



Cleveland Scouts



50th Birthday County Fun Day 2024

Choose either **Saturday 18th May** or
Sunday 19th May to come along to:

'Let's Celebrate'

at **Squirrels**



Raven Gill Camp Site

10am – 3.30pm

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Cleveland Scouts celebrating 50 years of providing young people with life-changing experiences supported by amazing, trained volunteers and teams delivering inspiring, youth-shaped programmes week in, week out.



County Commissioner's Corner



Mandatory training (Again)

At my recent regional meeting, Cleveland had slipped to the lowest training compliance of all the North East counties.

I make no apologies for constantly reminding adults for the need to keep up to date with their mandatory training. Adults should receive reminders 90,60 and 30 days before the training expires. This gives plenty of notice about impending training required.

Districts and County then get monthly updates on who is non-compliant. I have instructed District Commissioners to then suspend those on their list until they are compliant. We have many processes in place to demonstrate we are a safe organisation for our young people. Training is one of those processes in ensuring safe people within Scouting.

Please ensure you complete your training before it expires and send to line managers to up date Compass. If your training isn't being updated, you can send to myself or Ian R who will update Compass accordingly.

New adult membership system

The new adult membership system to replace Compass is in final testing stage and due to be launched in Spring/ Summer 2024.

The new system will be a 'one stop shop' for all your information. You'll be able to access training, permits, upload NAN forms for approval by DC's. Apply for permits and recommend adults for awards more easily.

All the information will transfer from Compass on set up. In order to log in you will need an email unique to you.

Please ensure all information on Compass about you is up to date as this is the information that will be moved across to the new system.

Another new Drey!

I had a great opportunity to go and see the investiture of another new Squirrel Drey at Marske and New Marske. You can read more about the new drey elsewhere in the courier but from observations around the county, the new dreys are helping drive new volunteers in ways we haven't seen before. If you are interested in starting a squirrel drey we have one in nearly every district now. Go and speak to those groups for initial information and then you can make a formal request to your DC to start a drey in your group.

Andy

50th Badge

The 50th Birthday Badge goes on your uniform. Above the membership badge, but leave a little space for the year badges.

Order form for the 50th badge is on the last page of this months Courier



Cleveland Courier

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



The Programme Awards 2024



The inspiring programmes Section Leadership Teams deliver throughout the year are at the centre of our Scouting and its successes.

During the Scouting year 2023-2024 there will be over 5000 Programmes delivered by you, our amazing volunteers and teams across all our Groups, Districts and County. To recognise the importance of our Programmes, we are awarding our **Programme Awards**. The categories will be:

Squirrels



cubs



- ❖ Squirrels Programme of the Year
- ❖ Beavers Programme of the Year
- ❖ Cubs Programme of the Year
- ❖ Scouts Programme of the Year
- ❖ Explorers Programme of the Year
- ❖ Youth-Shaped Programme of the Year
- ❖ Raven Gill Residential Experience of the Year
- ❖ Scouting Photograph of the Year (any Section)
- ❖ Most Unusual Investiture of the Year (any Section)
- ❖ Best 50th Birthday Programme of the Year
- ❖ Growth Certificates (all Sections) as determined by the January 2024 Census.



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Ian's Bit's & Piece's



The County Programme 2024

- 2024 is Cleveland Scouts 50th birthday year. We have already launched the 50th Birthday Pack of activities at the County Annual General Meeting which all Sections will receive after half-term, ready to start in the New Year.
- The badges are going extremely well. Over 500 have already been sold which means we have already raised £250 for Blood Run, our chosen charity to support. GSLs and DCs have the details of how to buy them.



- Last month the 50th Birthday Time Capsule started its journey from the northern most Group in Cleveland to the southernmost Group over the course of about 9 months. Each Group will have the Time Capsule for a week before it's passed on the next nearest Group. Send pictures of your Section using it to a new 50th birthday email address – clevelandscouts50@gmail.com
- Let's Celebrate is our County Fun Day to be held at Raven Gill Camp Site over the weekend of Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May 2024. You can choose which one to come to!
- The Programme Awards 2024 will be awarded again after their success this year. Dates for the Autumn Term and Spring Term nominations are in the July/August Courier, check it out on the new County website at www.clevelandscouts.org.uk

- The Growth Awards will be awarded once again at the County Annual General Meeting to all Sections that show growth in the January 2024 census from the previous year.
- The County Annual General Meeting, our 50th, will once again be a Get2Gether for all volunteers. According to Compass we have almost 1000 volunteers and every single one is invited to the AGM as all are members of Cleveland Scout Council by virtue of the fact they are involved in some way.
- All being-well the County AGM will be held at Teesside University in June. We'll confirm the date with you as soon as we can once the University have confirmed their Open Days.
- In July next year there will be another Water Activities Weekend at Yarm and in October, Operation Escape – who knows where it will be next year?!

