

Lest we Forget



The photograph is of the Scout Associations memorial at the National Arboretum.

County Commissioner's Corner

INTERNATIONAL NEWS!

This month we have been selecting both adults and young people to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Poland and the Jamborette in Haarlem.

As previously announced Beth Gibson will lead Cleveland's patrol as part of Unit 72 jointly with Humberside. We look forward to working closely with the humberside leaders to create a great team heading off to Poland in 2027! Alongside this we selected leaders to organise our attendance at Haarlem jamborette also in 2027. The joint unit leads of Ben Fountain and Lauren Greenwood will be supported by the following adults:

Gary Worthington
Jamie Watson
Paul Ballinger-Howe
Robbie Quinn
Adam Bell
Michael Fountain
Jacqui Fountain
Mark Whiskin
Carrie Sargeant-Earl
Joseph Wilmot

Andy

The selection day was fantastic and the young people who attended should be proud of their achievements. You as leaders should also be proud of them. They showed great scouting skills and displayed the values we would want to see in our young people. We still have some spaces for Haarlem so stay tuned to our usual communication channels for further information. We will shortly be opening up applications for those who were slightly younger (anyone currently in secondary school). Kathryn Rose as International lead will release details shortly.

Well done to all the adults and young people starting their international adventures.

TVN manned a stall in Morrisons

Thanks must go to 9th. Hartlepool, 35th. Hartlepool and district team members for manning the stall.





Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Looking Ahead to 2026

In 2026,

- Squirrels are 5 years old already!
- Beavers are 40 years old
- Cubs are 110 years old

and it's 60 years since our very first Friendship Camp took place at Raven Gill in 1966.

To celebrate the birthdays of the Sections HQ are bringing out a badge and activity ideas in November. There will be more details in this month's HQ Membership email.

In Cleveland there will be a 1966 Time Capsule visiting all the Groups as the last one did last year as well as the second County Fun Day in September to celebrate all four events!

More details about our celebrations in January.

Preparing for Census. Our 2026

Census will take place from December 2025 to February 2026. This year, you won't need to collect adult data as we'll collect it from My Membership. You'll still need to collect youth and governance data - here are a couple of actions you can take now to prepare:

- Check your Group/Section data is correct on My Membership, including recording any which have opened or closed.
- Make sure your local records and youth data are up to date.
- Check your own diversity data on My Membership.

We'll keep you updated and share further guidance soon.

Badge of the month:
Beaver and Cub Disability Awareness badges

Dec 2025

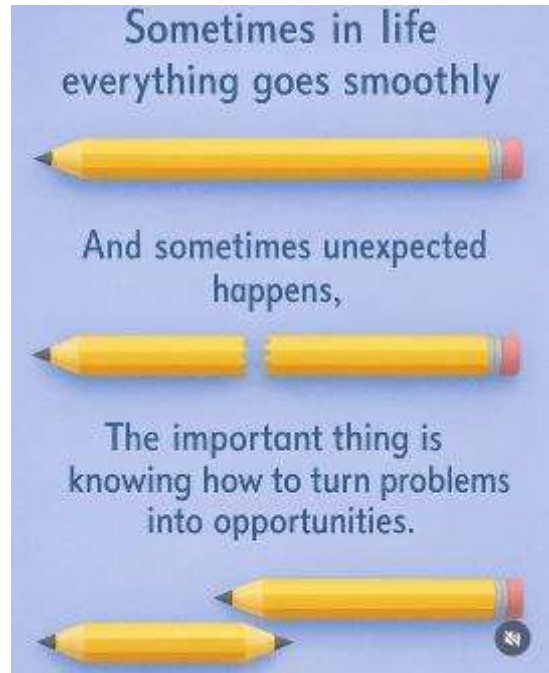
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery <i>Black history timeline</i>	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities 	4	5 World Soil Day Build a wormery International Volunteer Day <i>Get more volunteers involved</i>	6 	7
UK Disability History Month – Try our disability activities						
8 National Brownie Day Ready, steady, cook-off Pretend to be a Time Traveller Day <i>Guess 1940s badges</i>	9 	10 Human Rights Day Play musical chairs 	11	12	13	14 Hanukkah
UK Disability History Month – Try our disability activities						
15	16	17	18	19 	20	21 Winter Solstice <i>Create a fruit salad solar system</i>
Hanukkah (evening) - Play Deridel						
22	23	24 Christmas Eve Make your own snow	25 Christmas Day Chocolate-mint-face-race 	26 Boxing Day Make wrapping paper cards 	27	28
Hanukkah (evening)						
29	30 Hogmanay Make simple Scottish shortbread 	31				

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

What's happening this month:
Try these festive activities:
Get into the festive spirit with these fun games and activities

Module 38

Module 38 Skills for Residential Experiences training taking place at 1st Norton's HQ last month.



