

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

In this term's newsletter, we are delighted to bring you our first Meet the Volunteers article, we also bring you our Young Voices article which features poems from the Cubs about their camp!

As a large Scout group, we desperately need volunteers across all sections. Please get in touch if you can help, even if its just a couple of hours a month, it all helps!

HIGH FIVE

A big thank you goes out to Katy Colbert and Jenny Roberts for their help with managing Membership.



The numbers on our waiting lists continues to grow and without their help I don't know where we'd be! Katy's knowledge of Beavers has been invaluable and with Jenny now leading on looking after Squirrels membership with her amazing spreadsheet skills, we can ensure that place allocation runs smoothly - Thank you!

NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 8TH SEPTEMBER

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:
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WE NEED ADULT SUPPORT!

- Could you attend two evening meetings each half term and take minutes - we would love to hear from you!
- We need more Squirrel team members to support our existing volunteers, in fact we need support across all sections - talk to us there are lots of ways to help!
- We also need adult support at the upcoming West Bank Fair on 29th June, for info, email: simon.taylor@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
- We need to raise £1.7m for our new Scout home which will benefit all sections - but we really need people to join our fundraising team!
- To help, please email: info@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

CUBS

EDITION



Our 'Young Voices' series continues, and this term we're hearing from our Cubs! After their fantastic camp at Bradley Wood, they channelled their experiences into a brilliant poem. Prepare to be inspired by their camp adventure, told in their own words!

We had so many lovely poems, we have tried to feature as many as we can in the newsletter.

I decided to write a poem today,
as it is a fine spring day.
We packed our bags and got in the bus.
Not even bad weather could stop us.
As we began to head away,
we all began to shout "Hooray!!"
When we arrived there was a clatter and a
bustle, but we all managed to get through
the hustle.

We put up our tents, proud and tall.
Seen by everybody, viewed by all.
Now it was time to rest our heads,
good night everybody, good night ted.

By Arthur

Arrive at the church, onto the coach,
Bumpy ride it is!
Put up the tent,
Explore, no limits!
And have supper,
Hot chocolate and hot dogs!
After sleep we peek,
Outside our door to see,
Another person peeking our,
Just to peek at me!
After breakfast, we went to the Cave Bus!
Tight spaces, no place to turn around and
flee!

By James R

Putting up tents,
was intense,
Climbing walls
lots of falls,
Caves were tight,
no space for light

By Jack A

Continues...

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So close to home but yet, so far from my
house,
Leaves fall, so do we but unlike the leaves
we can pick ourselves up.
Camping is not sleeping in the woods,
it is the fun you will have doing it.
So, if you are camping or not,
you should have fun, no matter what,
even if you are going through a hard time.

By Marianna

The Cub camps are very good
Maybe I will be a bit more understood.
The leaves are green,
and the grass is seen.
People like Cubs in many different ways,
Maybe there will be more long,
hot summer days

By Jude

The Cubs are at camp today,
Lets get ready for fun, Hooray!
Breakfast, lunch galore,
Lets get ready for the smores!
A hike is next, we are on our way,
Then its time for bed, good day.
It's night now and ready for bed
Good night everyone, good night Ted!

By Andrew

Meet our Volunteers!

"Meet Our Explorer Team Leader: Nick!" - Could you tell us a bit about yourself and what you do in your 'day job' outside of Scouting? I grew up in the Lake District and was a Cub, Scout and Venture Scout. I have lived in York since 1991 and have 3 children, all now over 18. I am a Systems Engineer with SYSTRA, a transport and engineering consultancy.

What initially inspired you to get involved with 1st Holgate Scouts and specifically to lead the Explorer section? I had 2 children involved in 1st Holgate and wanted to do my bit to help. I started in the Active Support Team because I couldn't commit to helping regularly at the time. After a while,, I felt confident to help out at Explorers and loved it. When the previous leader retired, I was happy to step into the leader role and I haven't looked back.

How do the skills you use professionally translate into your role as an Explorer leader? My day job as a Systems Engineer involves bringing teams together to solve complex problems. A big part of the role of an Explorer leader is helping the Explorers overcome challenges and solve problems, it's about enabling the young people to expand their horizons and achieve things they didn't think they could.

Beyond leading activities, what other responsibilities or roles do you take on within the Explorer section or 1st Holgate Scout Group? I have several adventurous activity permits, so I run climbing, kayaking and other activities for younger sections as well Explorers. I am in the Operations Team making sure the Group runs smoothly and I coordinate the Young Leaders, who support all sections. I am also part of the Ebor District leadership team taking a contingent of Explorers to the Denmark International Jamboree in 2026

NICK BECKETT



EXPLORER TEAM
LEADER

What's one of your favourite memories or proudest moments from your time volunteering with the Explorers so far?

The 'Escape' 24-hour wide game is a highlight of the year and I'm always amazed to see the Explorers rising to the challenge.

I am proud that a number of our Explorers attended the last World Scout Jamboree in South Korea and others have undertaken an Explorer Belt expedition in Bulgaria and Roverway in Norway.

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Meet our Volunteers!

