

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

In this term's newsletter, we are delighted to bring you our second 'Meet the Volunteers' article, along with an update on what our sections got up to before the summer break!

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!

NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 3RD NOVEMBER

If you have any suggestions or comments for the newsletter please email:
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BUS LIGHTYEAR IS HERE!

After 18 months of hard work and amazing generosity, our new bus, 'Bus Lightyear,' has officially arrived and is now a member of 1st Holgate!

We couldn't have done it without the incredible support from every person who contributed to our fundraising.

Thank you for helping us bring this dream to life!

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN POLAND ARE OPEN!



If you will be over 18 in Summer 2027 there are opportunities in the International Service and UK Contingent Support Teams at the World Scout Jamboree in Poland.

Applications open 29 August and close 26 September.

More info and to apply see here:
www.scouts.org.uk/wsj

Meet our Volunteers!

"Meet Our Cub Team Leader: Charlotte!" - Could you tell us a bit about yourself and what you do in your 'day job' outside of Scouting? I was born and bred in York and have lived here all my life. I've been married to John, who was our former group scout leader, for 30 years this year.. We have three grown-up daughters, Rosie, Poppy and Ruby, all have been through the scouts, and Poppy is now the Akela at Pegasus Cubs. I have worked for thirty-three years in Mental Health Services within the NHS, working on both inpatient units and in the community.

What initially inspired you to get involved with 1st Holgate Scouts and specifically to lead the Explorer section? I joined 1st Holgate as a Venture Scout in 1986, and it was there that I met John. I then became one of the original leaders for the Beavers in the mid-nineties. In the early 2000s, I took over as the Cub Scout leader after the previous leader stepped down. I had experience as a young leader at another local pack. Back then, there was only one Cub pack compared to the three that we now have.

Your day job often involves caring for others. How do the skills you use professionally translate into your role as a Cub leader? Clearly, my professional life is quite different from my role in Cubs. That said, to be a good leader, it is important to care for the young people and meet their needs.

Beyond leading activities, what other responsibilities or roles do you take on within Scouting? I am also the Ebor District Activities Lead where I over see a team of volunteers who organise and run the district activities for the Squirrel, Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. This includes Christmas parties for Beavers and squirrels, competitions and skills day for Cubs and scouts. I've also held numerous other district roles over the last 20 years.

CHARLOTTE
MCCARTHY



CUB TEAM
LEADER

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

When I was a lot younger, I took an active part in the York Scout and Guide Gang show which I really enjoyed. My favourite memory is when John proposed to me backstage during one of the performances, dressed in a top hat and tails. I am also immensely proud of the fact that I have been awarded the silver Acorn and bar for over 20 years, exceptional service to scouting.

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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?

Scouting can be one of the most rewarding volunteering activities, seeing young people grow and develop key skills is truly rewarding, and as a bonus, you have great fun and make friends for life.

The success of our Scout group relies heavily on volunteers. In what ways do you think more parent support could benefit the Cub section and 1st Holgate as a whole? Having volunteered with the group for over 30 years, I can safely say that I have met hundreds of people who have given their time to support the scout group. Whether it be as a treasurer, a regular helper, or just the mum who washes the tea towels after camp. It all really helps to deliver a fantastic scouting experience for our young people. More parental support would allow us to offer more exciting activities, to build our own scout headquarters and to deliver our exciting brand of scouting to the young people of Holgate.

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CHARLOTTE MCCARTHY



CUB TEAM LEADER

What do you find the most rewarding about volunteering with young people?

My proudest moments are when I see the young people that I have led grow up to be good citizens, especially those with unique challenges.

One of my Beavers has even grown up to become our group lead volunteer!

Raising funds for 1st Holgate

Three volunteers and (very) part time runners - Miriam, Katy, and Emma - have successfully completed the York 10K, raising a total of £590 for 1st Holgate Scout Group's new headquarters. The team, running in support of the Scout Group's new home, took on the challenge on Sunday, August 3rd.

The funds raised will go toward the group's ambitious goal of building a new Scout HQ, which will provide a safe, accessible, and inspiring space for future generations of young people to learn and grow.

The runners extended a "huge thank you" to everyone who donated, shared their posts, and cheered them on. Their efforts have brought the group one step closer to its goal.

Looking ahead, the fundraising won't stop here. Katy will be running the Yorkshire Marathon in October, (see the FB page soon for more details) and all three have already signed up to participate in next year's York 10K.



MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Joseph, Maia, Florence,
Agnes and William join
Buttermere Squirrels.

Agnes, Jaxon, Rudy
and Nolan join
Windermere
Squirrels.

Oran, Rory
and Georgie join
Dakota Beavers. Jack
and Eoin join Oregon
Beavers.

Benjamin, Zander,
William, Jack Arthur,
Athene, Ula and Georgia
join Montana Beavers.

William, Leon,
Sebastian, Frank, Axel,
Isaac and Oscar join
Phoenix Cubs.

Thomas and Sammy
join Pegasus Cubs.
Frederic, Frankie, Nova
and Iris join Griffin
Cubs.

Erin, Holly, Freya,
Flint and Eddie join
Severus Scouts.

Flynn
joins
Constantine Scouts.

Corran joins
Loki Explorers.

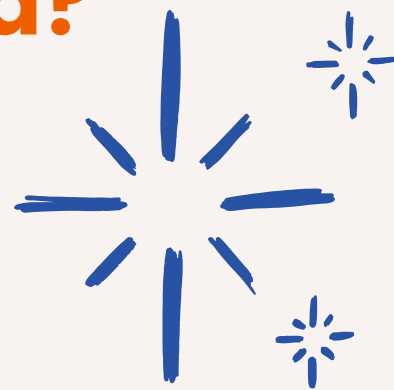
1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP

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



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Volunteer NOW!

An action-packed term for Squirrels

Last term, 1st Holgate Squirrels were as busy as ever, showing impressive determination and a keen sense of adventure. The young explorers dove into a range of activities, proving they are just as capable on the sports field as they are in the great outdoors.

One of the term's highlights was their very own sports day. The Squirrels showed great team spirit and gave it their all, demonstrating their perseverance and energy.

They also honed a key scouting skill by getting hands-on with map skills. These sessions taught them how to navigate and understand their surroundings, building a solid foundation for future adventures.

The Squirrels' hard work and positive attitudes made the term a huge success, and we are all incredibly proud of what they have accomplished.



Family hike in the Community Woodland

At the end of last term, the Squirrels and Beavers teamed up for a family hike through the York Community Woodland. It was a wonderful opportunity for the groups and their families to get together and enjoy the outdoors.

The young adventurers did a great job navigating the woodland trails, showing impressive energy and a great sense of teamwork. After a good walk, everyone was ready for a well-deserved break.

The hike ended with fun and games at the park, followed by a picnic. It was a brilliant evening, and we even managed to just about miss the rain!

It was a great way to show how our groups can come together for a shared adventure.

We have lots planned for our Squirrels this term!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

- **5th October:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.
- **18th October:** Squirrel Sleepover,
- **6th Dec:** Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. 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>

Damboree: Beavers travel back in time!

In June, 1st Holgate Beavers joined more than 400 Beavers from across York and North Yorkshire for a memorable Damboree Camp at Murton Park. The event gave Beavers a unique opportunity to travel back in time and experience life in the past.

Using the park's replica Roman fort and Viking village, the Beavers were transported to another era. They learned how to make Roman tunics and shields, and even practised marching with the Roman battalion. In the Viking village, the children met a Viking community and were taught how to read ancient runes and cook on an open fire.

The camp was also packed with fun activities, including archery, tomahawk throwing, and a bouncy castle. It was a huge success, with one Beaver saying, "Today is really awesome, I'm having so much fun!" Another said she was "so excited!"

The event was made possible with the support of 150 adult volunteers and was organised by North Yorkshire Scouts.



A healthy start for Beavers

Last term, the Beavers were getting active with the help of their parents, all while working toward their health and fitness badge.

The Beavers got everyone moving with hula-hooping, skipping, and a classic spoon and potato race that even got the adults involved! In addition to the physical activities, the Beavers showed off their creative side by making healthy fruit kebabs, designing posters, and creating their own coaster designs.

It was a brilliant evening that proved that getting healthy can also be a lot of fun!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Scarborough Seaside Spectacular, 14th-16th Nov:

£55, book now on OSM

w/c 17/11: Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Bowling, details to follow

6th Dec: Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Details to follow

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

It's a knockout!

Before the summer break, the Cubs attended the District "It's a Knockout" event, and this year's competition was bigger and better than ever!

Teams of 6-10 Cubs from each Pack competed in a series of challenges throughout the day, all vying to win the prestigious Steve Robinson Trophy.

