

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

In this term's newsletter, we are delighted to bring you an update on what our sections have been doing over the last term.

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

AGM: 21ST NOVEMBER

Join us for our AGM and Presentation Evening on 21st November at Holgate Methodist Church, where we'll celebrate the successes of our young people and the group over the past year. The evening starts with a short, formal AGM at 6:00pm in the Activity Hall, followed by the Presentation Evening in the main church at 6:30pm. Afterwards, stick around for refreshments sold by our Scouts fundraising for their Denmark trip (cash appreciated!). We aim to finish by 8:00 PM, and you are welcome to attend either or both parts of the evening!

WE URGENTLY NEED TRUSTEES - SEE PAGE 2 FOR INFO!



SUPPORT US WITH EASYFUNDRAISING!

Easyfundraising is the simplest way to support 1st Holgate! Think of it as effortless fundraising: once you sign up, everything you buy online from selected retailers automatically generates a free donation for our group. You shop as normal, the price stays the same, and we get a percentage of the spend - it's that easy! Every penny helps us fund equipment and activities, so please sign up today; it's a completely free way to help us reach our goals this year: <https://bit.ly/49whRca>

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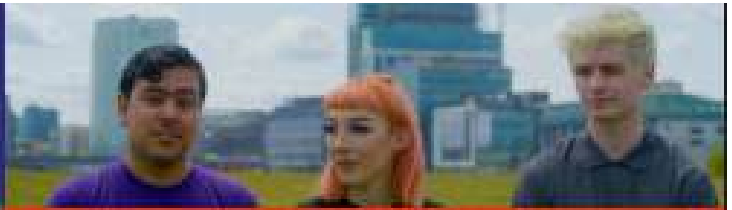
WE ARE A NUT FREE GROUP!

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.

We need Trustees urgently.

For an informal chat about how you could support 1st Holgate Scout Group as a Trustee please contact Chris Rodaway: info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

What exactly is a trustee?



Trustees play a key part in Scouts, and keep an eye on our vision. They make sure young people have the best experience at Scouts, and check things are being done safely and legally.



Trustees are a team of volunteers who see the big picture, make decisions, and work together to help Scouts run smoothly.



Trustees support leaders to deliver a fantastic programme, while having a laugh, making new friends, and learning new skills themselves.



What do trustees do?

Trustees do lots of different things. They...

Make sure local Scout groups follow the rules

Check we're aligning with our Scout values

Influence the future of Scouts

Help Scouts run activities with young people in the safest way possible

Work together, develop skills, make friends and have fun!

Don't worry, you'll never be doing it alone. Our trustees work closely together and help each other out

Check that equipment and buildings are looked after

Complete any necessary admin

Make sure Scouts has enough money for activities

Welcome to our new volunteers!

Please join us in welcoming the new adult volunteers who have recently stepped up to support 1st Holgate, bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to our groups!

Their support is invaluable, but to keep providing the fantastic activities and adventures our young people deserve, we still need more help. Scouting truly works best when everyone does their bit, whether it's leading sessions, helping with simple admin, or just assisting for an hour a week. If you can offer even a small amount of your time, you'll make a huge difference in opening up opportunities for our Scouts and ensuring the adventure continues for all.

Please get in touch with your section leader, if you can help in anyway!

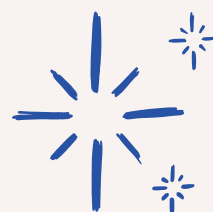


1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP

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!



info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



www.1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



www.facebook.com/groups/1stHolgate

MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Arthur joins
Buttermere Squirrels.
Joseph and Callie join
Windermere Squirrels.

William, Ada, Millie,
Reuben and Cliona
join Dakota.

Raffi joins Montana
Beavers. Julian,
Elizabeth and Ted join
Oregon Beavers.

George, Otto, Lena and
Robin join Phoenix Cubs.
Joseph
joins Pegasus Cubs.

Emmanuel, Mariam,
James, Austin and Eva
join Griffin Cubs.

Phoebe, Danie, James
and Oliver join Severus
Scouts. Alfred joins
Constantine Scouts.

Squirrels Adventures!

