

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

In this term's newsletter, we showcase some of the amazing activities that 1st Holgate has participated in last term.

1st Holgate is a small team and we need volunteers, please do get in touch if you could offer your skills, even if its just an hour a week or every few weeks, see our advert on page two for details as to how you can help!

NEXT ISSUE...

DUE W/C 21ST APRIL

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

TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

We currently have limited spaces at:



Beavers

Wednesday - 5.30pm - 6.45pm.
Holgate Methodist Church

Friday - 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Holgate Methodist Church

Cubs

Wednesday - 6.15pm - 8pm
Acomb Primary School

Friday - 6pm - 7.30pm
Holgate Methodist Church

Register:

info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



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

WE ARE A NUT FREE GROUP!

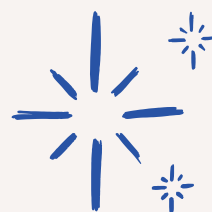
1st Holgate Scout Group has many young people and volunteers with allergies. Please do not send any products containing nuts to Scout meetings and events.

1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you be the
missing link we need?

- Finance and Fundraising 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!



Charlie, Jeanie and
Thomas join
Windermere Squirrels

Oliver and Oscar
join Montana
Beavers

Pharaoh, Ben,
Bobby, Eli and
Penny join Dakota
Beavers

Francesca joins
Phoenix Cubs

Jude joins
Constantine Scouts.

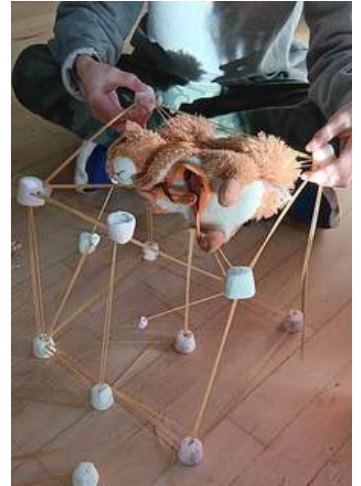
Hello!

Building teams at Squirrels

This term, we have concentrated on enhancing our teamwork abilities.

The Squirrels have embraced this challenge remarkably and engaged in numerous collaborative games. They have also constructed spaghetti bridges to test which could support our Squirrel mascot, alongside some impressive Duplo creations.

Additionally, the Squirrels have showcased their creativity through various Valentine's crafts this term. Fantastic teamwork Squirrels!



First Aider's of the future!

The Squirrels learnt how to carry out basic first aid, including putting bandages on, putting people in the recovery position (including adults) and how to contact the Emergency services.

They were enthusiastic and eager to practice these new skills, understanding the importance of being prepared in case of an emergency. The Squirrels were fantastic, taking turns and they left the meeting not only more knowledgeable but also more confident in their ability to help others.

Well done Squirrels!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am
Holgate Methodist Church.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade. Details to follow.

Squirrels Waiting list

We have two very popular Squirrel dreys that meet Monday and Saturday. Our waiting list is growing and we are having to turn away new requests for children who are already of age to join. We appreciate how disappointing this can be so please remember if you, your family or friends have young family members that might be interested in Squirrels in the future don't wait! Sign up now to avoid disappointment as before you know it, they're turning four!! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/4h5N7PZ>

Developing our safety skills at Beavers

Exploration is at the heart of scouting, but before embarking on adventures, young people need to acquire the skills to enjoy themselves safely.

Over the past few weeks, the Beavers have gained knowledge about the Green Cross Code, how to place an emergency call, and the steps to take in the event of a fire.

The Beavers have attentively learned safety measures and are now prepared for exciting adventures ahead!



Bring an adult to Beavers!

As Mother's Day is approaching, all beavers are invited to bring an adult with them to the meeting w/c 24th March. Full information to follow, but there will be coffee, tea and cake of some sort! Please note that beavers will not be meeting on Friday 28th March.

Friday Beavers are invited to attend meetings earlier in the week. Meeting locations and times are below:

Monday: 5-6:15 at Holgate Methodist Church

Wednesday: 5:30- 6:45 at Holgate Methodist Church.

If any parents have allergies/intolerances can you please let either your team lead know or contact Katy (katy.colbert@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk).



We can't wait to see you there

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

Invites have been sent via OSM, please let us know if your child is attending.

w/c 24th March: Bring and adult to Beavers.
Details above, more to follow.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade. Details to follow.

28th - 29th June:
Beaver Damboree.
District Camp.
Murton Park, York.

Details are on OSM, deadline to sign up by is 28th February.

Developing skills at Cubs

This term, the Cubs have been working towards their Skills Challenge Award. They practised using a potato peeler and wrapping, and managed to complete the tasks without any injuries!

They also learned essential first aid skills, including how to treat minor cuts and bruises, and the importance of calling for help in an emergency.

In addition to these practical skills, the Cubs have been engaging in activities that promote teamwork and communication. They participated in team-building exercises that required them to solve puzzles and build structures using only the materials provided. These activities not only honed their problem-solving abilities but also strengthened their bonds with one another, fostering a sense of camaraderie within the group..



Games night fun!

Last term, the Cubs were invited to bring a board game for the evening. They brought in some amazing games, and the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed playing together while discovering new ones.

Some popular choices included classic favorites like Monopoly and Scrabble, but there were also exciting new games that sparked curiosity and creativity. The room buzzed with laughter and friendly competition as the Cubs strategised and collaborated, learning not only the rules of the games but also the value of patience and fair play!

