

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

In this term's newsletter, we are delighted to bring you the first Young Voices article, written by our Explorers and talking about their time in Scouting - we hope to bring one of these articles to you, bringing you firsthand experiences of 1st Holgates young people! We also still need volunteers please get in touch if you can help, even if its just a couple of hours a month, it all helps!

NEXT ISSUE...

DUE W/C 9TH JUNE

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:
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TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

We currently have limited spaces at:



Beavers

Wednesday - 5.30pm - 6.45pm.
Holgate Methodist Church

Friday - 5.45pm - 7.00pm
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School

Cubs

Wednesday - 6.15pm - 8pm
Acomb Primary School

Friday - 6pm - 7.30pm
Holgate Methodist Church

Register:
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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.

YOUNG VOICES

EXPLORERS

EDITION



As a participant myself it's amazing to see how strongly represented 1st Holgate is, it truly feels like a family when you have been through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with the same group of people, you don't realise how far Scouting can bring you, all the way from just weekly meetings to going across the world together one of our Explorers said: "As a Young Leader it's amazing to see young people form friendships within their sections that has potential to thrive as they grow up and it really is a reflection of when we were that young learning what Scouting is all about clueless of how far it will take us together". During the camp as patrols we were given the task of creating a campfire skit everyone was unsure and not best pleased about the idea of actually performing one but once everyone had given it a go 1st Holgate willingly raised at the opportunity to carry on with running the campfire, they brought out songs that they have loved hearing when they were younger from their role models such as Chris and Cecil the caterpillar, Bexi with Marilyn Monroe and Mike in the button pushing factory. If it wasn't for our leaders through all four sections, we wouldn't have been able to do that. This camp we saw our Explorers use a variety of their individual talents in the trading post game, we had a selection of skills such as knot tying, backwoods cooking and a poem written about one of the Holgate IST members. Our Explorers are very excited about this opportunity to do an international including those who have already done them before as they now get to share the amazing experience with the people they grew up with "going on internationals is a truly magical, and it is an experience that will last a lifetime" 1st Holgate and all the volunteers have helped the Explorers become the people they are today. All throughout the sections we have been shown what exciting trips the older ones have been on to keep us looking forward at what the future in Scouting may hold for us. Yet the best of all is that they have showed us how to be ourselves and to have confidence in what we do and if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be running campfire songs for the Ebor district or attending Jamborees. One of our Explorers said. "1st Holgate has shaped me as a person since I started as a Beaver at 6 years old, from over 100 nights away on camps to supporting me through the preparation for the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, I couldn't be more grateful" So as a start to young people voices in our newsletter and on behalf of all our Explorers we would like to say a huge Thank you to all the 1st Holgate Leaders, Volunteers, ASU members, Parents and everyone behind the scenes for believing in us and making anything possible. THANKYOU!!!

Martha, Marcus and Max - Explorers

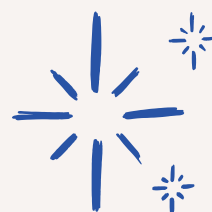
To start off with getting our young people's voices into our newsletter we are looking at our Explorers who are planning on attending the Denmark Jamboree in 2026 and a few weekends ago they attended their first training camp at snowball this gave the explorers opportunity's to get to know their patrols, learn more about jamborees and design badges that they can trade at the experience. From 1st Holgate we have a range of participants, leaders and IST members attending.

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!



Svatik, William and
Thomas join
Windermere Squirrels.

Elvie, Iris, Fletcher
and Miriam join
Buttermere
Squirrels.

Lui and Gabriel
join Montana Beavers.
Noah joins Dakota
Beavers.

Renee, Zander and Miles
join Dakota Beavers.
Klara and Henry join
Oregon Beavers.

Otto joins Pegasus Cubs.
Nathaniel, Elliot and
Samuel join
Hadrian Scouts

Billy, Frank, Henry,
Dylan and Marley join
Loki Explorers.
Niamh joins Odin
Explorers.

1st Holgate stands proud at the St. George's Day Parade!

Our 1st Holgate Scouts joined a truly impressive gathering last weekend, marching proudly alongside over 1,000 other young people from across North Yorkshire representing both Scouting and Guiding. It was a fantastic spectacle to see so many dedicated individuals come together to celebrate St. George's Day and the values we all share.

Our young people represented 1st Holgate brilliantly, It was a truly inspiring sight to see so many young people come together, demonstrating their commitment to our values and celebrating this important day for Scouting.

Well done to all our 1st Holgate Scouts who represented us so brilliantly!



