



## County Fun Day

### Chief Scout coming to Cleveland!



Great news- Dwayne Field our Chief Scout will be attending our County Fun Day in September. This will be your best chance to come and meet Dwayne and allow your young people to experience a fantastic County event.

You should have received booking information from Ian via the usual communication emails. If you haven't and would like to attend, please contact Ian Railton for further info.



# County Commissioner's Corner



## New strategy launched this month

Hopefully you will have heard about the new strategy and may have attended the All Members webinar last week. The strategy is intended to give Scouts a plan for the next 10 years. The first three years are about consolidating the changes we have made recently and developing more support for volunteers to make volunteering easier.

Skills for Life will be replaced with the tag line 'Place to belong' as we promote Scouts as a place where all are welcome and we continue to give skills that allow Young People to thrive and achieve.

More info will be available in the coming months.

## End of an era! Five become Four.

As of 1st April, Redcar and Eston district is no more. The 3 groups that made up the district have now moved to become part of East Cleveland. They have been working closely with East Cleveland for over a year and the final part was to close the charity and trustee board which happened this month. Cleveland now has 4 strong districts that can support groups locally with programme and volunteer support.

*Andy*



### Cleveland Scouts Growth Awards 2026

**Congratulations to the following Groups who all grew by at least 10 members in 2025 and have gained our**

**Bronze Award.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Egglescliffe +15**

**1<sup>st</sup> Nunthorpe +13**

**6<sup>th</sup> Redcar +11**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ingleby Barwick +10**



**The Groups will each receive £100 and badges for the young people and volunteers**



**RIVER TRIPS**

Join Explorers and Young Leaders from across the county on a two day river trip in canoes on one or both of our trips.

|                                        |                                            |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Boroughbridge to York                  | Leeds & Liverpool Canal                    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> May | 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> August |
| £27.00                                 | TBC                                        |
| All Equipment Provided                 | All Equipment & Transport Provided         |

**SIGN UP**



# Ian's Bit's & Piece's



Young Leaders in action across the County.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Young Leaders Roll of Honour

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the following Young Leaders across the County who have completed Module A, 'Prepare for Lift Off!' since the start of 2026.

### TEES VALLEY NORTH

Ross McFadyan  
Jacob Mills  
Dexter Hootan  
Sonny Lax  
Finlay Holtham  
Lilly Hughes  
Teddy Strubbs  
Anya Pekovic  
Amie Perry  
Eli Hind  
Dylan Hodgson Wood  
George Kirk

### STOCKTON, THORNABY AND DISTRICT – CONTINUED

Maddie Akei  
Theo Nicholson  
Alex Akei  
Alex Campbell  
Thomas Curtis  
Will Sotheby  
Liam Connolly  
Ruby Steven

### EAST CLEVELAND

Daniel Myers  
Isla Faith Alexander  
Freya McGreal  
James Storey  
Rowan Coombes  
Benjamin Daniel  
Davies  
Joshua Richardson  
William Jones  
Daniel Westbrook  
Noah Cooke  
Eddie Dolphin  
Ewan Westbury  
Daisy Westbury  
Kyle Harrison  
Chantai Coning  
Olivia Whiteside  
Tom Riddiough  
Hayden Couille  
Benjamin Eaton  
Charlie Todd

### STOCKTON, THORNABY AND DISTRICT

Alannah Blackburn  
Georgia Taylor  
Reuben Storer  
Cerys Inness  
James Rigg  
Will Mothersdale  
Seb Cullum  
Molly Lord-Hatton

### MIDDLESBROUGH

Oliver Garrens-Murtha  
James Findlay



# Programme Ideas



**Make a cardboard sword and shield - you can decorate them with your coat of arms!**



**Create a promise hand**

Draw around your hand and along each finger write one good deed you can do to help you keep your promise. Decorate!



**Learn about the story of St George - draw a picture of his adventures**



**Design your own coat of arms**

You can include your hobbies or things you like. Or learn about some local coats of arms to inspire you!



