



GREEN

Update on YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND

Because not many Scout applicants have heard back yet, HQ contacted Children in Need to raise concerns about how short a window there is for volunteer led charities to spend before 31st March. We suspect everyone will hear by Wednesday next week, however you will definitely hear by Friday 4th March.

So our advice would be to carve out the time necessary to spend any grant by 31st March, with Friday 4th being the latest you will hear. Remember you don't have to have the services or equipment delivered by 31st March, but you must have spent your grant by then.

We think there has been about 170 Scout applications, representing £3.3m at an average of £20k per application. Those who didn't submit their application until the 10th Feb or later are very unlikely to be successful.

Hoping this helps with planning for those who applied.

World Scout Jamboree 2023 Selection Day

The selection day went ahead as planned and all the attendees did extremely well over the day. The selection list has now being finalised and the ACC International Kathryn Rose has informed those who have gained a place. It was also good to meet Central Yorkshire's Contingent leaders and their ACC International who came up to Middlesbrough to meet everyone.



County Commissioner's Corner



Census 2022

Thank you to all the groups and districts for prompt completion of this years census.

Initial data shows membership continues to grow and numbers are not too far away from pre-covid census.

Adult membership is at 85% of the amount we had in 2020 whilst youth membership is at 87%. Youth membership is significantly lower in Beavers as we rightly take our time to regrow the section in a manageable way.

For Cleveland to be back to precovid membership, each group would need to have an additional 4 Beavers, 2 Cubs and 1.5 Scouts (Suggestions as to how to get half a Scout gratefully received!)

Developing the Volunteer experience

The next 18 months will bring a large amount of change for Scouting to bring us up to date and enhance our volunteers experiences to allow volunteering to fit into a modern lifestyle alongside the other pressures on peoples time. A contingent from the County will be attending the national conference Basecamp 22 in Manchester in May to learn more.

Commissioner role name change

HQ are continuing to review the experiences our volunteers have as part of Scouting. One of these is renaming our commissioner roles to make it easier for others to understand them and subsequently increase opportunities for recruitment.

Suggestions so far include: District Commissioner, District Leader, District Team Leader, District Lead Volunteer, Head of District, District Manager and District Team Manager. Similar suggestions are made for County titles too.

To find out more click here: [More support to help get everyday things done | Scouts](#)

Training experiences

Alongside other changes, the training of our volunteers will be updated and developed to take into account previous experience and needs. There will be a core training package that is mandatory and then other optional modules to support whichever role you are doing.

For more information on training : [A more engaging learning experience | Scouts](#)

Get ready for lots more info in the coming months about the changes due to be implemented across Scouting in 2023.

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Operation Escape

The first Operation Escape this year is running over the weekend of 25th-27th March and is aimed at more inexperienced groups to give them the opportunity to develop their skills before the main OE in October. If you don't have a full team contact Lotti and the team will be able to partner you up with another Unit.





Ian's Bit's & Piece's



CLEVELAND SCOUTS' RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE SPRING AND SUMMER TERMS 2022

We promise to do a 'Good Turn' every day. During the covid pandemic we saw many acts of kindness being carried out by our Sections, Groups, Districts and individuals and this continued throughout the Autumn Term 2021. As it was so successful and easy to run, we are continuing with the Challenge through the remainder of this Scouting Year until 31st August for everyone in Cleveland Scouts, members and volunteers.

The purpose of the Challenge is for Scouting to have an impact on its local communities, hence why we have linked it to the Community Impact Staged Activity Badges.

What you do is entirely up to your Section, Group, District or individual. You can, for example,

Bake

Hold a coffee morning or used toy sale

Cook a three-course meal

Donate something to a local charity

Donate food to a local foodbank

Carry out a litter-pick of your area

Write letters or send cards to older relatives or people in care homes

Make a bird feeder to hang in a tree near your meeting place

Look after a small garden

Participate in a fundraiser

Put on a show for an invited audience

Hold a car wash



The list can go on and on and what's more you can use it to raise the profile of Scouting in your local area. You can:

Use it to publicise your Section or Group

Attract new volunteers

Attract new young people

THE CHALLENGE

- **Start when you are ready. Decide which stage of the Community Impact you are going to do and plan with your young people what you are going to do – Youth Shaped Scouting.**
- **Organise the publicity**
- **Carry it out before the end of August.**
- **When you have carried it, download the Random Acts of Kindness Challenge Certificate from www.clevelandscouts.org.uk.**

Award the Community Impact Staged Activity badges that the young people have earned!

Around the County

9th Hartlepool

9th Hartlepool Scouts visiting Radio Hartlepool's studios as part of their Media activity badge. Here they are being interviewed for a piece on the following Saturday's show.



40th Middlesbrough

40th Middlesbrough Beavers made these lanterns to celebrate the Lunar New Year!