For parents reading this who might be considering volunteering, what's one piece of advice you'd offer them about getting involved with the Scouts? Don't think that you need to be 'Scouty' to help - there are loads of ways to get involved, so there will be something which suits you, and everything you do will be a great help.

The success of our Scout group relies heavily on volunteers. In what ways do you think more parent support could benefit the Explorer section and 1st Holgate as a whole? More leaders would be great, but there are plenty of other jobs which need to be done which would make life easier for leaders. Taking on some of the background tasks would free up leaders to deliver even more exciting activities for our young people. So, however much or little time you can give, there will be a way you can help - talk to a leader, you won't regret it!

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NICK BECKETT



EXPLORER TEAM
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What's one of your favourite memories or proudest moments from your time volunteering with the Explorers so far?

The small challenges that I see the Explorers overcome individually as they grow into adults are really rewarding. Its great to hear of the exciting things they go on to do after leaving too.

Volunteers going the extra mile!

Miriam, Katy, and Emma are running the York 10K – help them support 1st Holgate Scout Group's new home!



On Sunday 3rd August, Miriam, Katy, and Emma will be taking on the York 10K to raise vital funds for 1st Holgate Scout Group's ambitious project to build a brand new Scout HQ. The group currently operates out of an aging, inadequate building, and this new home will provide a safe, accessible, and inspiring space for generations of young people to learn, grow, and explore.

To make this dream a reality, we need to raise £1.7 million by 2027. It's a big target, but with the help of our community, we believe it's possible. That's why Miriam, Katy, and Emma are hitting the pavement—to bring us one step closer to our goal. If you want to join us, please do!

Whether it's £1 or £100, every donation counts and will directly support our young Scouts and the future of our group. If you're able to contribute, we'd be incredibly grateful for your support.

Help spread the word, cheer us on, and be part of something truly meaningful. Thank you!

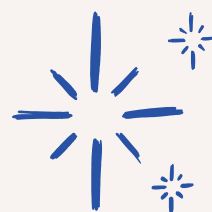
JustGiving page can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/3SD2llq>

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!



Teddy, Cosima, Maia and
Otto join Buttermere
Squirrels. Oliva joins
Windermere Squirrels.

Toby and Sofia
join Montana Beavers.
Theo joins Oregon
Beavers.

Addison, Isaac
and Thomas
join Dakota
Beavers.

Theo, River and
Jaswardhan join Phoenix
Cubs. Oliver, Aoife and
Digby join Pegasus Cubs.

Ronnie joins Griffin
Cubs. Cecilia Joins
Hadrian Scouts. Eddie
and Sebastian join
Severus Scouts.

Ruari joins Loki
Explorers. Eleanor and
April join Odin
Explorers.

North Yorkshire's First 'Squirrel Tales' Event!

What a fantastic day our 1st Holgate Squirrels had as they joined over 70 Squirrels from across North Yorkshire for the very first "Squirrel Tales" event! Arriving brimming with energy and excitement, our youngest adventurers were ready to immerse themselves in a captivating variety of tales and activities.

Supported by their amazing leaders, our 1st Holgate Squirrel dreys were utterly captivated by their storytellers. Throughout the day, they enjoyed a host of imaginative activities, including making delicious fruit kebabs and whipping up exciting concoctions in the witches' lab – amongst many other creative challenges!

It was a brilliant opportunity for our Squirrels to connect with others from across the county, explore new interests, and create wonderful memories. A huge thank you to all the leaders and volunteers who made this inaugural event such a resounding success for our 1st Holgate Squirrels!



Little hands, big impact!

Our amazing Squirrels recently put on their gloves and headed to West Bank Park for a very important mission: litter picking!

With great enthusiasm, they worked together to make our lovely park sparkle, collecting all sorts of rubbish (and even finding some treasure). They left the green spaces much tidier for everyone to enjoy.

It was fantastic to see our youngest members showing such brilliant community spirit and learning the importance of looking after our environment. Well done, Squirrels – you truly made a difference!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

- **5th July:** Snowball, 10am-3pm. £6.50. District event, invite to be sent soon.
- **19th July:** West Bank Park treasure hunt, 10-12 £3
- **5th October:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.
- **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 getting ready for Camp!

The Beavers were buzzing with excitement recently as they got a fantastic head start on their Damboree preparations!

They practised a vital outdoor skill by learning how to pitch their own tents. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and determination as they worked together, unfolding poles and pegging down fabric. There were certainly a few giggles and lots of proud faces as their temporary homes took shape, building anticipation for the big Damboree adventure just around the corner!



Learning About Our Community Heroes

The Beavers had a fascinating and eye-opening evening recently, learning all about the vital work of the police force! They listened intently as they discovered what police officers do to help keep our communities safe, from responding to emergencies to assisting people in need.

There was a lot of great discussion and curiosity, with a particular (and very popular!) focus on what exactly happens when someone goes to jail!

It was a fantastic session that gave our Beavers a valuable insight into the roles and responsibilities of our local community heroes.



Beavers navigate to fun!

