

# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

The past few months at 1st Holgate have been busy, with the St Georges Day parade, sponsored walks, camps, trampolining, and plenty of other fun activities! This newsletter highlights just some of the activities our young people have been involved in.

## NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 16TH SEPTEMBER 2024

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:  
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## HIGH FIVE!



At 1st Holgate, we are extremely proud of the fact that our organisation runs solely on the support of volunteers. From those who assist during our weekly meetings to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, our volunteers are the heart and soul of our community. We believe that their contributions are invaluable and make all the difference in the world. That's why we encourage you to nominate a volunteer for recognition of their hard work. Send an email to emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk and help us give these amazing individuals the public appreciation they deserve. Let's work together to give them a well-deserved high five!



## WE NEED SCOUT LEADERS!

**Do you enjoy outdoor and adventure activities and want to help young people to develop new skills?**

We urgently need more Scout leaders, particularly to cover Wednesday evenings. Please contact us if you can help: Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

## 1ST HOLGATE CLOTHING RANGE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

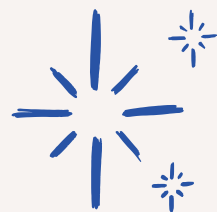
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or book direct here: <https://bit.ly/3VpBaMN>

1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you be the  
missing link we need?

- Finance Support
- Administration Support
- Equipment Support
- Transport Support
- Adult support across all sections



**Volunteer NOW!**



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[www.facebook.com/groups/1stHolgate](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1stHolgate)

# Budding gardeners!

During this term, the Squirrels embraced the wonders of the allotments, using their senses to identify various plants, tending to the garden, and planting their own seeds.

This term, the Squirrels have also been focusing on teamwork skills and preparing for camp. In addition, we have explored our local area and enjoyed searching for bugs and insects.

It has been a busy term. We finished off with the sponsored walk where our Squirrels completed a 5km course and linked up with our friends at the finish to collectively complete the final stretch. The Squirrels demonstrated remarkable determination and were fueled by a few jelly babies along the route!

Well done Squirrels and we have lots to look forward to this term!



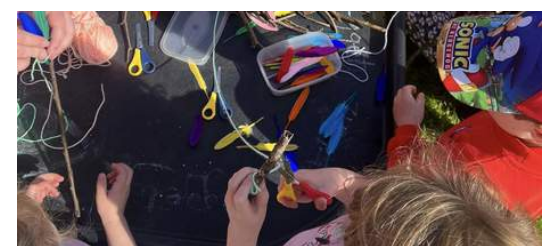
# Room on the broom for our Squirrels?

The second Squirrel sleepover was another fantastic success, with the theme this time being "Room on the Broom".

The Squirrels pitched their tents, played bingo, sang songs around the campfire and enjoyed a movie night before they went to bed, amazingly they were all asleep by 9.30pm!

The following day, we enjoyed making bird feeders, wands and making potions!

The Squirrels were brilliant and we all had lots of fun!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

### 7th July - Sports Day.

10-12 at Acomb School.  
Please sign up via the events section on OSM.

### 8th and 13th July - Summer Parties.

Normal meeting days and time for each Drey.

### 15th July - Squirrels Hike.

Joint Hobmoor picnic hike with both squirrel Dreys and all Beavers.

5-6:30: All family members welcome. Info to be sent nearer time.

### Larkin 2024.

**International Jamboree at Duncombe Park in Helmsley.**

**31st July: (Full)**

# First aid ready!

The Beavers made excellent progress working on their Level 1 or 2 Emergency Aid badge.

Kanga was incredibly impressed with how quickly they all grasped the techniques, particularly the recovery position and responding to emergencies.

Well done, Beavers! Your demonstration of attentive listening, teamwork, and perseverance was truly commendable.

Fortunately, the Beavers' first aid skills were not required when we accompanied the Cubs for an end-of-term treat at Flip Out, the trampoline park. We had a fantastic couple of evenings bouncing, jumping, and having a great time. We look forward to the adventures that the next term will bring!



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# Beavers activity day

The Beavers had a fantastic day at the District Beaver Activity Day, which was held at Snowball. There were lots of fun games for the Beavers to take part in and a range of activities happening including building, backwards cooking, pioneering and navigation!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SOME NEW LEADERS!

**Beaver Camp**  
22nd - 23rd June  
Now full

**Larkin 2024**  
International Jamboree at  
Duncombe Park in Helmsley  
30th - 31st July (Full)

## Welcoming new Beaver leaders!!

We are delighted to welcome Helen and Niki to the section. Helen herself experienced Guides and Explorer's as a teen and has now become a leader at our Wednesday Beavers. Niki has joined our Oregon section as a leader on a Friday. Thank you for your support and welcome to the team!

