

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We hope you all had a great summer break. During the summer, we had a lot of fun at Larkin, and our newsletter showcases some of the activities our young people participated in last term.

As schools resume, we have many exciting plans for the rest of the year!

NEXT ISSUE...

DUE W/C 4TH NOVEMBER

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:
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SCOUTFEST

SCOUTFEST is coming on Sunday
15th September!

Visit <https://www.scoutfest.co.uk/>
to get your tickets NOW!!

**This promises to be a fantastic
event for all the family!**



WE NEED CUB LEADERS!

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

We urgently need more Cub leaders across all sections,
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Please contact us if you
can help: Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

1ST HOLGATE CLOTHING RANGE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Please see page 13 for more details,
or book direct here: <https://bit.ly/3VpBaMN>

Supporting our Community!

The West Bank Summer Fair was held on Sunday 30th June. It was a fantastic event and a chance to show the wider community the impact and benefit that Scouting can bring to all. Thank you to everyone who took part, whether that was on the stall, flipping burgers, baking or many of the other roles that our team of volunteers undertook - thank you!

Your support on the day raised £1600 which is a fantastic amount towards our minibus which will benefit everyone at 1st Holgate!

There will be additional fund raising activities throughout the year, we ask that you support the group where possible!

Or perhaps you want to get involved and help out? Do you have ideas to raise valuable funds? Please do get in touch: Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



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

Larkin about!

July was an unforgettable month, with the much-anticipated Larkin Jamboree taking center stage. This incredible event brought together Scouts from all over the world for a week filled with adventure, camaraderie, and the true spirit of Scouting. Here's a look back at the highlights from the Larkin Jamboree and what made it such a special experience for everyone involved.

The Larkin Jamboree: A Celebration of Scouting Spirit

The Larkin Jamboree is one of the biggest events in the North Yorkshire Scouts calendar, and this year's jamboree was nothing short of spectacular. Held in a stunning outdoor setting, the jamboree welcomed thousands of young people and volunteers for a week that was packed with activities, challenges, and opportunities to connect with fellow Scouts from across the world.

From the moment the tents were pitched, the excitement was palpable. Scouts of all ages were eager to dive into the wide array of activities on offer, which ranged from adventurous outdoor pursuits to creative workshops and team-building exercises. The jamboree provided something for everyone, ensuring that every Scout had the chance to try something new, push their limits, and make lasting memories.

Activities and Adventures: Something for Everyone

One of the standout features of the Larkin Jamboree was the diverse range of activities available. Whether Scouts were scaling climbing walls, navigating obstacle courses, or learning new skills in craft workshops, there was never a dull moment. The jamboree was designed to challenge Scouts physically and mentally, while also fostering a strong sense of community and teamwork.

Water-based activities were a big hit, with kayaking and raft-building proving to be particularly popular. These challenges not only tested the Scouts' abilities but also encouraged them to work together and support one another - a core value of Scouting.

For those with a creative flair, the jamboree offered plenty of opportunities to get hands-on with arts and crafts, cooking, and even performance-based activities. It was inspiring to see the Scouts' enthusiasm and creativity shine through in everything they did.



Larkin about!

Building Friendships and Creating Memories

Beyond the activities, the Larkin Jamboree was a chance for Scouts to forge new friendships and strengthen existing ones. With so many Scouts coming together from different parts of North Yorkshire and from across the world, the event was a melting pot of experiences, backgrounds, and stories. Chilling on the sub-camp in the evening were always a highlight, providing the perfect setting for Scouts to relax, share stories, and enjoy the magic of the jamboree together.

These shared experiences are what make events like the Larkin Jamboree so special. The bonds formed here will last well beyond the week, creating connections that will continue to grow as Scouts move through their Scouting journey.

A Huge Thank You to Everyone Involved

Pulling off an event as large and successful as the Larkin Jamboree takes a lot of hard work, and we want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made it possible. From the leaders and volunteers who organised and ran the activities to the parents who supported their Scouts in attending, your efforts were truly appreciated.

We also want to thank the Scouts themselves for their enthusiasm, energy, and positive attitudes. It's because of you that the Larkin Jamboree was such a resounding success, and we can't wait to see what you achieve next!



1st Holgate Scout Group
Larkin 2024

MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Oran, Georgie, Klara,
Ada, Millie at
Windermere Squirrels.

Toby, George,
Feeiah, Alfie at
Buttermere
Squirrels.

Marabelle, Ida,
Florence, Neri,
Magnus at Montana
Beavers.

Monty, Freddie at
Dakota Beavers.
Ezra, Bertie at Oregon
Beavers.

Jack, George, Isla at
Phoenix Cubs.
Jacob at
Pegasus Cubs.

Noah, Jack, Conall,
Chloe, William, Leo at
Hadrian Scouts.

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Uniform Exchange

Just a reminder that if you have any pre-loved uniform that you no longer need, you have the option to sell, donate, or exchange it with other members of the group.

You can facilitate this through our Facebook Group, providing a great opportunity for others to make use of the uniform.

To join the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/69780173423>

Squirrels explore nature!

Last term, we focused on outdoor activities with the Squirrels at Acomb Primary School. They enjoyed searching for insects in the woodland area, showing great teamwork and care for the bugs they found.

Additionally, the Squirrels made feeders to help animals in our gardens during the summer months.

The trip to Larkin was a fantastic opportunity for the Squirrels. Despite an early start, they participated in a variety of activities, including crafting, cave exploration, climbing, bumper cars, and even interacting with different animals. They all did so well, and it was wonderful to see them getting involved!

Congratulations to the Squirrels, and we have many exciting activities to look forward to this term!



End of term hike and picnic!

At the end of the term, we celebrated by organising an enjoyable end-of-year party for the Squirrels group.

The Squirrels hiked across the scenic Hob Moor, where they had the opportunity to explore nature.

After the hike, we all gathered for a lovely picnic, sharing stories and laughter in the great outdoors.

It was a fantastic way to wrap up the term, and everyone had a wonderful time!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

15th September - Scoutfest
1pm-8pm at Acomb School.

Tickets are available to purchase at
www.scoutfest.co.uk

6th October - Church Parade
10.15am-11.30am at Holgate Methodist Church

Harvest Festival please bring any donations with you.

7th December - District Christmas Party
1pm-3pm

Information to follow including venue.

Pond dipping at Askham Bog

The Beavers had an amazing adventure exploring the vibrant pond life at Askham Bog. During their exploration, they were excited to discover a fascinating newt.

Additionally, they had the opportunity to investigate bug hotels and even designed their own. Although we were unable to capture a photo of the deer that unexpectedly bounded past, but the encounter left them all in awe!



Beaver camp!

The Beavers headed to Snowball for a overnight camp under the stars!

It was a fantastic couple of days with tents made, songs around the campfire, marshmallows toasted, dens, tree climbing and a slip and slide! Plus the Beavers all got stuck in with the washing up - perhaps this is something they have continued to help with at home?!?!



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23rd-24th November - Beaver Sleepover.
Details to follow.

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1pm-3pm

Information to follow including venue.

Fun filled term

Last term the Cubs enthusiastically constructed and launched their own rockets, collaborated effectively as a team, and thoroughly enjoyed a lively gaming night!



Welcome to our new leaders!

You may also be aware that sadly we said goodbye to two of our volunteers from our Phoenix pack leaving just Bagheera, but I am very happy to say that Mike Richardson who was previously one of our Scout volunteers is taking over as Akela on a Monday, also joining him and Bagheera is Andy Partridge who was previously a volunteer at Phoenix cubs and after a break has re-joined the team

Cub Olympics!

The Cubs have demonstrated some fantastic team skills as part of the districts Cub Olympics.

They were able to take part in a range of activities competing against other packs in the Ebor district for the Steve Robinson Trophy. The Cubs did brilliantly and all achieved their Athletics badge.



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12th October - District Cub Activity Day, Snowball
9.15am-4.30pm

Activities will include fire lighting, backwoods cooking, knotting/pioneering, team building, navigation and much more!

Junior Warrior Challenge!

Always a highlight of the Scouting calendar - Junior Warrior is an amazing 3K course, packed with obstacles to challenge! Some 5,000 kids took part over the summer and our Scouts (and Explorers) did so well. They took on 'Muddy Mayhem', 'Canopy Climb' and the awesome new 'Slideaway' to name a few. It was hard work but they had a great time running, climbing, jumping, crawling and sliding their way around 15 Challenging Obstacles!



Scouts race for the sun

The 1st Holgate Scouts showed incredible determination and teamwork as they successfully completed the challenging Race for the Sun event.

Despite facing a route of over 12 miles and changing weather conditions, all the teams of 4-6 Scouts evaded capture and finished the race in high spirits.

This year, Constantine were awarded the well-deserved trophy for this year's event.

Well done everyone!



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25th-27th Halloween Camp

Details to follow.

Explorers summer camp

In late June, the Explorers went on their weekend camps. Loki went to Snowball, and Odin went to Redmire Station House in Leyburn.

