

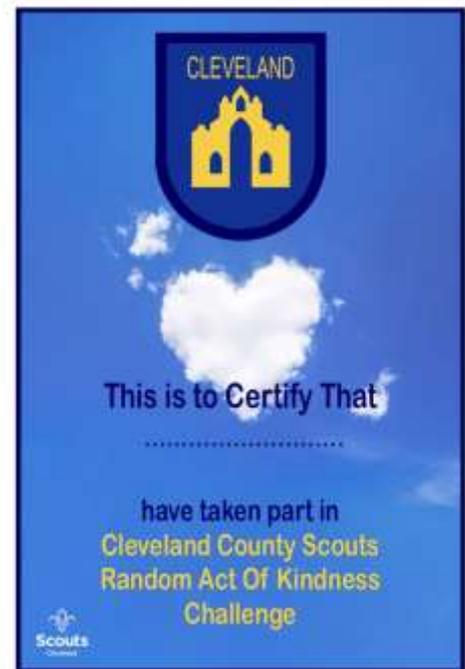


## GREEN

### County Random Acts of Kindness

Many thanks to those Districts, Groups and Sections who took part in the County Random Acts of Kindness in the Autumn Term. A certificate to download is now available on the County website at [www.clevelandscouts.org.uk](http://www.clevelandscouts.org.uk)

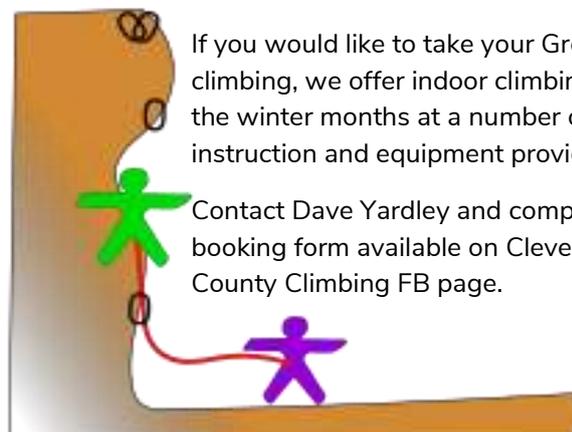
This Challenge will continue throughout this Scouting year until the end of August.



### Middlesbrough Gang Show

Rehearsal's are well under way for the next Middlesbrough Gang Show.

### Group Climbing Sessions



If you would like to take your Group climbing, we offer indoor climbing during the winter months at a number of venues, instruction and equipment provided.

Contact Dave Yardley and complete a booking form available on Cleveland Scout County Climbing FB page.

# County Commissioner's Corner



## Scouting moves back to Green!

At the end of January, England moved back to Green status for Scouting. This means all restrictions have now been lifted and Covid transmission should be accounted for in your risk assessments alongside all other risks.

I hope that this will be the end of restrictions and we can start to plan an amazing year of camping and other activities that make Scouting great!

## Squirrels

You might have seen quite a bit of press in the last few weeks about Squirrels including a prime time slot on the One show! Our first Squirrel drey opens very soon at 27<sup>th</sup> Middlesbrough. As soon as it opens, we'll bring you more information.

You may be getting lots of parents enquiring about opening dreys in your area. Please manage expectations. This is a long term plan to open dreys and they may not be available in your district yet. Try and keep them keen and sell the joys of Beavers in a year or two.

## Census

You should hopefully now be well on the way to completing census. This is really important to help us see how Scouting is recovering after initial Covid closures. If you need any support with your census, please see your DC's or Ian Railton.

## Youth Investment Fund for deprived areas.

The fund aims to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services, in order to drive positive outcomes for young people, including improved health and wellbeing, and skills for work/employability and life.

It plans to do this by awarding funding for small-scale capital projects, including capital equipment, small redevelopments and other capital projects that can be delivered within the 21/22 financial year (by 31 March 2022).

Grants must be more than £5,000. Most grants will be less than £50,000 but larger applications will be considered if you can spend out before 31 March.

Things that applications may ask for include:

- **Installation of Green Energy** e.g. solar panels, heat pumps (reducing operational costs)
- Equipment to improve health and wellbeing, such as **outdoor gym equipment**
- **IT improvements** including software, websites, portals, platforms and new IT equipment
- Improvements that will allow greater access to **service users with disabilities**
- Equipment that will **expand and enrich youth activities** offered by existing providers, e.g. outdoor sports and activities, kitchen equipment, landscaping
- Grants for **minor facility improvements** to improve safeguarding and security for young people e.g. CCTV installations, Improved building security
- **Purchase of vehicles or mobile units**, which could be used for detached youth work or as mobile youth centres
- Changes to existing spaces, e.g. **provision of music rooms, arts & crafts, I.T rooms**

## Conversions of underused space into youth facilities.

More information is due to come out shortly. If you think your group might be eligible and you'd like to apply, please let me know and I'll send you the information when I receive it.

