



County Fun Day

Bookings open this month for our County Fun Day in September. Included in the price of £10 per young person is a special badge for the event.

Below is the badge worn at the first Friendship camp in 1966.



Gang Show Administrator Wanted

After many years Jane our Gang Show Administrator is stepping down from the role of Administrator consequently we are looking for someone to replace her. She is still Administrator for this years show so anyone who is interested will be able to shadow and assist her. This would enable them to find out what the position entails. If you are interested or know of anyone who is please will you speak to Chris Greenwood

County Commissioner's Corner



CENSUS 26

Thank you to all those who had the unenviable job of collating the annual youth data.

This years census has proved to be disappointing with our youth numbers declining back to 2024 numbers. Our youth membership for 2026 is 1838. That's a decline of 72 young people across the county or 4% drop in numbers. Numbers grew across Squirrels and Explorers with continued high demand for Squirrels provision. Scouts declined slightly but we saw significant declines in Beavers and Cubs. This pattern appears to be reflected in national data also. Whilst volunteer numbers are cited as reasons why youth numbers are declining, adult numbers appear to be relatively stable across the last few years. District and County teams will continue to monitor and support growth opportunities across the county.

As section and group leaders, please look at your section numbers. Have they seen a decline? If so why? Is there anything you, district or county can do to support the numbers growing back to pre covid levels?

Reduced numbers have significant effects on funding across the organisation. A funding deficit in the last few years has meant reduced staffing at HQ and therefore reduced support to volunteers through support centre etc.

We know how fantastic Scouting is and what a great asset it is to young people and their communities. Lets look at how we can continue to grow Scouting across Cleveland.

Carl Hankinson to continue as UK Lead volunteer for another 5 years

The board of trustees have unanimously agreed to reappoint Carl Hankinson as UK lead volunteer.

Carl's appointment as our UK Chief Volunteer has been extended for a further five-year term, from September 2026 to September 2031.

Over the past five years, Carl has brought great dedication, skill, and experience to the role, leading the organisation through a period of significant change. This has included our post-Covid recovery, our response to the Prevention of Future Deaths notice, and the launch of our new strategic plan. Carl continues to lead with energy and positivity, with a clear focus on better supporting our adult volunteers so we can reach even more young people.

Those of you who have met Carl either at Gilwell, national events or at our County AGM in 2023 will know the enthusiasm he has for Scouting and the charisma and supportive nature he brings to helping our volunteers in their roles. As county lead volunteer I look forward to continuing to volunteer alongside him in the coming years.

Insurance companies are warning campers if your tent is stolen during the night you won't be covered





Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Cleveland Scouts



Volunteer Development Team

New for 2026!

The Multi-Module Weekender PLUS!

Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th April

Finished your **Growing Roots** learning and now want to complete the **Branching Out** learning so that you can gain your **WOOD BADGE**? Then we can help you do just that in 2026!

The County Volunteer Development Team are putting on a 'weekend plus' of learning, covering all **SEVEN** modules.

THE WEEKEND!

- ▶ Module 8 – Skills of Leadership
- ▶ Module 9 – Working with adults
- ▶ Module 11 – Administration
- ▶ Module 13 – Growing Your Section
- ▶ Module 16 – Introduction to Residential Experiences



Modules 8, 9, 11 and 13 will take place on **Saturday 18th April** at Synthonia HQ in Billingham and Module 16 will take place on **Sunday 19th April** at 1st Norton's HQ.

THE PLUS!

The County Volunteer Development Team will also be putting on:

- ▶ Module 18 – Practical Skills
- ▶ Module 19 – International

Modules 18 and 19 will take place on **Saturday 25th April** at Synthonia's HQ.



COMPLETED SOME OF THE MODULES ALREADY?

Not a problem! Just register for the modules you require. We'll publish the times of each module once its all finalised.

To register: Email Ian Railton dccprogrammecs@gmail.com



Cleveland and Hampshire Scouts

Online First Response Courses 2026



To register for any of these online courses with Hampshire Scouts go to [First Aid Training - Hampshire Scouts - Adult Training](#) where you can click on the course you require.

