



CLEVELAND COUNTY FUN DAY ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIG DAY ??



Photographs

If you're going to County Fun Day please take plenty of pictures of the activities your young people take part in. Afterwards pick your best ones and send them to our Facebook page, Cleveland County Scout Leaders. We'll also publish some in future Couriers.

County Commissioner's Corner



Fun Day Sept 12th

I hope you are all looking forward to the County Fun Day as I am. The team have been working really hard to put on an action packed day with things to entertain Squirrels right up to Explorers (and hopefully the adults that come along too!)

We will welcome representatives from the Police, Fire Brigade, RNLI and Royal Navy alongside circus skills team and SideBurner for pyrography for the older sections.

Hopefully you've had details of the hoodies and T-shirts available for the day and will very shortly get final information for the day.

We will be joined by MPs and mayors from across the area and other Scouting representatives from across the region. Make sure you say hello to our World Scout Jamboree Unit who will be supporting with activities across the day.

First Response courses

In the coming months over 200 volunteers will be required to complete First Response training. The large majority of these are old Section Assistant roles who have transferred to Team Member roles and have had 2 years to complete. Information will be shared in the coming weeks regarding First Response courses. Hampshire online model will also be available for training.

County role vacancies- Volunteer development, media/social media

In Cleveland we have some volunteer roles we require support with.

County Volunteer Development Lead is a role to support with Welcome and Induction into Scouting alongside supporting the mandatory and optional learning required to allow Scouting to be successful and safe. It is a role that would suit someone who couldn't commit to frontline scouting every week and can be flexible to fit in with those who could do more blocks of volunteering rather than every week. Ideally you would be someone who works in a 'people' based role such as HR or teaching but that isn't important. If you are keen and want to support Scouting without a weekly commitment, this might be the role for you.

County Media lead

We are also interested in a volunteer to develop and lead a team to promote Cleveland Scouts across the area. This would be supporting internal and external comms. Someone who could liaise with mainstream media to promote our events and activities. Also someone who could develop our social media presence to promote us in the area.

If you're interested in either role contact Andy, County Lead Volunteer at clevelandscoutscouncil@gmail.com

County Youth Lead Intro

In this months Courier, you'll hear from Leo our new County Youth Lead. He has lots of ideas and is keen to develop Cleveland with a strong youth voice. One area we are interested in developing is a Network section for those members aged 18-25 to support them to keep Scouting after 18. Look out for more info from Leo in the coming months.

Andy

Hi everyone! I'm Leo Armstrong, and I'm excited to be taking on the role of County Youth Lead for Cleveland!



I've been involved in Scouting since Beavers and currently volunteer with 27th Middlesbrough Scouts. I've been incredibly lucky to experience some amazing opportunities through Scouting, including attending the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and Dwayne Fields' Chief Scout handover.

Over the coming months, I'll be visiting Explorer Units across Cleveland, meeting young people, listening to ideas and helping to shape the future of Scouting across the county.

I'm also hoping to create a Cleveland-wide network for 18-25-year-olds, creating a space to connect and share ideas.

Got an idea? Want to get involved? Just want to have a chat? Get in touch!

