



Thank You



Andy, Frank and Ian say a BIG thank you to all our volunteers for the amazing work you do week in week out year in year out. Scouting wouldn't exist without

YOU!

County Commissioner's Corner



I'm looking forward to seeing as many people as possible at our county AGM on Friday. It's a chance to review the year for the county and then socialise and meet Scouters old and new for a catch up. Hope to see you there!

The closing date for the county fun day has now passed and it's great that we have nearly 1000 young people attending the event. It's a chance to meet new people (including Dwayne our chief Scout!) and try activities or events that they may not have completed before.

And for the adults it's a chance to catch up with other leaders from around the county.

If you have any ideas for activities that you think would enhance the day, please contact Ian R. We are always looking for new and fun things we can do especially for our youngest squirrels and oldest explorers. If you are out and about and would like me to come along and say hello over the summer (especially those who are coming to Raven Gill) please invite me. I love coming along and experiencing the great Scouting activities you all offer our young people.

First Response Course

The next online First Response Course with Hampshire Scouts is on Wednesday 10th June. Register via the Hampshire Scouts website's First

Andy



FIRST RESPONSE COURSES

MAY



Date: 09/05/2026
Time: 09:30 – 16:00
Location: Marske Scout Hut,
High Street, Marske, TS11 7LR

Scan to sign up

Module 10B Assessment 10:30-15:00

June



Date: 20/06/2026
Time: 09:30 – 16:00
Location: 3rd Guisborough Scout Hut,
Belmangate, Guisborough, TS14 7AB

Scan to sign up

Module 10B Assessment 10:30-15:00

WATER ACTIVITY DAYS

 **13TH JUNE**
18TH JULY  **7.50 PP**

TRY 3 ACTIVITIES DURING A 2 HOUR SESSION

- KAYAKING
- CANOEING
- STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING
- RAFTING
- BELL BOATING



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Ian's Bit's & Piece's



The First Friendship Camp

Frank Holliday was the first Camp Chief for the Friendship Camps. This is the message he gave to all who attended.

Message from the Camp Chief

It gives me very great pleasure, as Camp Chief of "Friendship '66", to welcome all our Brother Scouts from every nation, to Raven Gill. Our badge portrays two hands embracing the World. I would like you to consider those hands to be Raven Gill and take this inspiration to reach out your own hands to the World.

We suffer many misunderstandings in the World today but I hope that you, as Scouts, will be inspired as I have been inspired in organising this camp, to understand friendship and brotherhood more closely.

Go forth, brother Scouts, enjoy "Friendship '66" and take back from it the new found strength in your hands.

Yours in Scouting
Frank Holliday



A Scout who has been to outer space sends this message

"Always do the things that might even scare you. The things that intimidate you. The things you think that maybe are beyond your reach.

But actually, when you achieve them, you learn the most about yourself, and you bring the most back to the world."

Christina Koch
NASA Astronaut

SHAPE CHALLENGE

HERE'S AN ACTIVITY THAT WILL HELP THE GROUP WITH COMMUNICATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS.

1. Choose a leader (a group member)
2. Choose a shape and whisper it to the leader
3. That person without physically moving anyone or saying the name of the shape has to direct the entire group into forming the shape you gave them.

Tell them to speak loud and clear!

You can do this many times with many different shapes.

Any age can try this; just use simple shapes for the younger groups. The group can also do this in teams of 7 to make it easier.

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Staying Alert

Got a residential experience coming up in the next few months? Take note of this advice on unstructured and unplanned time below from HQ.

Advice to help you during unstructured and unplanned time. As we look back over the past two years of safety incident data, we see around 28% of reported incidents occur between activities or at the end of section meetings.

This unstructured and unplanned time is when routines change, and attention naturally shifts. Squirrel Scouts make up 60% of these free time incidents, which shows how younger sections benefit most from clear, planned endings, and calm transitions.

43% of reported incidents are slips, trips, or falls. These often occur later in the evening, overnight at camps, or as a meeting night concludes – when people are tired, and their concentration can dip.

Staying Alert:

We'd ask that you and your teams give extra attention to unstructured and unplanned periods. Encourage your teams to plan transitions, be clear on who is supervising, and support one another to stay switched on right to the end of a session. Offer space for people to take a break.