Fantastic teamwork Cubs!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

22nd March:
Cub Climbing Day.
Invites have been sent via
OSM.

29th March:
Diggerland. Invites have been
sent via OSM.

27th April:
St Georges Day Parade.
Details to follow.

23rd - 26th May:
Cub Camp. Invites have been
sent on OSM please confirm if
you would like your child to
attend.

Celebrating Burns Night

The Scouts fully embraced the Burns Night festivities, honoring everything Scottish.

They participated in caber tossing, stone put, and hammer throw, while enjoying haggis, neeps, tatties, and Irn Bru. The celebration included "Addressing the Haggis", a rendition of "Flower of Scotland" and, of course, the poetry of Burns!

By the end of the night, hearts were full and spirits high, as the Scouts toasted to friendship and adventure, looking forward to their next gathering. The Burns Night celebration was not just a nod to tradition, but a reminder of the joys of community and shared experiences.



Scouts navigation day

The Scouts braved the cold and had an enjoyable navigation day.

Mastering various navigation techniques equips Scouts to navigate effectively, regardless of the weather. For instance, they might possess a map but face a dead battery, or have a GPS while dealing with a soggy map. Therefore, navigation skills are invaluable for young individuals.

Although the weather was wet and chilly, the Scouts performed admirably and they should be very proud of their achievement!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am
Holgate Methodist Church.

14th - 16th March - Spring Camp
Details to follow.

27th April: St Georges Day Parade.
Details to follow.

26th July - 1st August
Scout Summer Camp.

Details to follow.

Winter camp at Hagg Dyke

In January, our group of Explorers embarked on a two-night winter camp at Hag Dyke on the side of Great Whernside in the Yorkshire Dales!

The Explorers were faced with harsh weather conditions and had to brave the elements with the right gear and equipment. Despite the challenges, they showed remarkable determination, resilience, and strength, making us proud of their accomplishments.

These pictures capture the true essence of their grit, perseverance, and teamwork, and we hope that you enjoy them as much as we do.



Burns Night Celebrations

Loki Explorers put their own spin on the classic Burns Night celebration. They enjoyed a game of Scottish musical chairs and honed their culinary skills by making Haggis burgers!

The Explorers welcomed the opportunity to learn about and embrace the culture, making the Burns Night celebration a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved - and the burgers tasted pretty good too, washed down with some classic Irn Bru!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

28th Feb -2nd March 2025:
District Camp (Full).

2nd March - Church Parade.
10.15am - 11.30am at
Holgate Methodist Church.

**4th - 6th April: Denmark
Jamboree, Practice Camp.**
(Jamboree participants only)

**27th April: St Georges Day
Parade.**

**13th-15th June: Odin
Weekend Camp.**

**18th or 19th June (evening):
Junior Warrior.**

**11th-13th July: Loki
Weekend Camp.**

**15th-20th August 2025:
Summer Camp.
Moor House Scout
Adventure Centre,
near Durham.**

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

- TBC - NRM and Wonderlab Visit
- **28th - 29th June:** Beaver Damboree. District Camp, Murton Park, details to follow. Cost approx £55.

Cubs

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

Scouts

- **14th - 16th March** - Spring Camp, details to follow.
- **26th July** - 1st August Scout Camp, details to follow.

Explorers

- **18th and/or 19th June 2025:** Junior Warrior
- **15th-20th August 2025:** Summer Camp: Moor House Scout Adventure Centre
- **19th-21st September:** Ignite (County Activity Camp)
- **5th October:** Church Parade
- **10th-12th October:** Denmark Jamboree Practice Camp (Jamboree Participants only)
- **18th-19th October:** Escape (24-hour wide game)
- **7th December:** Church Parade
- **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. (Now full)

1st Holgate Clothing Range

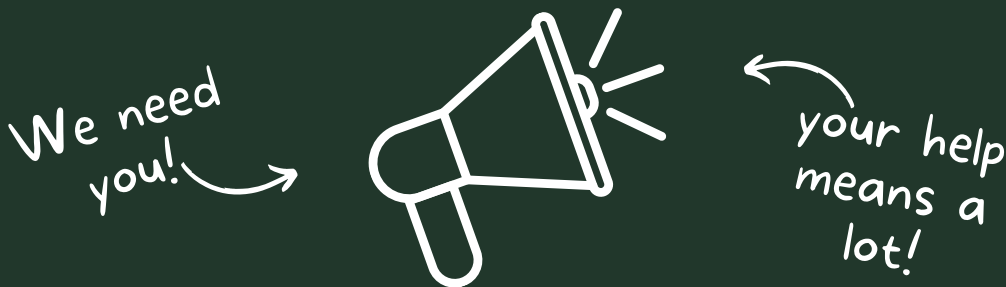
We've been working away over the last few months to design our new group clothing range! For those of you that have been around at 1st Holgate for a while you'll know that we've previously designed t-shirts for our whole group camps, these have been a big success so we wanted to take this a step further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

Group Lead Volunteer	Chris Rodaway	chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Lead Volunteer Beavers	Katy Colbert	katy.colbert@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Lead Volunteer Cubs	Charlotte McCarthy	charlotte.mccarthy@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Lead Volunteer Scouts	Steve Wragg	steve.wragg@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Lead Volunteer Explorers + Young Leaders	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Lead Volunteer Support	TBC	
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Constantine Scouts	Dave Rycroft	dave.rycroft@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Explorers - Loki and Odin	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