NEXT: Tuesday 17th March 7.15pm

Monday 13th April 7.15pm

Tuesday 12th May 7.15pm

Wednesday 10th June 7.15pm

Tuesday 14th July 7.15pm

Monday 17th August 7.15pm

Wednesday 23rd September 7.15pm

Tuesday 13th October 7.15pm

Thursday 19th November 7.15pm

Tuesday 8th December 7.15pm

2027

Monday 18th January 7.15pm

Please register for a course 3 months before your present certificate runs out. All volunteers who work with young people must have a First Aid Certificate as soon as possible.

Once you have attended one of the courses and received your certificate,

Email Ian Railton: dccprogrammecs@gmail.com

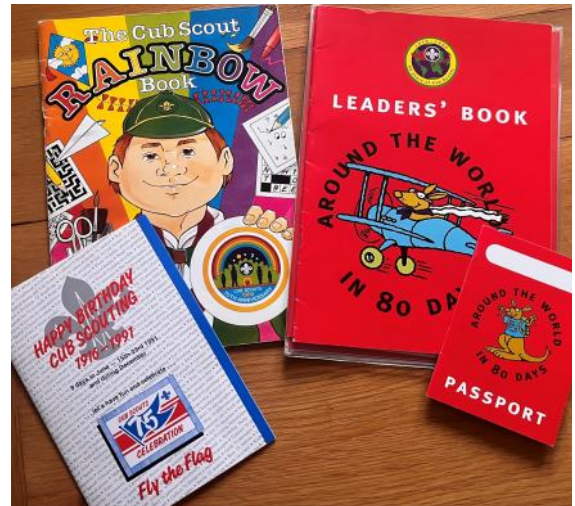
He will organise your 10B assessment which is a short session to check that you know how to correctly minister the practical parts of the course i.e. CPR

Celebrating Cub Anniversaries through the Years.

Ian Railton

With this being the 110th anniversary of Cub Scouting, I thought it would be an opportune time to look back at some of the previous anniversaries to see how they were celebrated.

Our 60th anniversary was designated RAINBOW YEAR. A leader's resource was produced printed on seven different colours representing the seven themes of the year: Fire, Earth, Light, Plants, Water, Space and People. As well as that there was 'The Cub Scout Rainbow Book' produced for the Cubs (complete with caps still!) An occasional badge the same size as our 50th Challenge Badge was worn on Cubs and Leaders



1991 saw Cubs celebrating their 75th Birthday.

The theme of the year was Fly the Flag and Packs were asked to make flags and take them with them to events. Here in Cleveland we held an amazing night at Ayresome Park (the former home of Middlesbrough FC) when on December 16th, the official birthday of Cubs, 1,000 Cubs and Leaders from all over Cleveland met together to Fly their Flags, sing carols, cut the birthday cake with help from the Boro captain, Mark Proctor. We also handed over a cheque to the Royal National Institute for the Blind after collecting coins in Smartie tubes kindly donated by Rowntrees of York.

To celebrate our 80th birthday we travelled for 80 Days Around the World starting in mid-September and finishing on December 16th. Packs had to choose to visit different countries for which, on completion of the activity, received footprints to stick on a world map. One of the most popular activities was 'Climbing the Eiger' where the Cubs had to climb somewhere or something, the equivalent of the height of the Eiger. During Covid, we used this activity in Cleveland to climb Roseberry Topping. The badge we wore in 1996 is shown on the right and was the same size as our 50th anniversary badge.



Next month, I'll revisit the Beavers 10th birthday also in 1996.

CLOUD SPOTTER



Cirrus



High level, wispy and white
Made of ice crystals
Predict fair weather

Nimbus



Clouds that produce precipitation

Cumulus



White and puffy
Flat base and dome top
Form on sunny days

Stratus



Flat, featureless.
Mist or drizzle sometimes falls

Cumulonimbus



Thunderstorm clouds
Associated with heavy rain, snow,
hail and lightning.

Stratocumulus



Low, puffy and grey

New Safe Scouting Card

Safe Scouting

What to do in an emergency

This card is for all Scouts volunteers. It contains essential information, so always keep it to hand.