43rd Middlesbrough

43rd Middlesbrough Scouts and Explorers playing wheelchair basketball.



1st Norton

The Winter Olympics has been a very popular theme at Section meetings in the past month. Here's curling going on at 1st Norton.



1st Marske / New Marske Scout Group

Celebrating the Chinese New Year here are Puma Pack from 1st Marske / New Marske Scout Group.

18th Hartlepool

Congratulations to 18th Hartlepool on receiving this letter back from HM The Queen after congratulating her on her Platinum Jubilee.

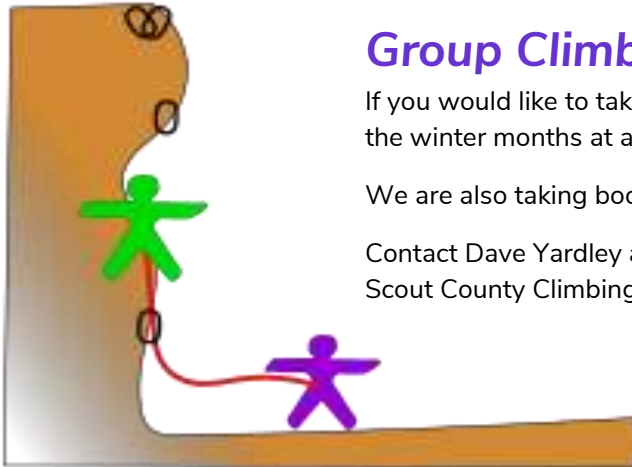


8th Billingham

A team picture of 8th Billingham at Kettleness at the end of their recent weekend away.



What is your Group doing
Drop us an email
and lets us know



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.

We are also taking bookings for our outdoor session's that start after Easter

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

Middlesbrough Gang Show

Hope you've all bought or are going to buy your tickets for the 2022 Middlesbrough Gang Show! We need full houses every night please!!

This photograph was from the 1950 show (Mexico)



Recruitment Toolkit

February 22nd saw the launch of 'Good For Two', another idea to help adult recruitment for all of us to have in our toolkit.

All HQ's adult recruitment tools and resources can be found at:

www.scouts.org.uk - Volunteers - Growing Scouts - Ready to Recruit - Recruitment Toolkit

In total there are 15 tools in the Toolkit so something for everyone.

And don't forget to talk positive about Scouting to everyone!

- Four Week Challenge
- Four Step Challenge
- First Conversations
- Adult Survey
- Advertising vacancies
- Group get-togethers
- Adult talks
- Six steps to recruitment
- Recruiting manager
- Name generation methods
- Finding volunteers for Explorers
- Recruiting students
- working with businesses
- Family Camps
- Adult rotas

There are also Volunteer Recruitment Workshops held regularly.

www.scouts.org.uk - Growing Scouts - Ready to Recruit - Volunteer Recruitment Workshops

The next one is on Saturday 12th March from 10am - 12.30pm - Welcoming New Volunteers and Starting Out



25th World Scout Jamboree

Cleveland has joined together with North Yorkshire to create a unit for the next Jamboree.

Three of the leaders attended the first UK Contingent meeting of all UK Leaders.

Storm Damage

If your building has been damaged by [#StormEunice](#), contact your insurer as soon as possible.

They'll start arranging repairs and advise you on what to do next. For more info on what to do,

see our storm damage advice: <https://unityinsuranceservices.co.uk/blog/weathering-storm...>