Our energetic 1st Holgate Beavers recently embarked on an exciting orienteering adventure right here in West Bank Park! Armed with maps and a keen sense of direction, they set off to find clues and navigate their way through the park's paths and hidden corners. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their map-reading skills, practice teamwork, and boost their problem-solving abilities, all while enjoying the great outdoors. There were smiles all around as they raced to find each marker, proving that learning to navigate can be incredibly fun!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**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

Register: info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Adventure Unlocked! 1st Holgate Cubs Conquer Bradley Wood Camp!

What a fantastic adventure our 1st Holgate Cubs had recently as they embarked on an unforgettable three-night camp at the incredible Bradley Wood Activity Centre! Nestled amidst the greenery, the Cubs dived headfirst into a whirlwind of activities, all while working towards their challenging Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges.

The days were packed with excitement! Our fearless Cubs took to the heights with exhilarating climbing and navigated tricky obstacles on the high ropes course, pushing their limits and building incredible confidence. Laughter echoed from inside the unique cave bus, and shrieks of joy (and maybe a little friendly competition!) filled the air as they sped down the cresta run. Every activity was a step closer to earning those well-deserved badges, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and a fantastic spirit of adventure.

Beyond the thrills, the Cubs fully embraced the true spirit of camping. They learned essential outdoor skills, starting with pitching their own tents – a real achievement! Mealtimes were an experience in themselves, with delicious (and sometimes smoky!) creations cooked over open fires during backwoods cooking sessions. As dusk settled, the magic of the campfire came alive. Cubs gathered round, sharing stories and singing songs, with their undisputed favourite being the classic "Cecil the Caterpillar"!

It was a truly immersive experience that saw our Cubs develop new skills, overcome challenges, and create memories that will last a lifetime. A huge well done to all the Cubs for their enthusiasm and bravery, and a massive thank you to the leaders who made this incredible adventure possible!

To see how much fun the cubs had, watch the video on YouTube: <https://bit.ly/4jBB6CG>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **18th July** - Joint Pizza Night. Details to follow
- **5th October:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.

WE NEED ADULT SUPPORT AT CUBS - PLEASE HELP US NOW!

Our wonderful Akela, Mike Richardson, is stepping down from his role with Phoenix Cubs. His departure creates a significant gap in our leadership. To continue offering our engaging Cub programme, we urgently need more adult support. You don't need to lead the section, just help the current team! Even a small commitment makes a huge difference. Full training and support are provided. Let's work together to keep Phoenix Cubs thriving!

If you can help, please speak to a leader or contact charlotte.mccarthy@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk.

Scouts Challenged on Latest Expedition!

Our incredible 1st Holgate Scouts recently embraced the spirit of adventure during their expedition on Saturday, May 17th, and Sunday, May 18th! It was a fantastic opportunity for them to put their navigation, teamwork, and resilience skills to the test.

Expedition Day 1 saw our dedicated Scouts cover an impressive 16 kilometres! After a strong day of walking, they successfully made it back to camp, where they quickly got down to business. Dinners were cooked efficiently, fueling them up after their long trek, before they settled down for a good night's rest under the stars.

Expedition Day 2 kicked off bright and early. Scouts were up with the sun, quickly and expertly taking down their tents. A hearty breakfast was eaten, ensuring they were well-prepared for the day ahead. The expedition was in full swing, blessed with truly gorgeous sunny weather – perfect conditions for another day of exploration and adventure!

It was inspiring to see our Scouts demonstrating such determination and independence. These expeditions are vital for building their confidence, teaching practical outdoor skills, and fostering incredible teamwork.

Well done to all the Scouts for their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the journey!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

26th July - 1st August
Scout Summer Camp.
Details to follow.

5th October: Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.

WE NEED SCOUT HELPERS

Like all our sections across 1st Holgate, we too are in need of volunteers to support our activities and the current team of volunteers.

We are a friendly bunch, get in touch with a leader or email chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk if you can help us in any way.

Fundraising for the Denmark Jamboree!

Several of our young people are gearing up for the adventure of a lifetime at the Denmark Jamboree in 2026!

Chloe, Eleanor and Niamh organised the Big Quiz Thing. It was a fantastic evening and helped them towards reaching their fundraising target for the Jamboree next year.

The Jamboree is an 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.



Ready, steady, cook!

Our Explorer section certainly brought their culinary creativity to the fore at their recent "Ready Steady Cook" evening!

The air was filled with delicious (and sometimes surprising!) aromas as the Explorers faced the challenge of turning mystery ingredients into mouth-watering meals. We saw some truly 'innovative' recipes emerge, showcasing not just their cooking skills, but also fantastic teamwork, quick thinking, and a good sense of humour. It was a brilliant evening of fun, learning, and perhaps a few future MasterChefs in the making!



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.

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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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Beavers

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

Cubs

- **18th July:** Joint Pizza Night. Details to follow
- **5th October:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.

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:

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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.

Group Lead Volunteer	Chris Rodaway	chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Griffin Cubs	Charlotte McCarthy	charlotte.mccarthy@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Severus Scouts	Bexi Denison-Smith	bexi.denison-smith@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Explorers - Loki and Odin	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

