

Scouts



1st Holgate

Annual Report 2018

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#SkillsForLife



At 1st Holgate, we believe in providing young people with skills for life.

That's why we encourage our young people to do more, learn more and be more.

Each week, we give over 270 young people the opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed.

We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We're part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

Dates for your diaries

- 18 May – Group Presentation Evening and AGM
- 25-28 May County Cub Camp
- 3 June Scout Climbing Day
- 5 and 7 June – Gang Show Sign on
- 8-10 June – Cub District Gilwell Trip
- 16-17 June – Scout Expedition
- 23 June – Beaver Sleepover at Snowball
- 24 June West Bank Park Summer Fair
- 30 June – Cub District Badge Workshop
- 1 July – Scout, Explorer and Leader Camp cooking competition
- 6-8 July – Cub Parent and Child Camp
- 21-26 July – Scout Summer Camp
- 26 October – Chief Scout's Awards Presentation Evening
- 28 Nov – 1 Dec – Gang Show
- 1 Dec – Church Christmas Fair
- Dec – Christmas Trees date TBC

BEAVERS

Another fantastic year enjoyed by Beavers and Leaders alike. As always plenty going on and as much time spent outside as we could possibly cram in, even winter didn't stop us!

Our meetings since last May have seen us completing the Black Cat trail in York City Centre, making swords and jousting on scooters, learning new Scouting skills such as fire lighting with steels and flints, clay modelling and learning about Archaeology.

We also worked for our Space Activity badge and have been to the University twice – once to do the new Planets Walk that they have set up and once to visit the Astro-campus where entertainingly “mad” volunteers help us make a little sense of the world we live on and where it sits in our galaxy, then all the other (so far) 100 billion galaxies that are out in the Universe.....mind blowing stuff!!

In the past year we have also completed the Gardener, Photographer, Health & Fitness, Cook and Navigator badges with plenty of opportunities to gain Nights Away to boot.



We had a visit from a Dementia Awareness volunteer who inspired us to complete a sponsored night hike, fundraising for this incredibly important cause.

Our (in)famous Fam Jam parent and child camp was once again a resounding success thanks to another set of fabulous parents who were up for anything.... literally ☺. The Harry Potter theme allowing some of the lovely ladies to go back to their school days too!



The next one is booked for 28th to 30th Sept and this time we are branching out to pastures new so get ready Thornthwaite Scout Centre near Harrogate WE ARE COMING.

We finished off 2017 with our annual trip to the Grand Opera House, this time to see Beauty and the Beast – yet again one of our Beavers being picked to go up on stage – we are just so in demand now!

Out and about we climbed Roseberry Topping, took part in a sleepover at Scarborough Sea Life Centre (amazing experience!) and at the District Camp at Allerthorpe as well as at our own Group Camp where we got the chance to sleep in the new 'tipi' tents. We played some wide games with a difference at the RI club when we used glowsticks in the dark – great fun!



Holgate Beavers ready for St George's Day

We had a sleepover at Church in March with a badge workshop to gain the Digital Citizen badge – we are running this again next month for those who couldn't attend the first time. Thanks go out, as always, to the Leadership team including our fantastic Young Leaders, all of whom work tirelessly to provide the very best of Scouting for your children, it is always tremendous fun and sometimes it is hard to tell who is enjoying it more the Beavers or us!! It is particularly great to welcome back Janette “Rabbit” Bousfield and Johnny “Heffalump” Harvey who are returning to the team. This year to come we have even more fun activities planned – so lots to look forward to!!

Do more.

Take the Four Week Challenge

Volunteer for just four weeks and be amazed at the difference you'll make.

- Week 1 See what we get up to
- Week 2 Start to help out
- Week 3 Get a little more involved
- Week 4 You'll know if Scouting is for you.

We have a wide range of flexible roles either supporting young people or behind the scenes. Any help is truly amazing.

**Interested?
Speak to one of the leaders.**

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Another year gone and once again it has been mad and fun packed! We began with our pack camp at Hesley Wood at Sheffield where we tackled climbing walls, stacked crates, whizzed down hills met Campfire Dave and the Chairman lost his pants.

We also took are winning sixes on the SUPER SIX SEASIDE SPECIAL which we hope to make an annual event.

Towards the end of term, we went on Camp again this time on District Camp where a lot of us took to the water for the first time Kayaking, raft building and bell boating. We camped as a group and met up with friends who had moved on to scouts as well as making friends with the beavers.



The City Chief Scout's Awards Presentations took place in November at the Guild Hall where 10 of our cubs received their Silver Chief Scout Award, the highest award you can earn in the Cub Scout section.

All the leaders would like to say how proud we are of you all on this fantastic achievement!