# Disney Camp

The theme of our Cub camp was Disney. The cubs built their own cars and raced them, played lots of games, built dens, sang around the campfire, and of course, ate some marshmallows. It was a brilliant weekend, with some actual sun! The cubs were fantastic and really gave all the activities their best effort.



## Summer games and lots of bouncing!

The Cubs have demonstrated some fantastic team skills in the games we have played this term - we even managed to get outside and enjoy some warmer weather too!

We ended the term with a joint trip with the Beavers to Flip-out, this was a brilliant evening and the Cubs (and Leaders) really enjoyed themselves.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**7th July**  
**Ebor District Rounders**  
**Competition, 1pm -**  
**3.30pm**  
**Acomb Primary School**

Details are on OSM, sign up now

**8th, 10th and 12th July**  
**(Usual Cub nights)**  
Backwoods Cooking at  
Snowball

**Larkin 2024 - 29th-31st July**  
International Jamboree at  
Duncombe Park in Helmsley  
(Full for Cubs)

# Fun and games for our Scouts!

This term has been quite busy for the Scouts. We had a games night and worked on pioneering projects. At Snowball, we learned various survival skills and our young people tested the weatherproofing of their shelters with differing levels of success. We also indulged in lots of marshmallows and enjoyed a delicious hot banana, chocolate, caramel, and cream creation, getting quite messy in the process!



# Cycling the planet trail!

The Scouts had an amazing time cycling the York Solar System. It's a scale model of the Solar System spread out along 6.4 miles (10km) of the old East Coast mainline railway. The trail features scale models of all the planets in our solar system. It was a fun evening, and the Scouts showed real determination to complete the trail.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**15th June**  
**Race the Sun**

**20th June**  
**Junior Warrior**

**Larkin 2024 27/07/24 -**  
**03/08/24 (Full for scouts)**

# We need Scout leaders!!

We need more people to help us lead our scout teams, this is across all three nights but particularly so at Hadrian Scouts on Wednesday's. As adult volunteers we get an amazing amount of pride and fulfillment in leading the activities that give our scouts such a great time, from the recent expedition, winter camp and the many activities we do in our normal scout evenings. We are a good bunch of people and we enjoy socialising and meeting up away from scouting. Please speak to any of the scout leaders if you can help.

# Musicians of the future

This term, our Explorers took on the role of engineers, by participating in an interactive, music-themed activity.

This unique experience allowed them to use electronic components to understand the intricate process of music production in partnership with the University of York's esteemed AudioLab.



## Our Explorers and Young Leaders

### Thank you!!

This term, our Explorers went above and beyond when many of them took part in the Sponsored Walk. They either walked the full 40km route or assisted with the younger sections.

Walking 40km is a really long way. They not only showed great strength and determination but they also supported their peers when every part of their bodies were aching, demonstrating true friendship.

They truly deserved the BBQ at the end, and we are immensely proud of them all, and for the help that they gave to our younger sections too.

Well done, everyone, and thank you on behalf of everyone at 1st Holgate.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**20th June**  
**Junior Warrior**

**21-23 June**  
**Loki Weekend Camp**

**27th June - Odin, rock climbing at Brimham Rocks**

**28-30 June**  
**Odin Weekend Camp**

**4th July - Loki, kayaking at Boroughbridge**

**11th July - Odin, kayaking at Boroughbridge**

**Larkin 2024**  
**27/07/24 - 03/08/24**  
Now full for Explorers

**19th and 20th October**  
**"Escape"**  
24 hour wide game  
(provisional, date TBC)

# When does your child move sections?

## Group Membership Coordinator, Jackie explains the process

Each section moves up at a certain age, joining the next section after the relevant half term. We work to the same term dates as York's school calendar, although we allow an extra week after the Summer and Christmas holidays: -

### What is the process?

Jackie will send an email via OSM towards the end of the term before your child is old enough to move up. Sometimes where birthdays fall in term time you may be invited to move up the term before or after they become old enough to join. If in doubt, please feel free to contact Jackie.

Her email will ask you to share your meeting preferences via a link to a form or response email. Having more than one preference helps us allocate quicker. However, we know how busy your children's evenings can be and the juggle faced to fit in activities. This can result in some nights being more popular and waiting lists forming.

If you have to join a waiting list, we will contact you when your child reaches the top. If you can join another meeting night until your first preference becomes available this will mean they are not missing out on Scouting.

Over the half term before your child moves up you will receive an email welcoming you to your new section, details about uniform and how to contact your new leader.