The Squirrels had a fun-packed term, proving that they are ready for anything!

The Squirrels had a challenging morning of climbing and exploring at Brimham Rocks, where they pushed themselves to creep and clamber over obstacles, demonstrating fantastic bravery and teamwork.

They also showed great observation skills during their nature walk through the autumn streets, identifying local flora and learning about their environment. Finally, the term wrapped up with their "Under the Sea" themed sleepover at Tholthorpe, complete with tent pitching, exciting crafts, a crackling bonfire, a movie, and maybe a few well-earned snores!

Well done Squirrels!



Lentil explosion! Squirrels celebrate Harvest Festival!

The Squirrels celebrated Harvest Festival by learning where our food comes from and got stuck into a fantastic, albeit messy, pumpkin craft. A huge thank you is due to the parents who pitched in with the clean-up effort - your help was absolutely invaluable! And, on behalf of the Squirrels, apologies to all the parents whose houses are now gently shedding lentils thanks to all the beautiful, sticky artwork that went home!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AND SQUIRRELS WAITING LIST

21st Nov: AGM, 6pm-8pm, Holgate Methodist

29th Nov: Church Christmas Fair, Holgate Methodist. 11am-1pm.

6th Dec: Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Now Full

7th Dec: Church Parade. 10.15am-11.30am

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>

Flour Power: Beavers visit Holgate Windmill

Last term, the Beavers enjoyed a fantastic visit to the historic Holgate Windmill.

Over the week, all three colonies spent the evening learning about the windmill's rich history and, most fascinatingly, how the traditional production process turns grain into flour. It was a great opportunity to explore local heritage and understand how things work - a highly engaging and memorable trip for everyone!



Beavers conquer Brimham Rocks!

The Beavers had an incredible day of adventure, tackling the heights at Brimham Rocks! Our young adventurers demonstrated amazing confidence, teamwork, and resilience as they navigated the famous rock formations during their climbing session. It was fantastic to see every Beaver challenging themselves and cheering on their friends.

Thank you to Chris Calpin and Chris Rodaway for their support on this event.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEE PAGE 11 FOR MORE DATES

Scarborough Seaside Spectacular,
14th-16th Nov: Now full

17th and 19th Nov. Join Beavers and Cubs Bowling.
Spaces still available, sign up on OSM

29th Nov: Church Christmas Fair, Holgate Methodist. 11am-1pm.

6th Dec: Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party.
Now Full

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

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

Register:

info@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Championing community spirit!



Our Cubs recently supported the local Foodbank. Each pack was given £5 and tasked with deciding, as a team, exactly what to purchase to make the biggest impact. This wasn't just about donating; it was a hands-on lesson in budgeting, collaboration, and making informed choices about community needs. It was fantastic to see the Cubs debating, prioritising, and working together to select essential items, demonstrating excellent teamwork and leadership skills in the process.

This exercise went far beyond a simple shopping trip; it powerfully encouraged a strong sense of community spirit and responsibility. By actively participating in the decision-making process, the Cubs learned the value of contributing to others and understanding the role the Foodbank plays in supporting local families. We are incredibly proud of their generosity and their thoughtful approach to helping those in need!

Cubs create a colourful spring surprise!

Our Cubs have been incredibly busy over the last term, taking on a fantastic community project to bring some early colour to Westbank Park. They successfully planted over 800 bulbs, demonstrating tremendous teamwork and a lot of digging! This was a wonderful bit of hard work and we can all look forward to seeing the park burst into life with beautiful blooms when the spring arrives. Well done, Cubs!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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

29th Nov: Church Christmas Fair, Holgate Methodist. 11am-1pm.

7th Dec: Church Parade

17th Dec: 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.

Ready, Steady, Cook!

The Scouts traded their camping stoves for a full-on culinary challenge recently by tackling Spaghetti Bolognese in true Ready, Steady, Cook style!

The evening was a perfect blend of fun and practical skill-building as they worked in teams to chop, sauté, season, and simmer. It was fantastic to see their teamwork in action, resulting in several bowls of delicious, homemade Bolognese. This exercise was a brilliant way to earn elements of their Chef Badge while proving that they are just as capable in the kitchen as they are in the great outdoors!