Clevelandscoutsyouth@gmail.com

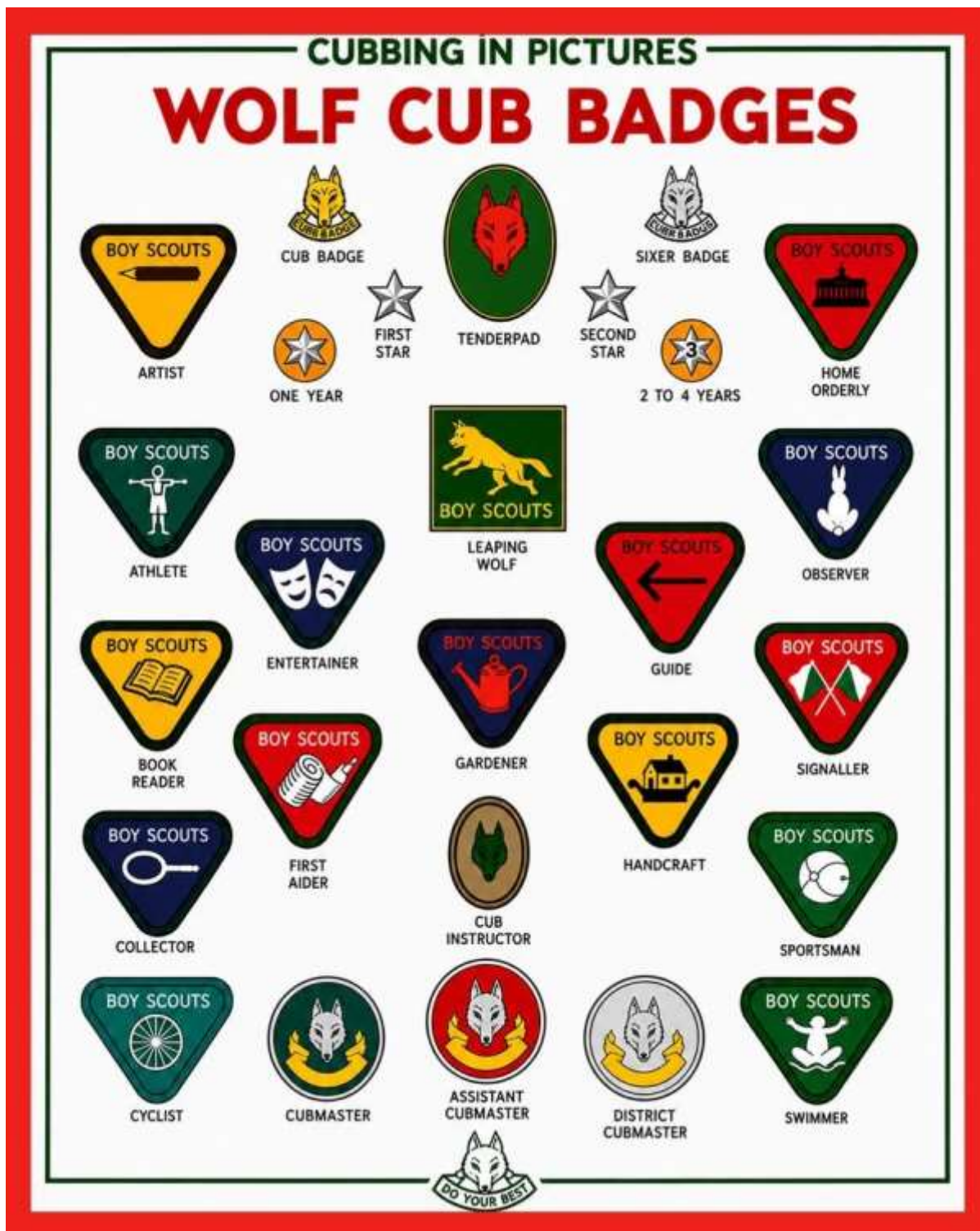


Ian's Bit's & Piece's



WOLF CUB BADGES

60 years ago, back in 1966, these were the badges our Wolf Cubs (now Cubs) were working towards with the 1st and 2nd Stars the top awards. The Leaping Wolf badge was worked for as the Wolf Cub was preparing for Scouts.



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FIRST RESPONSE DEADLINES UPDATE

Making sure our volunteers have the right skills to keep young people safe. **Here's what you need to know:**



1. NEW VOLUNTEERS

Who require First Response and joined Scouts **on or after November 2024:**

COMPLETE WITHIN

**12
MONTHS**

FROM STARTING
IN ROLE



2. SECTION ASSISTANTS MOVING TO A SECTION TEAM

Complete First Response within **24 months** from November 2024.

COMPLETE WITHIN

**24
MONTHS**

FROM NOVEMBER 2024



3. EXISTING VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTINUE TO REQUIRE FIRST RESPONSE

Retain their current deadline up to a maximum of **24 months** from **November 2024.**

MAXIMUM OF

**24
MONTHS**

FROM NOVEMBER 2024



First Response gives you the confidence to act when it matters most.
Thank you for keeping Scouting safe!



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Together, we're prepared for anything.