At the start of this year we entered three teams in the City Hergarth Trophy Competition which is a non-sporting competition organised by the winners from the previous year which was our

own Phoenix pack. This year it was a team building exercise all the packs did well with Phoenix, coming in a well-deserved 1st place again!!

In April all three Packs took part in City Cub Camp Cooking Competition. We had a practice at Snowball in the morning, so we knew what to do this must have helped as one of our teams Pegasus came away winners and Phoenix in 2nd place. A massive well done!



Throughout all this year the events the Cubs have behaved impeccably and have been a great credit to yourselves and the Group. As always, we could not do a lot of these events without your support and we thank you for that.

A big thank you goes out to all our Young Leaders as well, as without them we could not run our pack evenings. Here's looking forward to a great coming year

Be more.

Phoenix's Akela given Award for Merit

We are delighted to confirm that Andy Partridge will receive the Award for Merit at the Presentation Evening for Outstanding Service to Scouting.



Active Support

The ASU has really worked hard this year to support the Group and indeed played a leading role in Group Camp and St George's Day Parade

The ASU is made up of a diverse range of people, most have children in the Group but not all, they have a wide range of professions and skills; some wear uniform, others don't; and they help the Group in a wide range of ways.

They are always busy looking for new members to add to their team. The commitment is variable and flexible, so volunteering with the ASU is ideal for those who can't make a regular commitment.

Earlier this year Vince Jenner stepped down from the ASU Manager role for health reasons; we'd like to thank Vince for all his hard work in setting up and making the ASU such a success in a short space of time. We hope his health improves and look forward to seeing him back at Group events soon.



Feeding the 5000 - Group Camp

SCOUTS

The Scouts are progressing through a programme which builds incrementally over three years towards the Chief Scout's Gold Award. The award represents the completion of key elements of the programme; encouraging the Scouts to learn about and respect the world we live in, the importance of looking after their own health and wellbeing and to develop their creative and personal skills and talents.

Being outdoors is important and we maintain a focus on traditional Scouting skills, such as camping, survival and cooking, as well as a wider spectrum of adventurous activities like climbing, expeditions, hill walking and water-based activities.



Highlights this year have been:

Scouts on Skates: Roller skating and Ice skating have been challenges that the leaders and scouts have had a go at this year. Imagine, if you can, the sort of bedlam that ensues when you add skates, leg warmers, and a giant penguin... and then remove the brakes.

Scouts with Seasoning: More dangerous even than scouts on wheels, is a scout with a knife, a barely considered recipe and access to syrup and salt. Haggis, pancakes, chicken soup, chips and mashed potatoes have all had the treatment from the scouts this year.

Scientific Scouts: With the support of the European Space Agency kits and National Railway Museum, the scouts tested various materials for their suitability in space. Electrical conductivity, magnetism, heat and impact testing were all completed. In this case it actually was rocket science.

Scouts on Stage: Skits and stunts to show the scouts creative side are being produced this term. We have had the Hunchback of Nottingham (with a bafflingly Glaswegian accent), a Stinkbus and Falling Rocks. Budding Spielbergs have created and directed stop motion films and animations and plenty of creative projects. expeditions and, of course, lots more camps.

Scout and About: The Scouts have enjoyed lots of time out under canvas with slightly soggy but hugely enjoyable summer camp in the Peak District in 2017, a spooky Halloween Camp last October and Winter camp in January 2018. Add to this our extremely successful Easter Camp this year where parents joined us in a weekend of climbing, go-karting, pioneering, campfires and archery, rock climbing at Brimham and expedition, walking days and you can see we have completed a year of challenging and fun activities out of doors. We look forward to continuing through the summer months with sailing, and more hiking, climbing,

Celebrations and awards: This year we have awarded 252 badges, including 104 challenge badges and 7 Chief Scout Gold Awards. Congratulations to the scouts who have worked hard to earn these.

We are delighted that three members of the scouts (now Pan-u explorers) were successful in being selected for the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA next year.

Plus, Dave Townend still has a medal for winning Parent Child Camp in 2017. We don't think we've mentioned this enough.

EXPLORERS

Pan-Ku Explorers have had a busy year with a change of leadership thrown in to boot.

Dan and Emily and Shaun and Philly have had other things on their mind. Congratulations to Dan and Emily on your engagement and to Shaun and Philly on their marriage.

Taking up the reins is Glen Smith an experienced leader who until recently ran the Tempest Unit based in Poppleton, he brings with him Jonathan and Jeremy. Sam Foxon remains the ever-present (at least until he finishes his degree!).

Activities have included:

Climbing, Hiking, Kayaking, a Treasure Hunt, a trip to Drax Power Station, First Aid and cycling.

The Unit are always looking for new volunteers to help run an exciting programme of activities.