Group/District Lead Volunteer contact details:



scouts.org.uk/emergencies

Scouts

In an emergency, follow these steps and guidance



Step 1: Assess the danger to yourself and others

Before you help anyone, you've got to make sure you're safe.

If needed, stop the activity to prevent further harm.

Where are we?

- Is there something dangerous nearby?
- Do we need to move people to a safer place first?

What's dangerous?

- Are there any hidden dangers? For example, broken glass, or something slippery?
- Are there other things that could hurt you or anyone else trying to help?



Step 2: Assess/Administer first aid

- Do you need extra help or expertise?
 - If yes, raise the alarm and get help.
 - Continue to administer first aid as appropriate.
- Prioritise casualty care based on injuries.
- Try to note down what you do, if possible, including times.



Step 3: Raise the alarm and get help

- Contact the emergency services for help as soon as possible. Gather details to share with them.
- Find out your exact location (#W3W/OS Grid Ref), who you are with (including numbers), and get someone to guide emergency services to you.



Step 4: Keep everyone safe, well, and updated

- Look after yourself.
- Keep focused on the other people and their safety and wellbeing. Work together with your team to do this.
- Keep emergency services and your designated InTouch contact* updated on any developments, including when the situation has been resolved.

* This could be your emergency contact for international trips, your Group or District Lead Volunteer, or a pre-arranged third-party individual.



Step 5: Reporting

- Call UK Headquarters as described for incidents shown overleaf.
- Inform and report to your Group/District Lead Volunteer using your local reporting processes.
- Report promptly to UK Headquarters for near misses and reportable incidents scouts.org.uk/safetyreporting.
- Notify external agencies as soon as possible (supported by UK Headquarters) about the incident, where applicable.

Key points

- **Do** keep a record of any actions and communications, including details of others who may have seen what happened.
- **Do** keep calm and ask for support where needed. Don't try to handle things on your own.
- **If appropriate**, take pictures of the location sensitively to help record what happened. This will help you remember the details and assist with learning.
- **Don't** be concerned about establishing fault.

- **Do** refer all news and social media posts to the UK Duty Officer and seek support by calling UK Headquarters before talking to the media.
- **Don't** initiate contact with the news media or post on social media (and discourage others from doing so).
- **For any safeguarding concerns**, follow the Safeguarding Code of Conduct for Adults (Yellow Card).

Local reporting and what to do

- **Inform your Lead Volunteer.** Get in touch with your Group or District Lead Volunteer as soon as possible.
- **Record what happened.** Record the key facts clearly and accurately. Write them down or take photos or videos, if appropriate.
- **Keep the records safe.** They may be used to support safety learning reviews or be requested after the incident.

Incident severity definitions

- **Near miss:** Unplanned event which has the potential to cause harm but did not on this occasion.
- **Reportable incident:** An incident requiring medical intervention (e.g. pharmacist, GP, hospital, urgent treatment centre, clinic, or dentist), or involving emergency service rescue, or damage to third-party property.

Contacting UK Headquarters

You need to call UK Headquarters if you experience an incident in which one or more of the following apply:

- a fatality as a consequence of a scouting activity,
- a likely hospital stay of 3 or more days,
- multiple casualties from a reportable incident with overnight hospitalisation,
- or the collapse of a significant structure, whether injury was suffered or not.

Please call the UK Duty Officer using one of the following numbers (24 hours):

0345 300 1818 or +44 20 8433 7100

We recommend that you save these numbers on your phone.

For all near misses and incidents, you must complete the online incident reporting form at scouts.org.uk/safetyreporting or scan the QR code below.



Scan me for information on emergencies, incidents, illnesses and reporting
scouts.org.uk/emergencies



Scan me to complete the online reporting incident form scouts.org.uk/safetyreporting

Celebrating Founders Day in Kenya at Baden-Powell's burial place.



43rd Middlesbrough

It was week two of our Winter Olympics activities. The activities were curling, figure skating, skeleton and biathlon. Congratulations to team Ukraine for winning overall gold.

Well done everyone for your enthusiasm over the past two weeks. 🏳️‍🌈 🏅 🏆 🎯



Tees Valley North

Tonight 58 cubs from 6 packs took part in Tees Valley North district cubs Chinese New Year event. It was a very busy night. We had 6 bases.