By working together, we can reduce risk and create environments where every young person and team member feels safe, included, and supported.



MS. RISK ASSESSMENTS

1Nights Away

Want to do your Module 38 Skills for Residential Experiences in a weekend? Then here's your opportunity! Once completed let lan dccprogrammecs@gmail.com know so that he can arrange the 10B.



HOW TO MAKE SWEDISH LOG STOVE

- 1.** Set your stove in a safe area ready for lighting.
- 2.** Place a firelighter or bits of paper and twigs in the centre of the stove. Set fire to it.
- 3.**
- 4.** As the stove begins to catch, the flames will burn down and through the log, creating a lasting fire perfect for cooking or keeping yourself warm. When done, remember to put the stove out responsibly.

bushcraft share



60 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES



Here are some activities for you to choose from with your young people to celebrate the 60 years.

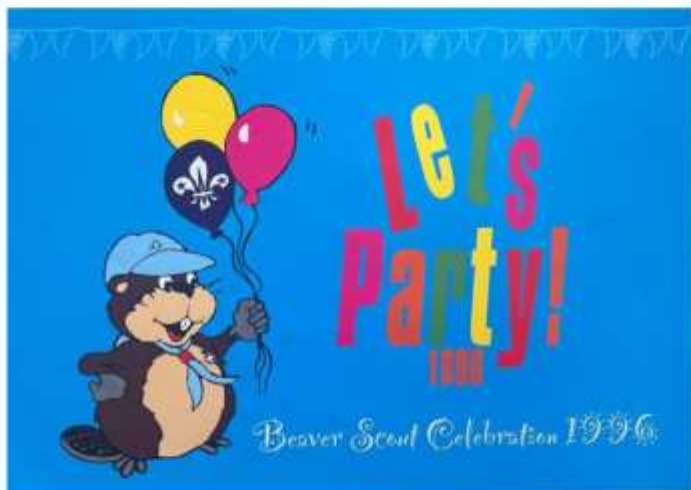
1. Calculate how far the Boy Scouts and their leaders travelled from the countries that attended Friendship 1966. Mark the countries on a map.
2. Make an edible flag of a country that attended Friendship 1966.
3. Make a model from recycled materials of a building / monument in a country that attended Friendship 1966.
4. Find out about a famous person(s) who comes from one of the countries that attended Friendship 1966. It can be a person from history or modern day.
5. Produce a Tik-Tok reel on one of the countries that attended the first Friendship Camp. Include information about population, capital city famous people, buildings, languages spoken.
6. Hold a cooking evening to cook and sample food from countries that have attended any of the Friendship Camps.
7. Find out about the Scout Promise in three of the countries that have visited Friendship Camps. How are they different from ours? Can your Section learn one of them to say together at your meeting
8. Find out what the Sections are called in three different Friendship countries.
9. In Sixes, Patrols or as a Unit plan and run a 'Friendship Night' for a younger Section.
10. Hold a Mini-Friendship sleepover / residential / camp in 2026. Lodges / Sixes / Patrols can all be different countries. Activities could be from different countries.
11. Hold a 1966 night with your Section. (You could do this when you have the 1966 Time Capsule at your Group)
 - a. Try some of the activities the Wolf Cubs and Scouts or Rover Scouts used to do to earn their badges.
 - b. Watch the 1966 World Cup Final.
 - c. Listen to the music of The Beatles. What are the young people's thoughts on it?
 - d. Look at the stamps and coins from 1966. How much did everyday items cost in 1966 eg. Bread, milk, petrol, newspapers.
12. At the first Friendship Camp in 1966 there were several 'specialist activities' including:
 - a. Sailing in Hartlepool Harbour
 - b. Sea fishing off Whitby
 - c. Gliding over the Cleveland Hills
 - d. Rifle shooting in Guisborough Rifle Range
 - e. Climbing in the Cleveland Hills and the Lake District
 - f. Judo by Police experts
 - g. Fencing
 - h. Archery
 - i. Pony Trekking in Skelton
 - j. Canoeing on the river Esk in Whitby Harbour
 - k. Power boating in Whitby Harbour
 - l. The Lyke Wake Walk for 40 miles over the North Yorkshire Moors

Either as individuals or as part of your Section attempt during the year try two new 'specialist activities', or as we now call them, Adventurous Activities.