**Have a go at making a dragon puppet out of recycled materials or an old sock!**



## INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find a fork.
- Find something that is red.
- Find a tissue box.
- Find 3 things that have wheels.
- Find an orange crayon.
- Find something that is very soft.
- Find a band-aid.
- Find a key.
- Find 2 socks that match.
- Find something round.
- Find a sticker.
- Find a rubber band.
- Find a pair of glasses.
- Find an envelope.



## INVENTOR SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find something that you can turn.
- Find something that is bumpy.
- Find something that is metal.
- Find something you put together.
- Find 3 things that are round.
- Find something you twist.
- Find something shiny.
- Find something you can roll.
- Find a tube.
- Find 3 things that are squishy.
- Find something clear.
- Find something that can bounce.

# More Programme Ideas



## Top tips for kit in wet weather

**GO**  
Outdoors



### Look after your boots, and they'll look after you

- **Leather boots:** Proofing restores water resistance and keeps leather supple, preventing cracks.
- **Fabric & membrane boots:** Reproofing the outer fabric improves breathability and protects suede or nubuck panels.



### Keep your kit ready for the outdoors

- Reproofing restores water resistance and breathability in outdoor gear.
- Done regularly, it helps your equipment last longer and keep you comfortable in wet conditions.



### Stay dry

- **Waterproof jackets:** Reproofing restores the durable water repellent coating so rain beads off and breathability stays high.
- **Water-repellent and windproof layers:** These rely on surface treatments, so reproofing is essential.
- **Insulation (fleece and down):** Light proofing helps reduce moisture absorption and protects warmth.



### A few good habits can make all the difference

- Clean and dry gear before storage
- Reproof tents, seams, and rain covers when needed
- Carry simple repair items like tape or sealant
- Only pack away kit when fully dry

Repairing and reproofing extends the life of your kit and reduces waste.



### Good care leads to happy campers

- **Synthetic tents:** Reproofing reduces fabric saturation, limits condensation, and adds UV protection.
- **Canvas and poly-cotton tents:** Refresh proofing every few seasons to support natural waterproofing.
- **Rucksacks:** Not fully waterproof, but reproofing reduces soak-through and speeds drying.

## Pictures from local Scouting in recent Aprils.

1. The Online Campfire led by Stewart.
2. The online activates for County St George's Day.
- 3 and 4. Camping at Raven Gill
5. The Transporter Bridge lit up Blue and Yellow in 2024 to celebrate 50 years of Cleveland Scouts



## 40th Hartlepool

40th Hartlepool Cubs visited the local life boat station. Colm, the Cub leader, is a qualified Helmsman and took us through the RNLI ethos and reminded everyone that the sea is a dangerous place if not used with sense . They also got to view the inshore rib and the protective clothing used on exercise and shouts . The cubs seemed to recognise all the dangers



## 43rd Middlesbrough Cubs

Rugby night for our Cubs 🏉

From first whistle to final pile-on, it was full of big smiles, brave runs, and plenty of try-ing. Passing went (mostly) backwards, tackles were more like enthusiastic hugs, and every single Cub got properly stuck in.

No fear, loads of laughs, and a great bit of team spirit on show — you'd call that a solid win all round 🏆



# World Scout Jamboree 2026

Our unit leadership team at Yarnfield Park this weekend for the unit leader training weekend. We are learning so much about the #jamboreeejourney. And we are pleased to be wearing our new UK Contingent neckers featuring Oddie the Otter!



## T1 Training Weekend

Walkers who wish to improve their knowledge and possibly go for assessment may be interested in the following. In addition to this west Yorkshire course Durham are offering a similar course for October ran in Northumberland.

Drop me a line if you have any questions.

Dave Yardley



## First aid respond update

### E-learning

Here is the link to the e-learning on the new membership system. You can also login, go to My Learning, Explore Learning and search First Response e-learning.

