Smarties tubes for the Royal National Institute for the Blind, hence the large Smartie tube held by two familiar faces!



New Toilets at Raven Gill & 1st Norton!

I know this is rather strange but toilets play an important part in a young child's life. If they are not to their liking then they don't use them!

Try out these new toilets at Raven Gill (the Green and Orange ones). TVN District used them for the first time just before the holidays and gave them all a big thumbs up



Did You Know

Did you know that all these people had been in Scouts?

Famous former Scouts



Rosyth Scouts

Whilst at the top of [Jungfrauoch - Top of Europe](#) we took the opportunity to welcome our newest Explorer Scout, Luke Broadbent, to Merlin Explorer Scout Unit. Scouting takes you to new heights - literally to 3,463m in this case!



Its nearly that
time again.

Watch this
space

We're Open! The New 1st Norton-on-Tees Scout Hall Is Ready

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the renovation of our Scout Hall is complete—and the doors are now open! After months of hard work, careful planning, and generous support, the transformation is complete, and we're ready to welcome our Scouts and community back into a truly incredible new space.

Official Opening – 12th July 2025

We marked this special occasion with a celebration on Saturday, 12th July 2025, welcoming guests, families, and supporters to see the transformation for themselves.

What's New?

Thanks to the support of the Youth Investment Fund, our newly renovated hall now features:

- ✓ Improved, fully accessible facilities to make everyone feel welcome
- ✓ An enlarged and fully fitted commercial kitchen for events and cooking activities
- ✓ A dedicated meeting room for smaller group sessions, planning, and learning
- ✓ A refurbished toilet block accessible to all
- ✓ A covered outdoor activities area at the rear of the building for year-round adventure

This transformation means more opportunities, more flexibility, and a brighter future for all our members and the wider community.

Official Opening Ceremony

The building was officially opened by a representative from each of our Scouting sections, symbolising the importance of every age group in our Group:

Squirrels Finley Toland, Beavers, Ayla Leonard-Smith Cubs, Parker Davies-Robson, Scouts: Henry Whitehouse, Explorers: David Storer

They were proudly aided by The Worshipful the Mayor of Stockton-on-Tees, Councillor Stephen Richardson, who helped cut the ribbon and celebrate the start of this exciting new chapter.

From Graham King, Chairman of Trustees:

"This is a huge moment for our Group. We now have a Scout Hall that not only meets our current needs but also sets us up for the future. We can welcome more young people, offer more varied activities, and provide a better experience for everyone who walks through our doors."

Thank You for Your Support

This project could not have happened without the incredible support of our members, families, and volunteers. We'd especially like to thank:

Hobson Smith Construction, our main contractor

Matthew Trotter & Miller, our architects

Ridge and Partners, our project managers

And of course, the Youth Investment Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for making this transformation possible.

We invite everyone to come and see the difference for themselves—this is your hall too, and the start of a whole new chapter for 1st Norton-on-Tees Scouts.

Graham King | Chairman

1st Norton-On-Tees Scout Group

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