Celebrating 10 years of Beavers in 1996!



In 1996 Beavers across the United Kingdom celebrated their 10th birthday with ideas and resources sent out in a Party Bag from Headquarters called, 'Let's Party'.



Let's Party 1996 had three main parts:

The Beaver Scout Banner

Challenge: design and make a celebration banner for your Colony. Then see how many locations it can visit and how many miles it can travel during the celebration. The Party Bag had ideas on making the banner and getting it to travel to, and be seen in, as many places as possible across the UK and the world.



The Colony Fun Feast: this was an opportunity to invite former Beavers and Leaders, other members of the Group and others in the community to the party. It was a chance to:

- ✓ Show you care for others
- ✓ Share your fun with others
- ✓ Thank people who have helped in the past
- ✓ Celebrate in style – and more than once if you wanted to!

The Beaver Scout Bonanza: this was an event for the Beaver Scouts from a number of Colonies to enjoy getting together either as a District or a County.

There was no national fundraising initiative however, Colonies could choose to raise money for a local charity or to support a District or County project.

Celebrating 75 years of Cub Scouting – 16th December 1991

Last month, I attended a Question and Answer evening (pie and peas included!) with the former Boro captain Mark Proctor and it reminded me of the 75th anniversary of Cubs, on 16th December 1991, which was held at Ayresome Park, Middlesbrough.



At the time we had over 1000 Cubs across the County (three times what we have today) and we had an idea to hold a big event which would require a big venue. Middlesbrough Football Club were brilliant! They let us have the ground free of charge for the evening, including putting the floodlights on!

There were two hiccups though, the groundsman forgot to open up for us but, following a few phone calls, he arrived to let us all in! Second hiccup was the nine feet tall Smarties tube we had been loaned by Nestles in York trying to get that into the ground as well as 1000 Cubs! In the end it got passed over the heads of the Cubs and Leaders and it took its place on the edge of the pitch. Why did we have a nine feet tall Smarties tube?

The Challenge we set everyone was how much money could we raise by collecting coins in a Smartie tube, so we bought every Cub a tube of Smarties, told them to eat them all, then start to collect coins. In total we raised £1,300 which was presented to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

We also launched balloons into the night sky, renewed our Promise, had a 75th birthday picture taken, sang campfire songs and carols and finally Mark Proctor, captain of the Boro, cut the birthday cake to loud singing of 'Happy Birthday to us'. The evening was attended by the County Commissioner, June Wheeler, the District Commissioners of all the Districts at the time, the Mayors of Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar! A great night for everyone!



How to:

find new volunteers



Show off the opportunities

- Promote opportunities to develop skills.
- Scouts is a great way to build a CV! We offer teamwork, communication, forward planning and working with young people.
- Contact places where people may be looking for work experience, such as a job centre or on teaching courses.

Get the message right

- Use our tone of voice guidelines to write an exciting volunteering message.
- Dedicate a volunteer role to recruiting others. They can help all groups in your area to have a joined up approach.
- Share the benefits and tell people how Scouts is #GoodForYou.

Get busy in the community

- Take part in or be visible at community projects to make everyone know your presence.
- Have stands or put up posters in the community, such as in libraries, leisure centres and in your local supermarkets.
- Approach schools, colleges and universities, including having stalls at fairs, to find volunteers and young leaders.

Be flexible

- Promote taster sessions for potential volunteers, so there's no immediate commitment.
- Let people try different groups and sections before deciding which to join.
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Ask current volunteers

- Do you know someone who would make a fantastic Scouts volunteer? Ask current volunteers to bring a friend, family member or colleague to a Scouts meeting.
- Ask if volunteers can put up posters or use Scouts branded items in their workplace, such as t-shirts or mugs.
- Make sure your current volunteers are happy with and positive about their own experiences so far. They're our biggest and best representatives!