- **It's an exciting year ahead of us!**

- **Do join in in any way you can!**

All Good Scouts need to know how to light a fire.

Fire lighting was on the skills list at last month's Skills for Residential Experiences Day 1.



Nerf Guns

Anyone got any nerf guns that aren't being used anymore and you're happy to give them to Cleveland County Scout Leaders to use in Section meetings?

I'm looking at putting together a crate of soft target sport activities for Sections to borrow and if we get enough perhaps we could also have a crate at Raven Gill as well.

Get in touch with me via dccprogrammecs@gmail.com



Coming up next in our action-packed County!

2024

- ▶ 50th Birthday of Cleveland Scouts Celebrations
- ▶ County Fun Days at Raven Gill
- ▶ Water Activities Weekend
- ▶ Operation Escape

2025

- ▶ Outdoor Challenge for all Sections, Groups and Units
- ▶ Water Activities Weekend
- ▶ Operation Escape

2026

- ▶ 60 Years of Friendship Camps
- ▶ Water Activities Weekend
- ▶ Operation Escape

2027

- ▶ World Scout Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland July 27th – August 6th
- ▶ Haarlem Jamborette July 24th – August 4th
- ▶ August 1st - 120th Birthday of Scouting
- ▶ Water Activities Weekend
- ▶ Operation Escape



Plus, much, much more!

Squirrels and more Squirrels !!



1st Norton

A Squirreltastic first session. Our new Squirrels had a great time getting to know their new leaders. They found acorns to hang on the oak tree (made from a local oak tree by our GSL Skip/John), enjoyed games, a snack and searched for their first badge. They also got to see Red be invested into the group. Looking forward to next week!

1st Norton's

Group Lead Volunteer (Group Scout Leader) John Trotter investing Ian the new Squirrel Leader at the Squirrels first meeting last month.



1st Marske and New Marske Barn Owls

The Barn Owls leadership team are excited to be opening a new section. The squirrel team opened the scout hut on Wednesday 6th September to 11 excited squirrels to learn more about the section and to decorate a squirrel biscuit with the leaders. The squirrels were invested into the 1st Marske and New Marske Drey on Wednesday 27th September. A scurry of squirrels now look forward to the exciting upcoming programme planned.



The Time Capsule is on the move

9th Hartlepool had their Group camp at Beamish last month where they took the County's Time Capsule and Photo Frame.



1st Skelton's Pack Holiday had them travelling through time and landed them at Eden Camp to see what life was like in the Second World War.



The Time Capsule at 40th Hartlepool.



Out & About

Pictures from Redcar and Eston's District visit to The Forbidden Corner last month.



1st Norton at the Air Trail in Stockton-on-Tees next to the River Tees where as well as a great night a new Cub was invested.

An amazing night at AirTrail tonight with the Cubs, thanks to the generosity of Mammoet! The Cubs were brilliant. Some pushed themselves and faced their fears while others (who loved the challenge and whizzed around) encouraged their fellow Cubs. Miller the monkey had a fabulous time too and was very excited about seeing 2 of our Cubs invested. We ended the night with a huge BRAVO for the instructors and Mammoet.



9th Hartlepool Cubs learning semaphore!



Just a t-shirt from a camp? Yes but it's from the Friendship Camp of 1991 which Pauline Hyam came across whilst sorting out!



Out & About

The Baden-Powell Trail which Zac from 3rd Guisborough walked part of this summer!

Zach wants to show Akela that he has just completed part of the Baden Powel trail in Deep Cove, Vancouver.



1st Ingleby Barwick

Tonight the Beavers learnt about road safety, water safety and stranger danger.

We welcomed local AA man Nic Gibson who brought his van.

We ended off the session with a game.



Billingham Explorers playing Blindfold Jenga!



1st Fairfield Matabele Cubs getting in some serious fire lighting and cooking s'mores.



8th Billingham just hanging around at Raven Gill



Raven Gill

Pictures from last month's Raven Gill Maintenance Weekend. Next one is over the weekend of 18th/19th November. Save the date and offer to help! Bring some help from your Group or some Explorers! Plenty of work to do!