The first month in your new section is subs free to ensure they're enjoying it before committing to join. You can also join our Uniform Exchange Facebook page to see if your new uniform is available for free from others moving up.

If you'd like to move meeting nights, please speak with your Section Leader as first point of contact.

And finally, we do have a joining policy to guide us when we have waiting lists and limited spaces. Please look here to learn more: [www.1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk/wp/joining-list-policy/](http://www.1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk/wp/joining-list-policy/)

### Term start dates for 2024/25:

9th September  
4th November  
13th January  
24th February  
22nd April  
2nd June

### Section Age Groups

#### Squirrels:

4yrs to 6yrs

#### Beavers:

5 3/4 to 8yrs

#### Cubs:

8yrs to 10 and half yrs

#### Scouts:

10 and half yrs to 14 yrs

#### Explorers:

14 yrs to 18 yrs

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MOVING SECTIONS,  
PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH WITH JACKIE  
VIA EMAIL: [SECRETARY@ISTHOLGATESCOUTGROUP.ORG.UK](mailto:SECRETARY@ISTHOLGATESCOUTGROUP.ORG.UK)  
OR PLEASE TELEPHONE: 07842 704850.**



# MOVERS AND STARTERS!

WELCOME TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY JOINED US AT 1ST HOLGATE AND TO THOSE WHO ARE MOVING UP A SECTION!



Alfie, Mathilda, Florence and Gabriel at Windermere Squirrels. William and Foster at Buttermere Squirrels.

Max, Ernie and Esme at Montana Beavers.

Oscar, Sammy, Archie and Jack at Dakota Beavers.

Lucas, James and Matthew at Oregon Beavers.

Amelie and Connor at Phoenix Cubs. Chloe and Uilises at Pegasus Cubs.

Penny at Griffin Cubs. Oscar at Hadrian Scouts.

## Congratulations to all our epic walkers!

The Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, and Squirrels who participated in the very challenging Millenium Way sponsored walk on Saturday, May 25th, should be immensely proud of themselves. We are definitely proud of their fantastic achievement, and they raised £2,817!



**We are still fundraising towards our goal of buying a new minibus. If you have any ideas to raise funds or want to get involved then please do get in touch with Chris Rodaway: [chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk)**

## Annual Awards and AGM

Every week, our young people impress us with their teamwork, kindness, and active participation in various activities, even when faced with unexpected challenges like mud and rain!

This year, separating the AGM and our Annual Awards Ceremony made a positive difference, and we invite your thoughts on using this approach next year.

Once again, congratulations to all our award recipients from across the sections. Well done!



# 1st Holgate Clothing Range

We've been working away over the last few months to design our new group clothing range! For those of you that have been around at 1st Holgate for a while you'll know that we've previously designed t-shirts for our whole group camps, these have been a big success so we wanted to take this a step further and give you something just for 1st Holgate that we can wear on our slightly less formal activities, camps and events.

Please note this doesn't replace our official Scouting uniforms (which should continue to be worn to weekly section meetings) but you could always wear a t-shirt under your Beaver jumper or Scout shirt (perfect for the warmer weather!) This clothing is open to all members and supporters of the Scout Group whether you're a young person, section volunteer, support team member or parent helper!

Items available include hoodies, t-shirts, polo shirts, full zip fleeces and softshell body warmers - see the images opposite for a guide as to what is available! All are available in a range of kids and adults sizes (except the bodywarmers - adult sizes only).

Our clothing is being provided through Edge Clothing, a Scarborough based company that provide clothing to many Scout groups in the area. You can buy directly through their website: <https://bit.ly/3VpBaMN> but you will have to pay £7 delivery per order.

We have recently made a bulk order and this is available for collection now. If you would like to place an order, the delivery is £7, we would recommend linking with others to share the cost as unfortunately we will not be able to place a bulk order again until next year due to the extra pressures it places on our volunteers.



We need  
you!



your help  
means a  
lot!

## Volunteers Needed

Please join us and help us now:

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# Group Directory



In case you need to contact any of our Lead Volunteers or Team Leaders, we have compiled a list of their email addresses below. It is important to keep in mind that all of these individuals are volunteers and may not be able to respond immediately. However, they will do their best to reply to your message as soon as possible.

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<b>Team Leaders</b>		
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<b>Montana Beavers</b>	Katy Colbert	katy.colbert@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Dakota Beavers</b>	Nancy Rhodes	nancy.rhodes@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Oregon Beavers</b>	Johnny Harvey	johnny.harvey@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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<b>Constantine Scouts</b>	Dave Rycroft	dave.rycroft@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Explorers - Loki and Odin</b>	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