Cleveland Scouts Watersport

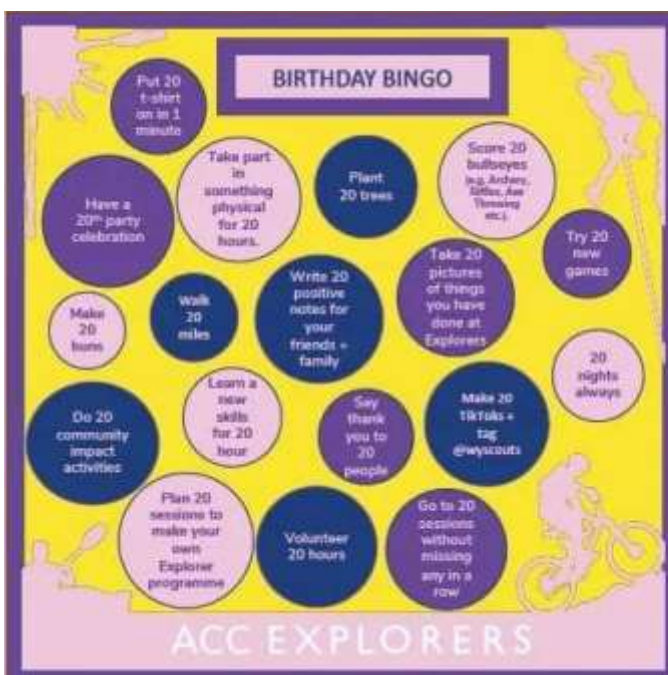
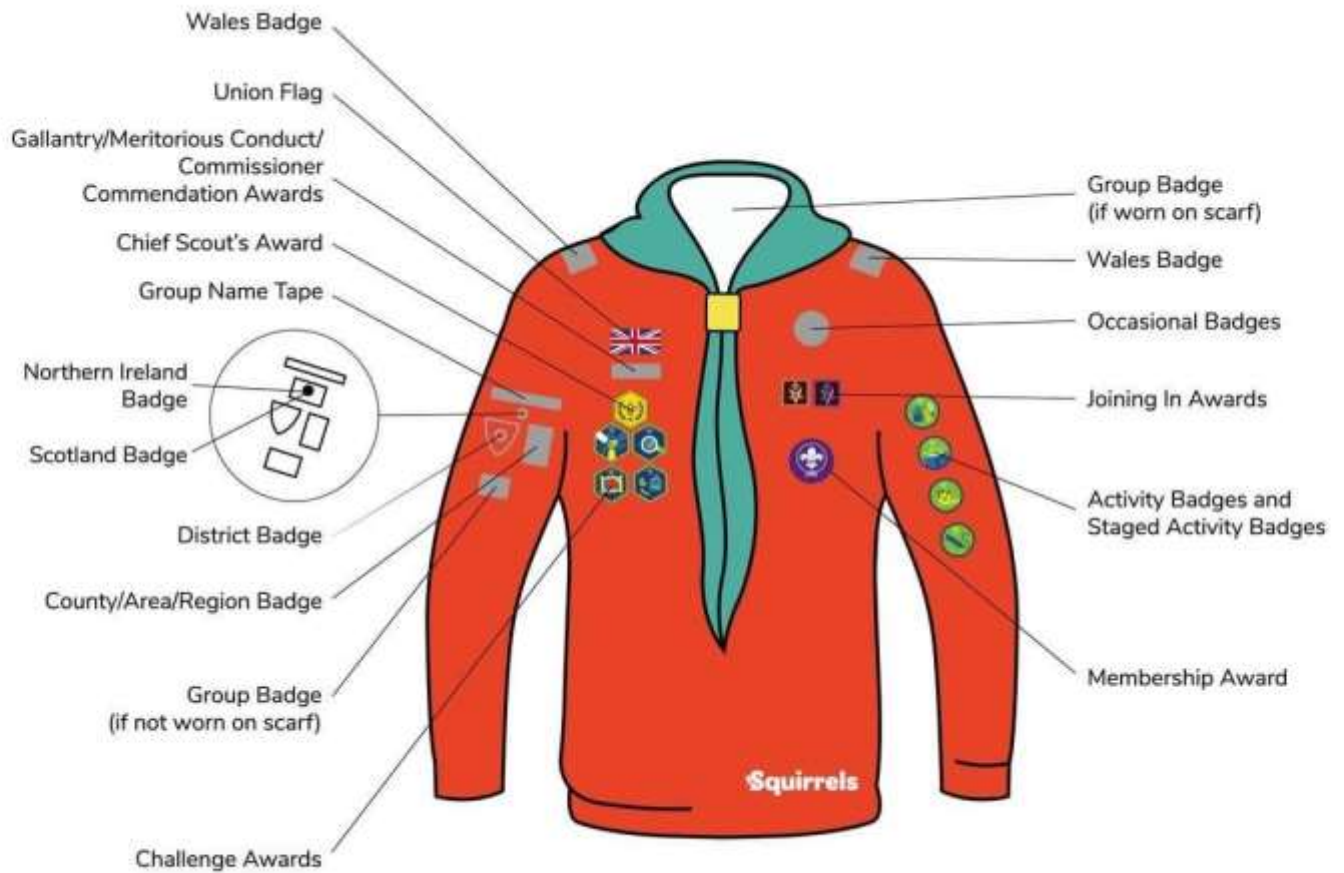
Bookings for the 2022 season opened on the 25th January

The team are really looking forward to finally getting back out on the Water.



Squirrels

Getting ready for our first Squirrel Drey opening in Middlesbrough District!



Explorer Scouts Birthday Bingo Challenge

A 20th birthday Challenge for all of our Explorers to take part in. Thanks to North Yorkshire Scouts for the original post.

Let us know if your Explorers take up the challenge

Well Done Synthonia

Congratulations to Mark Anderson, Synthonia GSL, on being a Scouting Leader for 30 years! The awards was presented by the County Commissioner

Congratulations also to Andrew Woods at Synthonia on gaining his Award of Merit, seen here being presented with it by the County Commissioner.



Award of Merit



Chief Scout Silver Award

The County Commissioner also presented six Chief Scout Silver Awards to David, Imogen, Tom , Rosie and Oliver. All seven worked very hard to compete all seven Challenge Awards. Ben is seen in the photograph receiving his award.