Ask parents and carers

- Hold a parent and carer meeting. They can help spread the word about needing volunteers - or perhaps offer to help out!
- Start by seeing if someone could help once a month or three times in a term. The extra help at busier meetings can make all the difference!
- Advertise ways people could support from home, not just at section meetings. They could manage the accounts or take on a district role.





Scouting in Europe

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+500 Scouts took to the streets in Romania with scarves on their bikes 🦋

All across Romania, from cubs to leaders of [Cercetașii României](#) showed up in their own cities with their own groups, yet all connected. Walking, biking, talking to people, pushing for greener transport and safer roads. 🦋

5th year running and it's only getting bigger... and louder!



Sythonia Squirrels

Sythonia Squirrels made the most of the nice weather and played some games on the field, finishing the night with s'more's around a campfire



**LITTLE MISS BURNT
MARSHMALLOW**



**Being outdoors
lowers anxiety
and helps you to
reset.**

(YouGov research 2023)



Unit 72 WSJ

Unit 72 are out and about in York today! As we explored the city this morning we are looking forward to heading to the railway museum this afternoon! UK Contingent Humberside Scouts Cleveland County Scouts #unit72wsj2027 #UK26WSJ



1st Loftus

What a fantastic evening with 1st Loftus Squirrels tonight!

We checked in on our growing caterpillars 🐛 and were amazed at how big they're getting! The children learned all about the caterpillar life cycle and enjoyed a lovely story to bring it all to life.

We also had lots of fun playing a healthy vs. unhealthy food sorting game, chatting about what makes good choices for our bodies

Of course, we couldn't miss out on one of our firm favourites — Duck Duck Goose! game. So much energy and laughter all around.

A big congratulations to Jacob for being awarded Squirrel of the Week! 🐿️ He's taken Nutkin home for a week of adventures — we can't wait to hear all about what they get up to!



40th Hartlepool

Four Nations cooking

On Thursday the 40th Hartlepool troop were challenged to prepare and cook and serve a traditional dish from the four nations on an open fire. English breakfast, Scot's porridge and Square eggs, bangers and mash and Welsh Rarebit. A good meeting challenge organised by a young leader ahead of our camp when all meals will be cooked on open fires. Well done to all patrols.



County Climbing Team

Have been at the Winstones. .

Blessed with good weather. The team had a great day with the Haarlam contingent, thanks to the Haarlam leaders and the team of: Gary, Graham, Stephen, Holly, Adam, Barbara & Zoe



1st Skelton

1st Skelton Cubs were at a fantastic wild west camp this weekend as cowboys in training.

Thankfully the weather stayed dry and allowed everyone to enjoy a jam packed weekend of activities!



8th Billingham

The Cubs had a fantastic visit from our local neighbourhood police tonight. They are based in Billingham but cover the whole of Stockton on Tees. We learnt so much and looking forward to welcoming them back soon.



18th Hartlepool

18th Hartlepool Cubs and Scouts visited the Heugh Gun Battery on the Headland to start their local knowledge badge. Thank you to Simon for sharing all his knowledge of the bombardment of Hartlepool in the 1st World War.



40th Hartlepool Beavers

The have had a Pets Night!



43rd Middlesbrough

Penne for your thoughts? Our Cubs had a pasta-tively brilliant tabletop fun fair — come for the games, stay for the pasta-bilities! 🍝🍷



Synthonia Scouts

They had their breakfast and arrived at Whitby ready for the first day of their Chief Scouts Gold Award expedition. Beautiful day for it.



CAMPING HACK

LOST ITEM PREVENTION

-  GIVE EVERY YOUNG PERSON A SMALL "KIT SPOT" IN THE TENT.
-  SAME PLACE EVERY TIME = FEWER LOST ITEMS
-  WORKS ESPECIALLY WELL WITH CUBS & BEAVERS
-  A LITTLE ROUTINE NOW MEANS LESS STRESS LATER!

MY KIT SPOT

GOOD HABITS. GREAT ADVENTURES. NO LOST STUFF.

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LITTLE MISS LOST PEGS



MR. FIRELIGHTER

You're going to SCOUT CAMP!

You can only take **ONE** item with you to survive **48 hours** in scout camp.



What's your pick — and what does it say about you as a leader?



MS. WHERE'S THE KIT



MR. KNOT-IT-ALL