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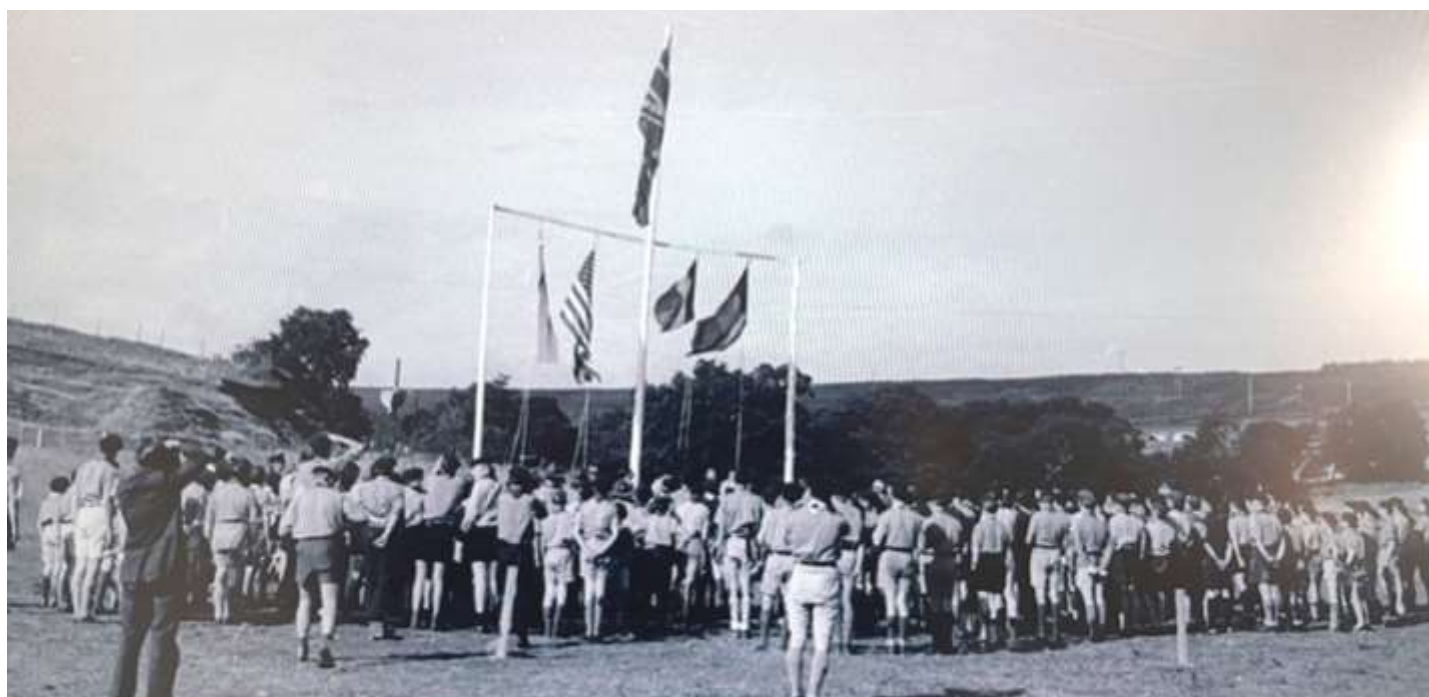
Old Photographs of Raven Gill

Some pictures, courtesy of Frank Holliday, of Friendship 1966 and 1970 both at Raven Gill.

Ever wondered how Raven Gill became the property of Middlesbrough Scouts before it became the County Camp site?

We are looking for old photos of Raven Gill.

If you have any photographs of Raven Gill please send them to the Courier



Raven Gill Story

Here's the story of how Raven Gill came about taken from the 1966 Friendship Camp Handbook.

The Raven Gill Story

One would think that it would be easy to find a plot of land suitable for a training ground for Scouts in the area around Tees-side. Finding such a place is perhaps not so difficult, but acquiring one is fraught with difficulties not realised until the attempt has been made. By no means the least problem is the lack of financial resources which often keep doors barred that might otherwise be opened.

Representatives of the Middlesbrough Boy Scouts Association spent many fruitless hours and travelled many miles to fail in their objective at Faceby, Carlton, Easby, Kirkleatham, Flatts Lane and Clay Bank, to name but a few. Then, one day, a letter arrived. It came from a junk dealer of Bishop Auckland offering to sell seven acres of land at Commondale and extolling its virtues as a camp site.

Upon investigation, what was this camp-site?—The worst eyesore on the North Yorkshire National Park—a dilapidated, run-down field of ash debris—a scene of industrial squalor. Chimney stacks, rusty corrugated sheeting, tumble-down walls, and the whole place honeycombed with underground ducts, presumably to carry heat for the baking of bricks. There were heaps of broken bricks, tiles, pipes—all evidence of a once busy workplace employing the men from the village and, no doubt, playing its part in providing houses in the district for local people of the late 19th century.

This was enough to make the stoutest heart quake—but whilst we are here, why not take a walk along this stream? Raven Gill at that time, was also marked by previous industrial workings, clay-pits, evidence of a track along which men pushed bogies to the brickyard, trees—rather scrubby, water-logged land, and bad access were defects soon noticed. Obviously drainage would be a great problem. Could this become a place for Middlesbrough Scouts? An agonising decision had to be made—could this eye-sore, if not obliterated, be made less obtrusive? With many mis-givings, because the brickyard was needed to gain access to

Raven Gill, which could be leased, the project was launched.

It took three years or more to clean up the brickyard, with the help of the Middlesbrough Corporation Works Department, who lent a digger, dumper and a bull-dozer. Before they could move in, the local Territorial Engineers had to demolish the chimneys. A road along the camp-site consists of hundreds of tons of rubble from the old workings; prior to its laying, there was a rough track which cars and lorries could not negotiate without difficulty.