A Spooktacular Camp at Easingwold!

The Scouts recently embarked on a brilliant Halloween-themed camp at Easingwold, where the adventure was equal parts spooky and fun!

The weekend was packed with themed challenges, campfire stories, and maybe a few friendly scares. It was fantastic to see the Scouts fully embrace the spirit, demonstrating excellent pioneering skills while building shelters and showing great teamwork during the themed activities.

Despite coming back a little stinky and completely worn out, it was a massive success! It was fantastic to see the Scouts fully embrace the spirit, creating a memorable and challenging adventure for everyone involved.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

7th December: Church Parade, Holgate Methodist.

12th-14th June: Group Camp: Details to follow

WE NEED SCOUT HELPERS

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Explorers master the Atlatl

The Explorers recently got hands-on with a fascinating piece of ancient technology: the Atlatl! This innovative combination of a spear and a throwing device (sometimes described as a catapult-spear) tested their precision, coordination, and power. It was brilliant to see them master this unusual skill, learning about historical hunting techniques while enjoying a seriously fun and competitive afternoon. This activity was a memorable way to blend history with practical outdoor skills!



Explorers master the 'Escape' challenge

The Explorers were fantastic and we are extremely proud of them as they participated in the demanding Escape Challenge last month!

This event required them to plan and navigate independent cross-country routes, walking through both day and night. The minimum distance covered was an astonishing 56km (35 miles), with some teams walking significantly further to avoid capture! Despite having only a couple of hours of sleep, they demonstrated incredible maturity and resilience.

In their teams, they supported each other through challenging and often difficult situations, and those are just the ones they told us about! Completing an event like this requires exceptional navigation skills, physical endurance, and mental toughness. Whether they managed to complete the full course or not, this was a tremendous effort, and they all deserve immense credit for tackling such an intense adventure. Well done, Explorers!

For any parents who want to see what younger members of the sections have to look forward to, you can learn more here:

www.nyscouts.org.uk/events/escape



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

16 - 17 November. Jamboree/Europe 27 selection Event (applicants only)

7th December: Church Parade, Holgate Methodist Church

16-18 January 2026. Winter camp (indoors)

See page 11 for the 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

- **21st Nov:** AGM, 6pm-8pm, Holgate Methodist
- **29th Nov:** Church Christmas Fair, Holgate Methodist. 11am-1pm.
- **6th Dec:** 1pm-3pm, Manor School. Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Now Full
- **7th Dec:** Church Parade
- **12th-14th June:** Group Camp: Details to follow

Beavers

- **Scarborough sleepover 14th-16th Nov:** Now full
- **w/c 17/11:** Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Book on OSM
- **21st Nov:** AGM, Holgate Methodist, 6pm-8pm
- **6th Dec: 1pm-3pm,** Manor School. Joint Squirrel and Beaver District Party. Now Full
- **7th Dec:** Church Parade
- **w/c 8th Dec:** Bring and adult to Beavers. Details to follow.
- **17th Dec:** Beavers Christmas Movie night. Details to follow
- **12th-14th June:** Group Camp: Details to follow

Cubs

- **w/c 17/11:** Joint Beaver and Cub meeting: Bowling, details to follow
- **21st Nov:** AGM, Holgate Methodist, 6pm-8pm
- **7th Dec:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist Church
- **17th December:** Cub Christmas Party: Details to follow
- **13th - 15th February:** Cub Indoor Camp at Snowball: Details to follow
- **1st-4th May:** County Club Camp: Details to follow
- **12th-14th June:** Group Camp: Details to follow
- **16-18th October:** Cub Camp: Indoor at Blackpool: Details to follow

Scouts

- **21st Nov: AGM, Holgate Methodist, 6pm-8pm**
- **7th Dec:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist Church
- **12th-14th June:** Group Camp: Details to follow

Explorers

- **16 - 17 November.** Jamboree/Europe 27 selection Event (applicants only)
- **21st Nov:** AGM, Holgate Methodist, 6pm-8pm
- **7th December:** Church Parade, Holgate Methodist Church
- **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

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