Cub Fun Day

Who remembers anything about this little creature which made an appearance over 20 years ago at a Regional Cub event at a North Yorkshire racecourse?



Ian's Bit's & Piece's

Squirrels Fun Day



58 Squirrels from all six Dreys in the County met on Norton Green to begin their Fun Day. After a short walk to the top of the track leading to 1st Norton's HQ they were given their Squingo (Squirrel Bingo) cards to spot six objects to keep their attention.

Once at the HQ they had the choice of six main activities: Adventure Trail, Cooking, Obstacle Course, Soft archery and axes, parachute games and the Art Factory to choose from as well as many smaller activities including skittles, target golf, eating candy floss and making giant bubbles.



The day ended with a real campfire (we had an online one earlier in the day) led by Jackie Bradshaw from 1st Fairfield Cubs ably supported by three young leaders, Maddy, Thomas and Alannah.

Everyone received a medal and a badge (see below) as a memento of the day.

We do have some badges left over if anyone wants to buy them for £1.25 each. Contact me at dccprogrammecs@gmail.com if you want to buy one or more.

Many thanks to Paul, Jackie, Val and Jackie in putting the day on. Here's to the next one in 2027 when, fingers crossed, we'll have more Dreys joining in!



Squirrels Fun Day



It Wasn't only the Squirrels who had fun on the day

Around the County

1st loftus

The cubs had a fantastic time at Loftus Fire Station last night to complete their fire safety badge. As well as learning what to do in a fire, they also had the opportunity to look around the fire engine and have a go at being firefighters themselves!

A massive thank you to Tony, Charlie and Jamie from Cleveland Fire Brigade UK for a very enjoyable night.



43rd Middlesbrough

Four 43rd Middlesbrough Cubs being invested at Middlesbrough Fire Station.



1st Skelton

The fearless prospectors are out on the trails of Kettleness for the Gold Rush Hike! 🏆 They're searching high and low for hidden golden nuggets, solving tricky riddles, and working together as teams to claim their treasures.

We're on about Plan D thanks to Storm Amy but nothings stopping our fun 😊



44th Middlesbrough

We had a brilliant night at Beavers. Everyone decorated Halloween biscuits and cakes. Some fantastic creations. The children also made autumn wreaths using leaves which were very creative, BRAVO Beavers !!!!



40th Hartlepool

Tonight the Beavers had a visit from Cameron and an Ambulance, they enjoyed learning about the different equipment inside and what things are used for. 🚑



**Less sofa.
More go far.**

Start your new adventure.

#SkillsForLife

Around the County

Middlesbrough District Scouts

Who else watches *Hunted* on Channel 4?
The brand-new series starting on 12th October has been produced by one of our very own leaders at the 43rd Middlesbrough – Cameron Harris!

Cameron began his journey with us as a Beaver, continued all the way through to Explorers, and after completing his degree at York University, moved to London to pursue a career in TV. Since then, he's worked on a variety of shows and has now risen through the ranks to become Producer of this series of *Hunted*.

We couldn't be prouder – well done Cameron! Everyone at the 43rd Middlesbrough and across the district is celebrating your achievement. 🌟🌟



1st Skelton

What a weekend it's been — from stormy skies and last-minute changes to golden nuggets, cowboy crafts, gold rush hikes and plenty of laughter along the way, our Cubs showed true cowboy spirit.

A HUGE thank you to our amazing leaders and young leaders for all their hard work. Special thanks to Jo and Caroline, our dream catering team 🌟 And of course, thank you to the parents who helped with the cleanup.

Off to catch up on some sleep now, happy napping everyone 😴



Middlesbrough SAS

Middlesbrough SAS causing mayhem in Whitby



Barry from Middlesbrough SAS trying out one of the coffins for size at Whitby Abbey last month.

7th Redcar

PC Coulson joined the local Neighbourhood Police Team on Monday night at the Scouts Hut on Kirkleatham Street. We held an engagement event for the Cubs, which as you can see from the pics they thoroughly enjoyed!



40th Hartlepool

At Beavers this evening one of our young leaders Dylan organised and ran a meeting based on fitness, with games and obstacle courses they all did well. Photographers Badges were presented to most, with two more to present when they have uniforms and we can invest them into the pack.