# Andy



## Ian's Bit's & Piece's



## Census 2022

The Census for 2022 began last Friday with the site opening. Passwords have been sent directly to relevant line managers, including Group Scout Leaders, District Explorer Scout Commissioners, Scout Active Support Managers and Scout Network Commissioners. If you have not yet received your password please contact [info.centre@scouts.org.uk](mailto:info.centre@scouts.org.uk)

We need to have the County's final census figures approved by Sunday 13th February, so that they can be approved by the Regional Commissioner, Ian Hill, prior to being submitted to HQ by Sunday 20th February.

The 2022 UKHQ membership fee for all members under 18 will be £35.00, £34.50 for prompt payment by 23rd April 2022). An email will be sent out from the County shortly with details of the County levy this year.

Fingers crossed our total numbers will be around the January 2020 levels before we had to stop meeting face-to-face.

### Recovery Fund applications open

HQ's Recovery Fund is now open for applications from any Groups and Units that are struggling to afford the costs of keeping Scouts running locally, or any Groups or Units that've been set up since the 2020 Census. The County Commissioner will start to receive emails from HQ soon to approve applications. However, your first port of call should be your District Commissioner who will advise you accordingly.

### Managing training compliance in Cleveland

Thank you for all your efforts to make sure our volunteers' training is up to date. However, we do have five, who currently cannot take part in any Scouting activities as they have not updated their Safety and / or Safeguarding training. HQ has created a new resource to support managers talk to volunteers in their team about training that's become overdue. Commissioners already have tools available such as Mutually Agreed Restrictions, Suspension and Cancellation if a volunteer hasn't completed the training requirements for their role.

At the start of February, HQ will contact the County Commissioner with the details of members who unfortunately must be suspended as they haven't completed the safety and safeguarding training requirements for their role. If you know anyone who is in your team who is in this position then please tell them they have just 10 days left to update their training before they will be suspended.

### Activity updates

HQ have recently reviewed a number of activities, and the updated guidance and rules will be published on 31st January.

### New POR update - April 2022

HQ continue to review our rules and guidance. This year there will be a new 'Chapter 16 - 'Managing Adults' and 'Definitions' chapter within POR which draws together the appointments process chapter and several other linked rules across POR. These updates will appear as part of POR in April 2022.

### Acting District Commissioner

Ryan Hubbard has been appointed by the County Commissioner as the Acting District Commissioner for Middlesbrough. Email: [deputy@middlesbroughscouts.org.uk](mailto:deputy@middlesbroughscouts.org.uk)

# 2022 SECTION ESSENTIALS BITESIZE TRAINING COURSES

Below are the first two bitesize Courses we have planned for 2022.

## **Saturday 19th February 2022 at 3rd Guisborough's HQ**

10am - 2.30pm

Module 12A: Delivering a Quality Programme

Module 12B: Programme Planning

Module 13: Growing Your Section.

This Course is open to all Leaders in all Sections who need to complete these three modules and any other Leaders including GSLs who would like a refresher. As part of the Course we now look at what is available online to help you plan exciting, youth-shaped programmes which will help you recruit and retain young people and adults.

To register: Email: [dccsections@gmail.com](mailto:dccsections@gmail.com) and ask to join the course

Registration closes: Saturday 5th February

## **Sunday 3rd April at Middlesbrough District HQ**

10am - 2.30pm

Module 12A: Delivering a Quality Programme

Module 12B: Programme Planning

Module 13: Growing Your Section.

This Course is open to all Leaders in all Sections who need to complete these three modules and any other Leaders including GSLs who would like a refresher. As part of the Course we now look at what is available online to help you plan exciting, youth-shaped programmes which will help you recruit and retain young people and adults.

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Registration closes: Sunday 20th March

We're also planning to cover all the other modules over three Sundays in May 2022. More details later.

In addition we also have planned:

### **Module 38: Skills for Residential Experiences**

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March 2022 at Raven Gill Campsite

Saturday start at 10am, Sunday finish at 3pm.

This course is open to all Leaders, who have already completed Module 16 Residential Experiences and had it validated, and wish to take their training to the next level.

This course is non-residential but if you wish to stay overnight you can.

To register: Email: [dccsections@gmail.com](mailto:dccsections@gmail.com) and ask to join the course. 14 already have.

Registration closes: Saturday 19th February

As the advert for holidays used to say ... **'Book Early!'**

Ian Railton

Deputy County Commissioner and County Training Manager

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## Gone Home: Dave Helm

Very sadly Dave passed away last week after a very short illness just six months after his wife Christine passed away. Dave was a Cub Leader at 4th Thornaby before becoming ADC Cubs in Stockton, Thornaby and District and then the District Commissioner in the same District. Some of you may remember Dave from Friendship Camps when he used to run the Brownsea Island base dressed in his old Scout uniform of khaki shirt, shorts and hat. He became the Musical Director for the Gang Shows held at Billingham Forum by ST&D when they were relaunched and most recently he has been a member of Middlesbrough SAS and spent a lot of time at Raven Gill painting the revamped Jubilee Centre ready for its opening last October. He will be sadly missed by all his friends past and present in Scouting.