<https://bit.ly/firstresponseelearning>. There is a divert message in place on the old e-learning.

Here is the link to the conversion e-learning on the new system. You can also login, go to My Learning, Explore Learning and search First Response conversion.

<https://bit.ly/firstresponseconversion>. This is only for use for courses with minimal gaps e.g. First Aid at Work, 12 hour Child First Aid and Outdoor First Aid. Other courses such as EFAW should complete the First Response e-learning: <https://bit.ly/firstresponseelearning>. See Using External First Aid for more information.



The next Online First Response Course with Hampshire Scouts is on Monday 13th April starting at 7.15pm.

Please register via the Hampshire Scouts website. Once you have completed the training and need assessing for 10B then contact

Ian Railton [dccprogramme@ccp@gmail.com](mailto:dccprogramme@ccp@gmail.com) who will arrange the assessment.



## 1st Eaglescliffe World Record Attempt

A small group of 1st Eaglescliffe cubs, beavers, leaders and parents went to the Locomotion Museum in Shildon on Thursday 26th February to participate in the Locomotion dance world record. Although we didn't manage to set a new world record (we were 600 people short) those in attendance all had a great day out even in the rain! We are eagerly waiting for the next attempt!



## Synthonia are fundraising for a new roof

For nearly 100 years, Synthonia Scout Group in Billingham has been giving thousands of young people the chance to grow, learn, and thrive. From teaching teamwork and resilience to offering adventure and friendship, their hut has been the safe space where memories have been made and futures shaped.

As they approach their centenary, the headquarters needs a new roof. Decades of service have taken their toll, and without this essential repair, they risk losing the very place that has nurtured generations of Scouts.

Synthonia have already worked hard to modernise the building — new heating, windows, and facilities — but the roof is beyond what the volunteers and coffee mornings can raise alone. The cost is high, yet the impact is priceless: a safe, sustainable home for our children and community for the next 100 years.

If you have had any connections with Synthonia, you've been a past member or leader then perhaps you might like to support them through their Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/synthonia-roof-2026>

Synthonia Scouts finished their environmental conservation badges. We spoke about energy usage and the issue fuel poverty, and how insulation relates to energy usage. We set the scouts a challenge to try and keep 10 matchsticks burning for the longest time, and then made some hotdogs on trangias, some with lids and some without to show how keeping heat inside helped them to cook quicker.



## Cub Scout Chief Silver Awards

5 Synthonia Cubs received their Chief Scouts Silver Award from County Programme Team Leader Ian Railton.



44th Middlesbrough awarded 3 Chief Scout silver awards to 3 Cubs last month.



# Middlesbrough Gang Show

These seats are currently empty at Middlesbrough Theatre but all being well they will be FULL every night from Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th April when the Gang Show is on.

There will be over 100 young people and volunteers treading the boards, some for the very first time. Please support them by going to watch one of the shows. Tickets available at the Theatre.



## Victoria Cottrell

Victoria is Squirrel Leader at  
1st Marske and New Marske  
Teesside Charity March Hero

## 1st Ingleby Barwick Beavers

The Beavers have been on a nature ramble this month.



James Dale of patron [Anderson Barrowcliff](#), presented Victoria Cottrell with our March Teesside Hero award for her amazing community spirit and dedication to young individuals in the area.

For the past 12 years, Victoria has dedicated her life to the Scouts, giving countless hours every week to support young people in the Tees Valley, all whilst working as a teaching assistant and raising four children of her own.

Most recently, she has been instrumental in launching the new Squirrels programme in Marske, which offers engaging, development-focused activities for children aged 4–6 years old, often attending their first club away from their parents.

Victoria has chosen to award the £1,000 she was given as part of her Teesside Hero award to the 1st Marske & New Marske Scouts to help them continue their work in the community.



**A FRIEND.  
A RELATIVE.  
A COLLEAGUE.**  
Do you know someone who would  
make a great Scout volunteer?