Base 1 Lantern making, Base 2 dancing dragon. Base 3 Dragon mask. Base 4 Making fortune tellers. Base 6 Making party popper. Base 6 Chinese inventions. Paper, printing, compass and gun powder.

They were all kept very busy.

We finished off with refreshments and fortune cookie.

I would like to thank the leaders and young leaders for taking time out of their busy lives to run the bases for this event. Well done everyone.

TUBS TO PUBS. project.

Tees Valley North district have taken part in the national Plastic sweet and biscuit tubs are collected and delivered to Green King pubs where they are collected and sent for recycling. These tubs normally sent to land fill and they cannot be recycled in the door step recycling. After being made into plastic pellets they are sold to companies that make garden furniture from recycled plastic. The money made from the selling of the plastic pellets goes to McMillan cancer care. last year £15000 was donated.

Thanks to the groups that took part.

Haarlem Jamboreette 2027

Meet the unit off to Haarlem Jamboreette in 2027. We have just completed our first training weekend. The young people were great and a credit to their groups.



Raven Gill

Cleaning up the Jubilee Centre ready for the new season.



15th Middlesbrough

Spending a night at the climbing wall



40th Hartlepool Scouts map reading



1st Loftus Scout Group

Last week, Beavers were lucky enough to have a water safety talk from Redcar RNLI. 🌊
Thank you to John and Amanda for coming down and delivering it!



7th Redcar

We've just taken part in the fish tank competition at Snuffle & Swim! We've had a great time designing them!
Definitely worth supporting this local small business by popping into the shop for any aquatic and pet needs!
Thanks for letting us take part [Snuffle & Swim](#)!



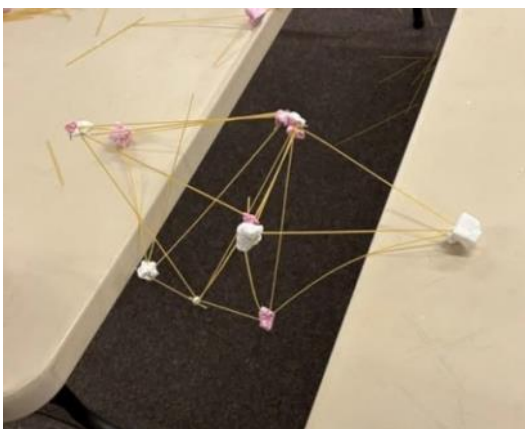
2nd Billingham Scout Group

To recognise International Day of Women and Girls in Science Day, the Scouts have been undertaking the Scientist badge.

We hosted Rebecca, a Process Engineer from CATS terminal who described her career and taught the Scouts about the UK's Great Gas Journey, keeping the UK warm and running!

The Scouts got to get hands on with pressure and pipework to spend the life in the day of a process engineer!

1st Skelton making bridges



44th Middlesbrough

Beavers were "flipping marvellous" last night.

We practiced our pancake flipping skills in a relay race. I'm not sure we really got the hang of it as several pancakes ended up in the floor but we had a good giggle trying!



1st Saltburn Scout Group

A minute to win it!

60 seconds for each daft game .. teaching skills and teamwork.

Well done to Drew, Ethan & Lukas who won the overall challenge (it was close!)



2nd Billingham

Cubs learning life skills and about Chinese cuisine tonight. Well done x x



1st Skelton Scout Group

A group of our Cubs have had some extra fun tonight at the District Mini Golf tournament at Holey Molies! An extra special well done to our A team who came joint 1st for the teams average score 🍌🍌🍌



MIDDLEBROUGH SCOUTS PRESENT
THE GANG SHOW

A family friendly variety show of sketches,
singing and dancing!



MIDDLEBROUGH



Middlesbrough Theatre

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL - SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 2026

Wednesday and Thursday - 7:00pm
Friday 6:30pm
Saturday 1:30pm and 6:30pm

TICKET HOTLINE 01642 312624
middlesbroughgangshow.co.uk
Registered Charity No: 1014923