Camps are always fun and provide a great opportunity for friendships to develop. They also offer the chance to take on challenges, learn real-life skills, and get involved in various activities.



A summer of fun!

After exams, the summer term is always filled with fun for our Explorers. Last term was no exception. The Explorers had a fabulous evening kayaking at Boroughbridge Marina, and we were treated to some actual sunshine!



They also went to Birmham Rocks for rock climbing and took on the Junior Warrior Challenge at Bramham Park - well done everyone it takes real determination to complete the Junior Warrior course!



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25th September
Top awards drop in session (Platinum to Kings Scout, DofE, Explorer Belt) at Dringhouses scout hall 1945-2100

28th-29th September
Explorer organised camp (by invitation only)

6th October - Church Parade
10.15am-11.30am at Holgate Methodist Church. Harvest Festival please bring any donations with you.

18th October
District Awards Ceremony for those who have achieved Chief Scout and other top awards (invites with time and venue will be coming out shortly from District).

19th and 20th October
"Escape" 24 hour wide game. Details to follow.

17th-19th January 2025 Winter camp (indoors) - invites will go out soon.

18th and/or 19th June 2025: Junior Warrior

14th-20th August 2025: Provisional dates for Summer Camp

18-26 July 2026: Denmark
This is a District organised trip to the **Denmark International Jamboree**. At this stage we are targeting participants who will be at least 14 years old on 31 August 2024. **Those who previously expressed an interest should have had an email which has the booking form, deposit due 22.09.24.**

HIGH FIVE AWARD!!



A person who would like to remain anonymous has recommended Chris Rodaway to be publicly thanked for his efforts in delivering a successful Larkin for 1st Holgate.

“Thank you for all the hard work you put into delivering Larkin. There was so much preparation behind the scenes to ensure it ran smoothly, working with the Group as well as at a regional and national scouting level. So many emails, meetings and coordination involved, but it was all worth it...”

“No sooner is the summer 'break' over and you're back, organising meetings, looking ahead and ensuring that everything is working well within the Group (Did you even have a break?!).”

“Hats off - you are a fabulous Lead Volunteer and a great role model to our young people (and grown ups!)”

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@1stholgatescoutgrou.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!

SCOUTFEST
2024
Sunday 15th September
1pm to 8pm
ACOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL YO24 4ES
£10 ADULTS
£8 FOR UNDER 10
£35 FAMILY TICKET
JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC, FUN AND GAMES
SIDE STALLS
• Live 90s Tribute Act •
• CBeebies stars •
• Axe Throwing •
• Free Climbing Wall •
• Free Circus Skills Workshop •
Come and see Dodge and George Webster from CBeebies

SCOUTFEST - 15TH SEPT

Scoutfest24 is a fun-filled day of activities, music, dancing, eating and more. Designed to be affordable for all, your ticket includes many activities for free including Climbing, Circus Skills, Crafting, Live Music, Celebrities, Trash Bang and more.

Headlined by celebrities from CBeebies for the younger ones and a fantastic array of live music including Ultra 90s vs 00s with a show you will never forget! All wrapped up by 8pm!

Everyone is welcome from Scouting and Guiding including friends and family. Spread the word and head to www.scoutfest.co.uk to get your tickets.

1st Holgate Clothing Range

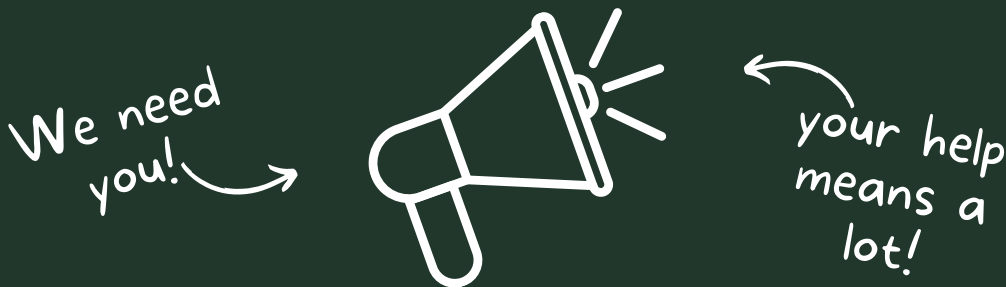
We've been working away over the last few months to design our new group clothing range! For those of you that have been around at 1st Holgate for a while you'll know that we've previously designed t-shirts for our whole group camps, these have been a big success so we wanted to take this a step further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



Volunteers Needed

Please join us and help us now:

Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

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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