Community Impact Fundraising Badge

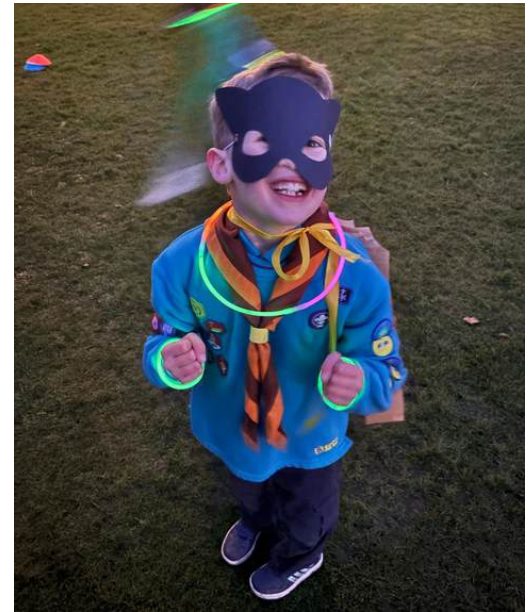
Last term, as part of the Community Impact badge, the three Beaver colonies collaborated on fundraising and sponsorship activities for Project Chrysalis. We have received planning permission for our new Scout home, which requires us to raise approximately £1.7 million by early 2027, as our planning permission is valid for only three years. A small team is working on grant applications, so if you have skills or experience in this area, please get in touch!

While some Beavers amusingly suggested walking to the moon, expressing a desire to actually reach the moon rather than just cover the distance, each colony chose a different activity and collectively raised an impressive £380!

- Montana raised £177 by reading a total of 100 books in just one month!
- Dakota generated £93 through a fun-filled night dressed as superheroes, completing 94 laps around the field while also attempting to break records in activities such as satsuma peeling, building Lego towers, and doing star jumps within a minute.
- Oregon raised £110 by participating in a sponsored walk at OLQM, collectively covering 38 miles - Heffalump informs me that this distance would have nearly taken them to Sheffield!

The Beaver leaders are incredibly proud of the Beavers for their commitment and the amount they raised! A heartfelt thank you goes out to the parents, families, and friends who sponsored each child.

Your support is truly appreciated - thank you!
Kanga



Roaring good fun at the Zog sleepover!

Last term saw another delightful and imaginative sleepover with our energetic Squirrels! This time, their adventure was inspired by the wonderful world of Zog.

The creativity was fantastic as each Squirrel enthusiastically crafted their very own pair of Zog wings, ready for soaring adventures. They then put their construction skills to the test, working together to build their very own magnificent dragons, bringing the story to life.

As the evening drew in, they all cosied up for a Zog movie. Throughout all the fun and activities, the resilience and perseverance of our young Squirrels truly shined through, making it a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved!



Exploring nature

The Squirrels, enjoyed a delightful exploration in the park last term!

They embarked on a gentle stroll, their keen eyes focused on discovering the vibrant signs of spring. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the season's awakening, identifying the colourful array of spring flowers and the fresh new leaves unfurling on the trees.

A lovely way to connect with nature and learn about the world around them.

Well done Squirrels!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

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

Beavers climb Brimham Rocks!

The Beavers were ready for adventure, as they recently embarked on an exciting full-day trip to the stunning Brimham Rocks.

Under the glorious sunshine, the Beavers were absolutely brilliant, tackling the unique rock formations with incredible enthusiasm and giving every climb their absolute best effort. It was a joy to see their determination and bravery as they explored this amazing natural playground.

For some of the Beavers, this was their first time climbing and they all did their absolute best.

Well done Beavers!



A delightful egg hunt with the Beavers

The Beavers had a wonderful time participating in an egg hunt at Westbank Park, where they were delighted to spot the Easter Bunny creating some playful mischief!

Each group enjoyed exploring the park, searching for tadpoles, playing games, and wrapping up the evening with a delightful chocolate treat from the Easter Bunny!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 9th June: Bring an adult to Beavers.

Details to follow

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

Tell your friends!! We currently have limited spaces at Beavers:

Wed - 5.30pm - 6.45pm. Holgate Methodist Church

Fri - 5.45pm - 7.00pm. Our Lady Queen of Martyrs School

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Diggerland with the Cubs

The Cubs enjoyed a brilliant day at Diggerland, and the leaders had a great time as well! The day was filled with treasure hunting, soaring 50 feet into the air, and our more adventurous youngsters even took on the Spin Dizzy for a thrilling experience. Everyone had the chance to operate real construction machinery, which was a unique and exciting opportunity. The mini digger challenges were particularly popular, with Cubs showing impressive skill and focus. Throughout the day, laughter and cheers echoed through the park, creating unforgettable memories. The camaraderie among the Cubs grew stronger as they supported each other through various activities, and it was wonderful to see new friendships forming - well done!