Dave's funeral is on Friday 4th February at 11am in the Chapel of St. Bede, Teesside Crematorium, followed by a celebration of his life at Thornaby Salvation Army. There are no restrictions on numbers. Uniforms can be worn.



## County Explorers

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and are looking forward to what 2022 will bring. Two exciting notices to announce, both fantastic opportunities for Explorers.

1. **Harlelm Jamborette** . We are now recruiting participants for the Cleveland contingent to Haarlem Jamborette. Please share with all units, troops and young leaders. The Leadership team is on hand to answer any questions you might have, or can visit your section to speak in person. Application deadline is Friday 18th February. The Selection weekend will be held 4th - 6th March at Synthonia Scout HQ, Billingham.

2. **Operation Escape** is back! We will be lucky enough to have two operation escapes this year, the first of which is 25th-27th March. If you don't have enough to make a full team please let us know as we may be able to help. Deadline for applications is 12th March - please let us know of your intentions around submitting teams as soon as possible though.

3. Part of the Operation Escape we need leaders who are looking to join us as Catchers / Safety Cover, volunteers are essential for making Escape enjoyable for all involved.

As the term continues we will no doubt have much more to share with you, but for now enjoy being back at explorers :)

Any questions just fire them across and application forms please contact me.,

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ACC Explorers

## 1st Saltburn Scouts

Happy New Year to all our families, friends and potential volunteers! January is generally a cold miserable month but the Beavers need the stars to be shining brightly! We were very lucky (pre covid) to be gifted some preloved ipads that we intend to use while identifying stars in the night sky. You might see us, or more likely hear us out and about laying on the grass gazing into space. Our Beavers group is growing steadily in numbers and in volume. We're really proud of all the kids and are looking forward to a busy term ahead!

Unfortunately, at the moment, Cubs are running fortnightly instead of weekly, due to a low number of Leaders and 'real life' commitments. Thanks go to the Leaders for still providing a full programme and planning for next term. The requirements set out by Scout Association for the fire safety award has been completed. This was followed by Christmas crafts and a much needed, fun-filled with daftness, Christmas party. This was a double celebration, now the Section is able to meet face to face again.

Scout Section will be learning new skills this term, thanks to our fab new Scout Leader: Leah. These will include learning a new physical activity; focusing on yoga and recording their progress over 4/6 weeks, researching why it is important to eat a sensible diet and to get enough sleep but more importantly to parents and carers is the household skills they have to learn to gain their award. They have choices but they have to learn five; they could be iron their uniform shirt, use the washing machine, clean a toilet, hob or oven. And it has to be done to their parents' satisfaction. Interesting times in Scout households!

To contact 1<sup>st</sup> Saltburn Scout Group, please email: [saltburnscouts@hotmail.com](mailto:saltburnscouts@hotmail.com)



## Middlesbrough Gang Show

Do you know which Gang Show this picture is from ??????

I will let you know next month or find out by checking out the Middlesbrough Gang Show website.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Fairfield scouts

The first weekend of December saw several scouts and leader head up to Pybus campsite for a Christmas weekend. Everything was in place and all the paperwork was complete up until the day before when the rules all changed. It was a mad rush but everything was in place and I'm sure you can tell from the pictures the scouts had a great time. We had a mix of inside and outside games and plenty of hot chocolate to keep everyone going. Scouts made lots of things to take away from the weekend including paracord woggles/trees, painted their own concrete fleur-de-lis and also made their own pancakes for lunch. Saturday afternoon saw a first for use and full Christmas dinner was cooked. The leaders ate that much they couldn't manage their desserts. All the scouts loved the weekend and are looking forward to the next scouting adventure.

"I had lots of fun at scout winter camp. I enjoyed all the activities we did like painting and the games we played such as red light green light. I also enjoyed sitting and watching a Christmas movie with home made popcorn"

lillie



# Middlesbrough Scout Active Support Unit

Middlesbrough SASU have made a flying start to 2022 after not meeting face to face for such a long time. First off was the belated Christmas meal and this was held at the Rudds Arms where twenty members sat down to mixture of Christmas and none Christmas faye.

Twenty second of January a group restarted the gardening in and around the Middlesbrough HQ where the work was lead by Janet Merrick. A general tidying was done and bulbs were planted and hopefully we will see their results in the months to come. If anyone has any spare bulbs or plants please let us know .

Twenty eighth the SASU Strollers were out and about. The Strollers are part of the SASU and every month they "Stroll". This one was to Great Ayton where fifteen members joined in a stroll around Great Ayton ending up the Royal Oak for coffee and scones.

We meet the third Wednesday of every month in Middlesbrough Scout HQ at 19.00 and if you would like to join please come along.

If you are thinking of joining us it might be good to drop me an email at [susancorbin1@ntlworld.com](mailto:susancorbin1@ntlworld.com) just in case we are out and about somewhere.

Susan Corbin  
SASU Manager