World Scouting

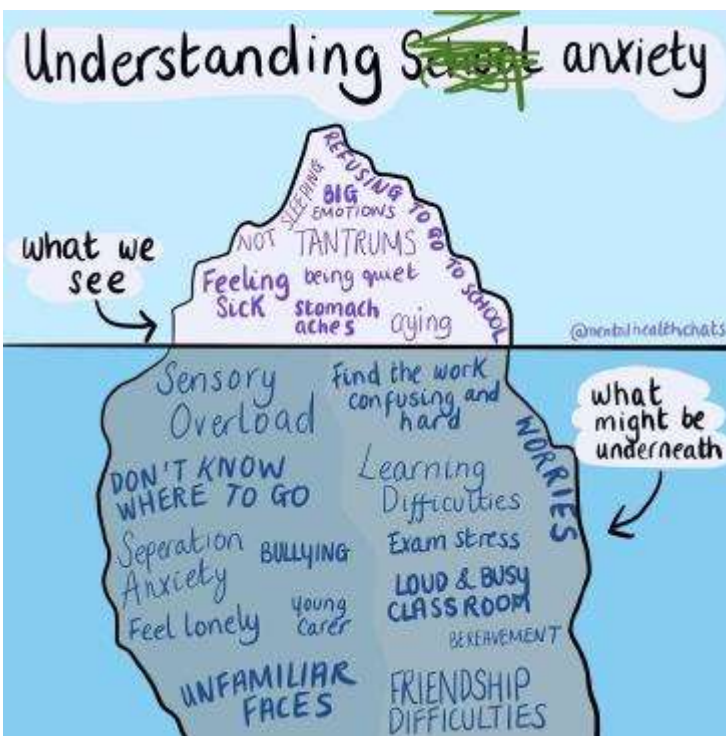
worldscouting Scouts in Morocco are providing emergency response to the devastating earthquake that struck multiple regions in Morocco late last week.

More than 2,100 people were killed when a magnitude-6.8 tremor struck Morocco, causing widespread destruction and leaving many trapped beneath the debris.

Scout volunteers have mobilised in local communities and areas impacted by the earthquake, launching appeals to collect vital supplies, such as medicine, clothes, food, and blankets. Scouts are also supporting with transporting injured victims to safety and providing shelter to families who have been displaced. 💜



Experiencing poor behaviour at your section meeting? This iceberg might help you understand why you are seeing what you are seeing.



Synthonia

Synthonia Scouts making knotting boards



Well Done

Congratulations to Philip Rose for running the Great North Run in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.



World Scout Jamboree

A poem from the Prime Penguins about WSJ

No matter what people say or what you see,
We loved the Jamboree of 2023.

It started in Seoul with the heat a shock,
The sweat began to pour and has not since stopped,
We explored the streets, the market and food,
The Prime Penguins were in such a good mood.

A day extra needed to prepare the site,
But our spirits remained incredibly bright,
We arrived at site to find we were alright,
Even if the bugs did like to bite.

We laughed, socialised and traded with all,
Swapping badges with others is what we adored,
We met scouts from Germany, Taiwan and more,
Such a joy to watch our scouts soar.

A trip back to Seoul was what was needed,
But what wowed us was how we were treated,
With waves, photos and smiles unlimited,
We felt our experience in Seoul was not yet completed.

And so we enjoyed the amazing city of Seoul,
The temples, rivers and shops didn't get old,
The museums, metro and food out of this world,
We could enjoy experiences and make memories we'll forever hold.

With our love for water, umbrellas and Pocari Sweat,
For us, the sun was not a huge threat,
While our neckers, wicking t-shirts and ID set,
A song was never far from our lips with new people we met.

We have become a family so resilient and strong,
We're a team with a bond that can never go wrong,
We've laughed together, cried together and helped each other along,
We've created memories together that will be lifelong.

So when we get home we may be quiet, a little emotional, a little tired,
Please know this is normal and not feelings misfired,
We've just made connections and so many new friends acquired,
We've experienced things we may never again and honestly are feeling inspired.

We're sad to leave it all but happy to be home,
We need time to process what we become,
A little bit of space we would so welcome,
Whilst we reflect on this adventure so awesome.

To the Penguins,
When you look back at this time so greatly,
Remember all the memories so fondly,
Don't be sad that it's over so quickly,
Be glad that you gained our jamboree family.

UK Contingent #DreamWild



World Scout Jamboree

Words from a parents



Liam arrived back home at 3am Friday morning. He's had an amazing experience, maybe not what was expected, but it is still a once in a lifetime trip. His unit definitely made the best of the situation and visited lots of interesting places in Seoul whilst they were there. He will have lots of memories from his unique experience and he's been to places and done things that not many people get to do, in addition to experiencing a culture very different from our own.

Despite his short time at the Jamboree site he did manage to make some swaps with scouts from other countries and he has come home with lots of new badges, shirts, neckers and a bag!

Would I recommend this to other scouts and parents? Yes absolutely! He has come home more confident, full of stories and has made friends in his unit that he never would have made if he didn't go. He has talked to scouts from many different countries (even if this was unfortunately cut short). He showed us how resilient he has been to deal with all the unexpected changes, and he is much more confident in himself. Yes it was slightly scary to allow him to go halfway across the globe, but he has managed brilliantly and had a great time and he will always have memories of his unique experience. His unit leaders were fantastic and I had no qualms about putting my son into their care. They looked after the young people brilliantly. The unit themselves gelled really well and they all appear to have had a fantastic time despite the challenges they faced.



The whole 18 month journey from applying, to being selected, to meeting the others in the unit, 5 training camps and of course fundraising, to going on an epic adventure in Korea has been a time of growth, developing skills and friendships and enjoying the experiences he has been offered and he has grasped it completely.

The next World Scout Jamboree is in Poland in 2027. Everyone gets a chance to apply and to go if selected. You only get one chance to do it. As a parent (and I'm sure Liam would agree as a participant) I'd say go for it and watch your young person grow and develop from it, as well as them having a once in a lifetime trip.

And you may meet Liam if he decides to apply for IST next time which a lot of his unit have decided to do! Pictures are of the swaps he made - he'd have liked to do more but he got a lot in the short time he was at the Jamboree!

**Will you be
at
Poland ???**



POLAND 2027

World Scout
26th Jamboree
Scout Mondial



Haarlem Jamboree



(Taken from Facebook)



Andy Lowe is 😊 feeling happy with **Toni Lowe**.

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12 days ago we dropped Megan off for a trip to the Netherlands. She has danced, sang, hiked, sailed, climbed and so much more. She got home today, ate then crashed.

Since she woke she hasn't stopped talking, laughing and sharing her memories of camp. Every now and then she will chuckle before another story comes out! She's has a blast!

Thanks to everyone who supported her on her trip of a lifetime to the Haarlem Jamborette! Said she would do it again in a heartbeat if she had the chance!!! Thanks to all the leaders who took so much time out of their own lives to make this possible!!!



1st Saltburn

Beavers are back (just, at time of writing) and we kicked off with a bumper crop of runner beans to harvest! That's the last bit of their gardeners' badge ticked off as they hunted and compared the sizes. I wonder how many of them had fresh beans with their dinner? We're looking forward to navigating (a small hint about our term content) our way through the coming weeks. Please keep your fingers crossed for dry Thursdays, particularly from 5.45-7pm!

Cubs have had a great start to the term by awarding Layla the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Chief Scout Silver Award. We have welcomed some new faces and look forward to seeing them work towards their badges, awards and their Chief Scout Silver Award. At our first meeting we were very lucky to have local print artist Jan come and help the Cubs print logos for a banner that captures the values of scouting.

A great big THANK YOU to Scouts Ollie & Eddie, Harry, Rohan, Noah & Arran for helping out and giving up their Saturday at Raven Gill. Cutting down trees, digging holes for gate posts and getting worn out by shovelling 4 tonnes of road stone. I'll bet they slept that night! This completed the requirements for their DIY award and the volunteering criteria for the World Challenge award. Both these awards are hard to achieve, as you know, so they have done really well. Scouts, at their regular meet, learned about clouds and then made their own clouds in bottles by putting a little water in a bottle and giving it a good shake. Then light a match a let it burn well down before dropping it into the bottle. Next put the cap back on and squeeze the bottle. After a minute open the bottle and viola...clouds!



Jo, Philippa and Karen.

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How to order our 50th Birthday Badges for your Group

1. Decide how many badges you want to buy at £1.50 each and email the quantity to dccprogrammecs@gmail.com
2. Either pay the County by bank transfer or cheque.
 - ▶ Bank transfer
 - Bank: HSBC
 - Account name: Cleveland Scouts
 - Sort code: 40-33-01
 - Account number: 31054457
 - Clearly state Group and that it's for the 50th Birthday Badges so the County Treasurer knows how to account for it.
 - ▶ Cheque:
 - Send cheques to:
 - David Skaffe (County Treasurer)
 - 450 Acklam Road
 - Middlesbrough
 - TS5 8BB
 - Clearly state Group and that it's for the 50th Birthday Badges on the back of the cheque so David knows how to account for it.
3. Once I've been informed by David that transfers and cheques have cleared then I will contact you to arrange delivery of the badges.
4. The Birthday badges are to be worn on uniforms where all occasional badges are worn.
5. The badges can be worn immediately but the King Charles III Coronation badge will have to be removed. Alternatively, the King Charles III Coronation badge is worn until 31st December 2023 and the Birthday badges from 1st January 2024.
6. The Birthday badge is to be worn on the uniform until 31st December 2024.
7. Any questions please email me at dccprogrammecs@gmail.com

Many thanks

Ian Raitton

County Programme Team Leader

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