Around the County

18th Hartlepool

We are incredibly proud of Henry Dawson-Bell, who raised an amazing £1,035 by completing the Mini Great North Run!

Henry proudly presented a cheque to Gil Parker from Alice House Hospice — an inspiring moment for us all.

A big thank you to everyone who donated and sponsored Henry, your support truly makes a difference.

Gil, Fundraiser and Jo Hull, Health Care, visited our Beaver Colony to tell the Beavers all about the incredible work they do. We learned why fundraising is so vital to the hospice and how we can get involved and take action.

Over the coming months, our Beaver Colony will be supporting Alice House Hospice as we work towards earning our Community Impact Badge.



1st Guisborough

Finishing up our September highlights are our Explorers and Young Leaders.

Right at the start of September our YLs went to Hollywood Bowl as part of a District bowling trip. 🏏

Back at first Guisborough, our YLs have been extremely helpful in the running of our Beaver and Cubs sections, with some using the opportunity to work towards the volunteering aspect of their DofE awards.

As for our Explorer Unit, whilst they have been participating alongside some of the activities run in the Scout section, they have also started work towards their Space Activity Badges. This has included research on our Solar System and the wider Universe, learning how a telescope is set up, and also a space themed movie night watching 'Star Wars 'A New Hope'! 🌟



8th Billingham

Yesterday the Beavers made a castle as a team. 🏰
Since no one wanted to go home, I think we can say we had fun. 😊



Cleveland Scouts Watersport

We can't believe it's already been four weeks since our last session. 2025 is definitely one to remember.

- 📅 5 months
- 🏞️ 35 sessions
- 😊 Over 500 young people on the water
- 🏊 Water Activities Day
- 🏆 6 Paddle UK Paddle Awards awarded
- 🚣 River Trip from Boroughbridge to York
- 🏊 Swim Safety for Ripon Triathlon Festival
- 🛠️ New equipment

Thankyou to everyone who came to one of our sessions and to our brilliant team for making it all possible. Planning for next year is already well underway.

Hope to see you next year!



Around the County

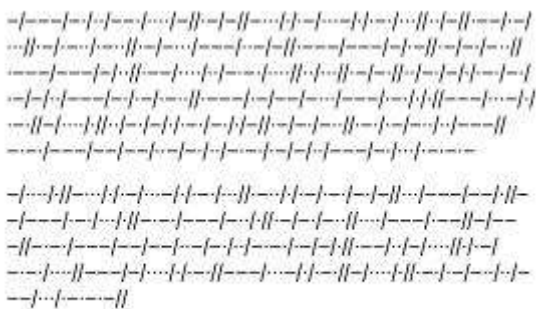
Joti

Over the weekend Oct. 18th / 19th TVN took part in JOTA . 53 young people beavers and cubs from 2nd. Billingham 8th. Billingham , SYnthonia , 18th. Hartlepool, 35th. Hartlepool and 40th. Hartlepool groups completed their communicator activity badge. We watched live the scouts from Gillwell talking to the ISS as it passed over UK We had a visit from [Ian Railton](#) .

Cllr Bob Cook and his wife, deputy mayor and mayoress of Stockton on Tees. and Cllr Quewone Bailey-Fleet deputy mayor of Hartlepool. They enjoyed taking part in many of the activities talking on the radio doing morse and doing decoding.

Thanks must go to Hartlepool Amateur Radio Club for their help in running the radio side of the day. We also had visits from our DLV [Paul Andrew Elliott](#), [Anthony Elliott](#) District chair and [Helen Ryder](#) district treasurer..

Margaret



I've written my update from tonight's Beaver session in morse code as part of JOTA and the communicator badge.



8th Billingham & Synthonia

8th Billingham and Synthonia doing Hallowe'en crafts and games



43rd Middlesbrough

This half term Explorers have been working towards their International badge and Platinum award. Well done for your hard work and commitment everyone.



Join the NSGSO / NSGCB

Do you play
an instrument
to grade 4 or
above?

By August
2026 will you
be aged
between 12
and 25?

Are you a
Scout or
Guide?

The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band meets every **summer** for a week of rehearsals, workshops and social **activities** alongside **professional** conductors, sectional tutors and Scout and Guide leaders. The week culminates in **concerts** in the Birmingham area. Around 180 members join in this fabulous music week.



Course Dates: Sunday 26th July – Sunday 2nd August 2026

Closing date for applications is: 9am on Sunday 30th November 2025

For more information including dates, costs
and the application form go to:

nsgso-nsgcb.com

or email info@nsgso-nsgcb.com