Meanwhile, water from a spring had been laid on. Two huts were erected—one which was practically given by I.C.I. and ablutions built largely from materials from the brickyard. Through the co-operation of the farmer, Mr. Robinson, who in the early period of struggle, gave us the utmost help, deep channels were carved out down the hillside to carry away surplus water.

During the first months of our occupation, dozens of adders, which had dozed among the bracken and boulders unmolested for many years, met their doom at the hands of young invaders. There are few now—their territory has been taken over by boys from crowded streets, learning something of the companionship of shared experience, away from the crowded streets and town life which is their environment.

The Commondale site was an ugly picture in a precious frame—the picture is improving. The people of Commondale should be grateful to the Scouts of Middlesbrough for improving their outlook. As long as some young men in Middlesbrough Scouting believe that living outdoors has much to offer its scouts, and are not afraid of hard work—many more thousands of healthful weekends will be spent and the adders will have found new homes.

Yours in Scouting

Poacher International Jamboree

The DLV and DYL of East Cleveland enjoying an amazing time at Poacher International Jamboree, joining fellow members from the District and catching up with old Scout friends from across the UK.



Beth and Bea's home for the week!!
At Poacher International Jamboree
With the Escape Pod's Team!!

Badge swapping

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Past Activities

Bits of bike, scrap spare parts, lots of elbow grease and tender loving care have all gone into three very special pedal cars which have been produced by members of the First Fairfield Scouts. They had been working very hard to get their vehicles, Fairflea, Fairarri and Fairdinkum in tip top condition and ready for the national races in July 1984.



Pictured above on 27th June 1984 with their entries are from the left, Kenneth Newbrook, Nicholas Weston, Roger Tindale, Martin Rayner, David River, Ivor Mills and Nicholas Lawler.

43rd Middlesbrough

Well done to all 43rd Middlesbrough Cubs and Beavers for your effort and enthusiasm throughout camp at Kettleness.



Pictured above on 27th June 1984 Stockton Cubs putting their best food forward with their bid to win an all expenses paid trip to London. A five legged race was just one of the fun events the youngsters from the 4th Stockton and 1st Hartburn Cubs competed in during their Olympics.

1st Loftus



As they wrapped up another fantastic year 1st Loftus Beavers wanted to share some photos from their trip to Danby Moors Centre.

They all had an amazing time with plenty of fun and laughter along the way and it's safe to say that even the leaders had just as much fun as the Beavers!



An activity we are not doing at County Fun Day this month!

Cubs watching World Cup football at Raven Gill! Like the pioneering though!



18th Hartlepool

The 18th Hartlepool Beavers walk began at Church Street Level Crossing and watched the crossing in action as two trains passed by.

The walk took us across the track to the marina. We had to navigate roadworks and read the traffic signs, following pedestrian information and find a safe place to cross.



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Discover

**BEAVERS**
Make Friends

**CUBS**
Have Adventures

**SCOUTS**
Build Skills

**EXPLORERS**
Take the Lead

**SMOOTH TRANSITIONS**
Make moving on a positive experience.

**BUILD CONFIDENCE**
Introduce members to their new section.

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Watersports Team

The County Watersports team has just returned from an excellent weekend on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal with a group of Explorers paddling over 35km from Greenberfield Locks to Riddlesden.



1st Saltburn

Caving in the Yorkshire Dales



40th Hartlepool Scouts

Climbing at Scugdale



The Campfire Theory

**Someone told me
about the Campfire Theory today,
and it's blown my mind....**

The theory:
Some people come into your life for your warmth.
Some stay long enough to enjoy the glow.
Some disappear the moment you burn low.
But a rare few...
Stay when the night gets cold.
Bring wood when your flames grow old.
Share stories and embrace your warmth.
Protect you and weather the storm.
Those are your people.

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SCOUTING

IMPORTANT KNOTS

KNOW THEM ★ USE THEM ★ RELY ON THEM

 1. REEF KNOT / SQUARE KNOT  Used to tie two ropes together. Easy to tie and easy to untie.	 2. SHEET BEND  Used to join two ropes of different sizes.
 3. CLOVE HITCH  Used to tie a rope to a pole, post, or tree.	 4. BOWLINE KNOT  Creates a strong, fixed loop that won't slip.
 5. TIMBER HITCH  Used to pull or drag heavy logs or poles.	 6. SHEEPSHANK KNOT  Used to shorten a rope without cutting it.


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BE PREPARED • STAY SAFE • HELP OTHERS



YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING

YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T EXPECT PERFECTION. THEY JUST WANT LEADERS WHO:

-  CARE
-  LISTEN
-  ENCOURAGE THEM
-  SHOW UP CONSISTENTLY

SOMETIMES SAYING:

"LET'S FIGURE IT OUT TOGETHER"

IS MORE POWERFUL THAN HAVING ALL THE ANSWERS


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