Fun filled term

It has been an action-packed term at Cubs, featuring a climbing day at Brimham Rocks and impressive teamwork showcased during the tag rugby district competition. The 1st Holgate team, known as the "Holgate Cheerios," excelled and played really well together, ultimately coming out on top.

Their determination and sportsmanship were evident, earning them cheers from enthusiastic supporters. Beyond the competitive spirit, the event provided a fantastic opportunity for the Cubs to learn the importance of collaboration and respect for their peers.

As the term draws to a close, we reflect on the incredible growth and achievements of our Cubs. They've embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and have created lasting memories through shared experiences. Keep up the great work, Cubs!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

10th May
District Rounders
Acomb School
Now full

23rd - 26th May:
Cub Camp.
Now full

Tell your friends!

We currently have limited spaces at Cubs

Wednesday - 6.15pm - 8pm. Acomb Primary School

Friday - 6pm - 7.30pm. Holgate Methodist Church

Register: info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Scouts supporting the Community

Thanks to the kindness of our Scouts and their families, a significant donation has recently been made to York Foodbank

This generous contribution will help provide essential supplies to those in need within our community. The Scouts' commitment to service and their willingness to support local initiatives truly exemplify the spirit of Scouting.

It's heartwarming to see young individuals and their families come together to make a positive impact, reinforcing the values of empathy and community support.



Scout Spring Camp!

In March, Scouts traveled to Ilkley for their Spring Camp. The weather was delightful, allowing the Scouts to enjoy a beautiful early spring walk and explore the indoor Clip and Climb climbing wall.

The Scouts prepared their own lunch over open fires, and as always, no camp experience would be complete without a campfire circle filled with songs and camaraderie.

What's next?

Our oldest Scouts will embark on an adventure in the wilds of the Yorkshire Dales on the 17th and 18th of May for Expedition Camp.

Each Scout will carry their own gear and navigate a two-day route while preparing all their meals along the way. This promises to be an incredible adventure and a key step towards earning the Chief Scout Gold Award.

It's always a challenging yet enjoyable experience for both Scouts and leaders alike.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

17th-18th May: Expedition Camp

26th July - 1st August
Scout Summer Camp.

Details to follow.

Fundraising for the Denmark Jamboree!

Several of our young people are gearing up for the adventure of a lifetime at the Denmark Jamboree!

Isaac and Joseph have already been busy with fundraising activities and have proudly raised approximately a quarter of their journey costs so far, with activities covering gardening and baking - it's been inspiring to see their initiative!

This incredible opportunity, which is a District-led event, is encouraging our young people to take ownership. They're buzzing with team fundraising ideas and are keen to collaborate with other 1st Holgate members heading to Denmark. If you're also going to the Jamboree and want to join forces on some fundraising ventures, now's the time to connect directly with your fellow Holgate participants and get planning!

Please do share your activities on the Facebook group and where possible, our community can come together to support each other.



A fun filled term for our Explorers

This term has been brimming with exciting Explorer activities! Although we faced a minor hiccup with the minibus during the London Monopoly Run, a heartfelt thank you goes out to 1st Acomb and Chris Roadway for their quick assistance, ensuring that everyone could still enjoy the main event! Explorers had the opportunity to engage in the game in real time: buying or renting properties, grabbing Chance cards, passing 'Go', and even completing a quiz for bonus points. Monopoly Run 'Live' is a dynamic, real-time adaptation of the popular Monopoly Run (London) board game, played in a single day across central London, where participants visit the actual locations featured on the game board.

Additionally, Jamboree attendees benefited from a valuable practice camp at Snowball, and Loki demonstrated remarkable skills during a Freekline bouldering session. During the last half term, our Explorers tapped into their creativity by producing short films about their experiences.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

13th-15th June: Odin Weekend Camp.

**19th June (evening): Junior Warrior.
All places are now filled**

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

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- **19th July:** Morning at Snowball, details to follow.
- **18th October:** Sleepover, details to follow.

Beavers

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

Cubs

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

Scouts

- **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.



your help means a lot!

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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| Lead Volunteer Support | TBC | |
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| Explorers - Loki and Odin | Nick Beckett | nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk |

