

# NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME

We hope you have all had a great start to the new academic year. In this term's newsletter, we highlight some of the fantastic activities that 1st Holgate has been involved in. We have also included an events calendar on page 10, as requested to help parents and carers with their planning. Where possible, we have included proposed costs as well.

## NEXT ISSUE...

### DUE W/C 13TH JANUARY

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:  
emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

## 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>



## 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

## GET YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE ORDERS IN!

Please see page two for details on how to order.

# Place your Christmas Tree Orders Now!

It's the most wonderful time of the year - almost!

Once again we are selling beautiful non-drop Nordmann fir trees with all proceeds going towards our minibus fundraiser.

**Prices start from just £35.**

**We are also offering collection of any real tree for £10 (£7 if you buy your tree from us!)**

🎄 **Christmas Tree Order and Collection Form 2024** before 1st December to reserve your top quality Nordman Fir and book your discounted collection for January!

🎄 If you'd just like to book collection for January then **Christmas Tree Collection Only Form 2024** before 5th January.

Please share this with friends, family and work colleagues etc. in the York area - all profits go towards our new minibus fund to help us provide even more adventurous activities to our young people!

🎅 Merry Christmas from all of us at 1st Holgate Scouts!

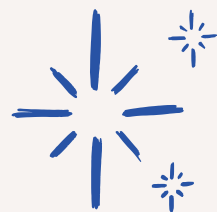
**Chris Rodaway, Group Scout Leader**

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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# MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Isaac, Charlotte,  
Dominik and Jacob at  
Windermere Squirrels.

Arthur, Ivy and  
Francesca at  
Montana Beavers.

Noa, Jude, Oliver,  
Aria and Rachel at  
Dakata Beavers.

Dan at Oregan Beavers.

Ronnie, Max and  
Freddie at Phoenix Cubs

Flint, Sarah,  
Taylor and Klara  
at Griffin Cubs.

Toby at Hadrian  
Scouts. Lucas at  
Constantine Scouts.

# Squirrels explore Brimham Rocks!

Last term, the Squirrels embarked on their first adventure to Brimham Rocks for a day of climbing! They displayed remarkable listening abilities and exceptional teamwork throughout the experience.

Every climb brought a fresh challenge, yet the Squirrels tackled them with unwavering determination and enthusiasm - well done Squirrels!



# Walks, marshmallows and adventure!

The term kicked off with a flurry of activity as our Squirrels worked towards their activity badge. They ventured into West Bank Park, crafting incredible tree trolls and hedgehogs. Additionally, they showcased their creativity by designing stunning plate decorations for the harvest festival!

Both dreys exhibited remarkable strength and determination during our outdoor escapades last term. Despite facing heavy rain, they remained undeterred, demonstrating true resilience while still having a great time! We concluded the term with our own bonfire, filled with songs around the campfire and, of course, some delicious marshmallows!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

**30th November - Christmas Fair. 11am - 1pm at Holgate Methodist Church.**

Stalls, games and raffles to support local causes.

Entry charge of 50p/adult, children free.

**16th - 17th November - Squirrel Sleepover.**

Tholthorpe Scout Hut.  
Bookings are now closed.

**1st December - Church Parade. 10.15am-11.30am at Holgate Methodist Church**

Toy Festival please bring any donations with you.

**7th December - District Christmas Party. 1pm-3pm**  
Bookings are now closed.

# Beavers climb Brimham Rocks!

Last term, the Beavers visited Brimham Rocks for an exciting day of climbing! They showcased impressive listening skills and outstanding teamwork during the entire experience.

Each climb presented new challenges, filled with numerous nooks and crannies for the Beavers to navigate. They approached these obstacles with relentless determination and enthusiasm – great job, Beavers!



# Beavers Explore Local Nature Reserves!

The Beavers had a wonderful time discovering the local surroundings by visiting St. Nick's Nature Reserve and Moorlands Nature Reserve. They engaged in various activities such as fungi spotting and tree identification. At St. Nick's, the Beavers explored the dragon stones, playing pooh sticks, and, of course, enjoying a snack in the story circle before spending some time in the park!



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**23rd - 24th November - Beaver Sleepover.**

Holgate Methodist Church. Invites have now been issued, please RSVP before Fri 15th Nov to confirm if your Beaver wants to take part. Please note spaces are limited.

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# Fun filled term at Cubs

The Cubs' dedication to community service and personal growth has been genuinely inspiring. In the previous term, they actively engaged in supporting their community by participating in litter picking in Acomb, which fostered a sense of responsibility and care for the environment.

Through collaborative initiatives like designing balloon cars, they discovered the significance of teamwork, idea sharing, and creative problem-solving. These experiences have not only contributed to their personal development but also reinforced their connections as a team. We have a host of exciting plans for this term that will bring new challenges and opportunities, and the Cubs are well-equipped to continue making a positive difference!



## Cub activity day at Snowball

1st Holgate Cubs had the opportunity to join other packs in the Ebor District for an Activity Day at Snowball in October.

The Cubs participated in a variety of activities, such as fire lighting, backwoods cooking, knot tying, pioneering, navigation, and much more.

The leaders had just as much fun as the Cubs and were immensely proud of the Cubs, who embraced each challenge with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. The event provided them with an opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends, fostering a sense of camaraderie and teamwork - well done Cubs!



**Since this was a district event, we couldn't capture too many photos as our leaders and Cubs were scattered across Snowball. However, you can certainly see the joy on the faces of two of our leaders, both sporting big, cheerful smiles. Would you like to be part of the Cubs' adventures? We would love to have you volunteer! We're in urgent need of help, so please reach out if you can assist and want to experience as much fun as the kids do!**

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**10th December - District Ten Pin Bowling**  
6.15pm - 8.15pm at Tenpin, Clifton Moor.

Invites have been sent on OSM, please sign up asap.

**1st December - Church Parade.** 10.15am-11.30am at Holgate Methodist Church

Toy Festival please bring any donations with you.

**9th & 13th December**  
Christmas Carol Performances.  
Details to follow.

# District Survival Weekend!

The Ashes is an intense 24-hour survival challenge held at Snowball, where Scouts showcase their survival skills while putting their knowledge to the test! The activities featured included fire lighting, shelter construction (for an overnight stay), first aid, as well as knife and axe skills, among many others - plus a delightful birthday cake! The Scouts should take great pride in their accomplishments!



# Halloween Camp

The Scouts ventured to Raven Gill Campsite near Whitby for a spooky Halloween camp, 13 parents also braved the elements and joined us for a range of Scouts vs Parents activities.

It was a fun packed weekend and a big thank you to everyone that made it special. There were some fantastic pumpkin carving creations, lots of games, including some "wheelie" good times and hopefully all the toy soldiers are still safe and secure - if you know, you know!

An amazing weekend with very little sleep, lots of laughter - same time next year?!?!



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# Explorers - a passport to camp!

For those who don't know what a 'passport camp' is, this is where a group of Explorers independently plan and deliver a camp.

It's amazing to see the growth and development that Scouting encourages in young people. Watching them learn to work together, solve problems, and take on leadership roles is truly inspiring. These camps are more than just an opportunity for fun - they're stepping stones that build confidence, and resilience, all whilst having a lot of fun!

Squirrel and Beaver parents, can you envision your little ones engaging in this in just a few years? Scouting not only offers fun but also imparts valuable life skills! (It's even more rewarding if parents can join in the fun and adventure by volunteering to help.)



## Escape!

Escape is a catch and evade style wide-game held in October across the North Yorkshire countryside. Teams of between four and seven Explorers - 'Escapers' - are given 24 hours to navigate between set checkpoints. Simultaneously, they are evading teams of Catchers, who comprise Network and adult Scouting Leaders.

The Escape team who are caught the fewest times, and hold the least amount of penalty points win! The Explorers and Catches had a brilliant weekend in Nidderdale. A fantastic achievement and well done to all 27 Explorers (4 teams!) who took part, they all did amazing!



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

# Calendar of Events

Below are proposed events that we are hoping to run throughout the year, we have listed these here to help you plan and afford any associated costs.

## Squirrels

- **28th March:** Sleepover at St.Pauls
- **11th May:** Book day (District event), details to follow.
- **19th July:** Morning at Snowball, details to follow.
- **18th October:** Sleepover, details to follow.

## Beavers

- **Feb/March:** NRM / Wonderlab trip £6.50
- **April:** Indoor camp, details to follow.
- **28th - 29th June:** Beaver Damboree. District Camp, details to follow.
- **July:** Outdoor camp, details to follow.

## Cubs

- **TBC - 23rd - 26th May:** Cub Camp

## Scouts

- TBC

## Explorers

- **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. There are potentially 2 spaces on the Denmark trip for young people who will be Explorers at the time. Contact [nigelwhitescouting@gmail.com](mailto:nigelwhitescouting@gmail.com) for more details.

# 1st Holgate Clothing Range

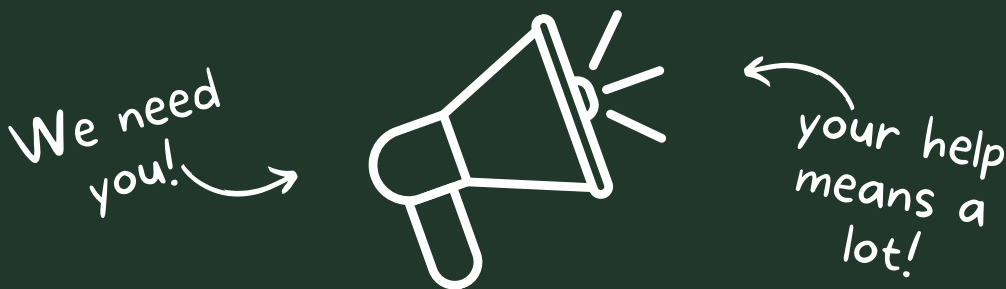
We've been working away over the last few months to design our new group clothing range! For those of you that have been around at 1st Holgate for a while you'll know that we've previously designed t-shirts for our whole group camps, these have been a big success so we wanted to take this a step further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

<b>Group Lead Volunteer</b>	Chris Rodaway	chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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<b>Oregon Beavers</b>	Johnny Harvey	johnny.harvey@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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<b>Griffin Cubs</b>	Charlotte McCarthy	charlotte.mccarthy@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Hadrian Scouts</b>	Steve Wragg	steve.wragg@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Severus Scouts</b>	Bexi Denison-Smith	bexi.denison-smith@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Constantine Scouts</b>	Dave Rycroft	dave.rycroft@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
<b>Explorers - Loki and Odin</b>	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