This year's event had a unique twist, thanks to the creative input from the Cubs at St. Chad's, who helped design full-sized, real-life versions of online games like Minecraft and Mario Kart. The Cubs were transformed into gaming characters, becoming sheep, raccoons, Mario brothers, princesses, heroes, plants, zombies, geese, angry birds, chickens, and horses!

Whilst 1st Holgate may not have won the trophy this time, it was a fantastic day filled with laughter, friendly competition, and a true sense of teamwork - well done to all the Cubs!



A perfect end to the term!

The 1st Holgate Cubs wrapped up a very successful term with a fantastic pizza and games night!

It was a brilliant evening filled with fun, laughter, and a well-deserved celebration of all their hard work over the past few months.

Everyone had a great time and it was a fun way to the term!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

w/c 17/11: Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Bowling, details to follow

17th December: Cub Christmas Party: Details to follow

WE NEED CUB 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.

An epic Welsh Scout summer camp!

During the summer, the 1st Holgate Scout's embarked on an incredible summer camp adventure to Rowen Scout Camp in Wales, proving their resilience and dedication at every turn.

Despite the wet and tiring conditions, the Scouts faced every challenge with amazing spirit. They went rock climbing, pushed their limits while caving, and tackled the thrilling zip lines at Zip World.

Their days were filled with adventure, and their evenings were spent gathered around a roaring open fire for a group cookout, though we won't mention some of their attempts at fire-building!

The week was a true test of their teamwork and character. They supported each other through every activity, demonstrating the true spirit of scouting.

As leaders, we were incredibly proud to see their hard work and positive attitudes throughout the week.

To all the parents, you should be very proud of your children for their dedication and resilience. They truly are a fantastic group of kids!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

WE NEED SCOUT HELPERS

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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! Zoe, George, Emily, Isaac M, Max, Isaac, Joseph, and Samuel are walking the 3 Yorkshire Peaks in a day, as a sponsored walk on the Saturday 13th September 2025

You can support them here:

<https://bit.ly/486sjga>



An adventure-filled week at Moor House

Last August, the 1st Holgate Explorers embarked on a fantastic Summer Camp to Moor House Adventure Centre. The week-long camp was packed with activities that pushed everyone out of their comfort zones and created memories that will last a lifetime.

The camp was a perfect blend of high-energy fun and teamwork. The Explorers tackled the high ropes course, challenging themselves to climb to new heights and conquer their fears. They also showed off their culinary skills by making a delicious curry together, proving they are just as capable in the kitchen as they are in the great outdoors.

The adventures didn't stop at Moor House. The group took a coastal hike at Whitburn, taking in the stunning views and enjoying the fresh sea air and questionable Great British weather!

The week culminated in a thrilling tubing session at the Silksworth ski slope, where everyone embraced the speed and had a fantastic time sliding down the slopes.

It was a week of teamwork, challenge, and immense fun, and a testament to the incredible spirit of the 1st Holgate Explorers.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

10-12 October 25. Practice camp (Denmark participants only)

18-19 October. Escape (fully booked)

See page 11 for full calendar

WE NEED EXPLORER 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.

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

- **18th October:** Sleepover.
- **6th Dec:** 1pm-3pm, Manor School. Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Details to follow

Beavers

- **Scarborough sleepover 14th-16th Nov:** £55, book now on OSM
- **w/c 17/11:** Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Bowling, details to follow
- **6th Dec: 1pm-3pm,** Manor School. Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Details to follow
- **17th Dec:** Beavers Christmas Movie night. Details to follow

Cubs

- **5th October:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist - Harvest Festival.
- **w/c 17/11:** Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Bowling, details to follow
- **17th December:** Cub Christmas Party: Details to follow

Scouts

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

Explorers

- **10-12 October 25.** Practice camp (Denmark participants only)
- **18-19 October.** Escape (fully booked)
- **16- 17 November.** Jamboree/Europe 27 selection Event (applicants only)
- **16-18 January 2026.** Winter camp (indoors)
- **6-8 March 2026.** District Explorer Camp
- **12-14 June 2026.** Group Camp
- **3-5 July 2026.** Practice camp (Denmark participants only)
- **18-26 July 2026.** Denmark International Jamboree

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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Buttermere Squirrels	Laura Kay	laura.kay@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Montana Beavers	Natalie Bell	natalie.bell@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Oregon Beavers	David McKenna	david.mckenna@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
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Constantine Scouts	Dave Rycroft	dave.rycroft@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk
Explorers - Loki and Odin	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