Group Scout Leader's Report

At this time of year, it is always good to take a breath and reflect on the year just gone. While all around me is hectic with activities, camps and fundraising, taking the time to pause and think, helps to reassure me that the Group is in a really good place; it also brings some clarity to the challenges ahead.

The Group is undoubtedly offering an excellent programme of activities and opportunities for our young people. The leadership team is strong, well-trained, experienced and committed; they work exceptionally well together and play together even better! From this strong foundation we can achieve great things; but with the added support of the Group Executive Committee, sub-committees, Active Support Unit and our host of occasional helpers and parents, we achieve far more than the sum of our parts. A sincere, heartfelt thank you to them all.

Praise is important for a job well done, it provides a brief feel-good factor, it serves to crystallise our efforts further; thanks, adds to this, serving to provide that inner feeling of appreciation and pride. However, the challenges ahead require much more than praise and thanks for our outstanding team of volunteers! We have the unenviable task ahead of "fitting a quart into a pint pot". As the Group continues to grow, we reached 330 members earlier this year, more and more young people want places in our sections and they are pretty much full.

Our attempt to build our own headquarters has slowed, largely due to frustrating circumstances outside of our control. We have decided we need another minibus and thanks to our fantastic fundraising efforts will be looking to purchase one this weekend.

We already have the problem of not being able to meet the demand for Beaver places, but we face the challenge later this year of not having enough places for Cubs moving to Scouts and Beavers moving to Cubs.

This is not unanticipated, and we have a strategy in place. A strategy I all well and good, but it is the practicalities that scupper plans. So, what do we need to do? Moreover, what do we need you to do? We need support. Every one of our volunteers (maybe with a few exceptions!) are just normal people like you; they have jobs and families; trials and tribulations; good times and bad; but they all have one thing in common – they gave it a try, said yes and have not looked back.

There are so many ways that you can help us by volunteering to take on roles, specific tasks or projects. We do need leaders, helpers and active support members; but we also need help with fundraising, marketing, social media, website management, professional advice, vehicle maintenance, equipment management, procurement, training, administration this list really is endless. If you have a skill, we can use it.

So why not join the #holgatefamily? If you like to help us just get in touch.

Together, we can offer #SkillsForLife to more young people. Together we can - Do more, Share more, Learn more and Be more.

John McCarthy

MyScout is now well-established within the Group and is really helping to reduce the amount of administration for the leaders and Gail, our treasurer.

Thanks for your support in getting the system to work so well, so quickly. There is still a few of you who have chosen not to set up recurring direct debits meaning we still have a few payments outstanding – please consider signing up or ensure payments are made promptly.



Group Chair's Report

It never ceases to amaze me the commitment shown by our fantastic team of Leaders. The sheer breadth of activities they provide to our young people is truly amazing. I hope you enjoy reading this report detailing (almost) everything they've achieved this year.

I'm extremely proud of all our young people, who make all the commitment shown by our volunteers worthwhile. Whether it be a Beaver attending their first sleepover, a Cub meeting the challenge of their Chief Scout's Silver Award or a Scout completing an expedition; they all do their best and meet these progressive challenges head on.

I'm told that I sometimes over think things and whilst this is true, it is sometimes necessary to reflect, learn and plan ahead in this role.

This has been a very busy year for all in the Group; for me the highlights were the fantastic District Camp at Allerthorpe and the equally exciting Group Camp at Snowball. The logistics of these events is something to behold – catering for over 200 people is not an easy task nor is ensuring we have enough tents for everyone. Particular thanks must go to the Active Support Unit who led the planning and organisation of Group Camp.

I've learned this year that the Group can be a great support in challenging times. Some of you may be aware that I have been undertaking my teacher training and you'll appreciate how time-consuming and stressful this can be. I'd like to thank everyone in the Group who has supported me in this venture and particularly those who've dealt with extra tasks to help me focus on my studies.

We will shortly be beginning a planning exercise to map out the Group's aims for the next five years or so. Whilst the details are yet to be finalised, we want you all to be involved, particularly the young people. Watch this space for more information over the next few months.

Marek Lichtarowicz

Summary Accounts 2017-2018

1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP Receipts & Payments (Summary) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2018

2017			2018	
EXP £	INC £		EXP £	INC £
	19,320.00	Subscriptions		25,664.00
9,240.00	416.00	Less Capitation	11,452.50	315.00
		Leaders Capitation		
	17,692.85	Camps / Outings		21,569.02
17,889.61		Cost of Camps / Outings	20,851.54	
	2,338.47	Fundraising Income		9,608.23
269.30		Fundraising costs	2,196.97	
	7,068.00	Donation/grants received		5,700.00
	3.07	Other income - bank interest		3.07
	8,677.94	- Inland Revenue refund - Gift Aid 1		3,885.39
	910.37	- sundry (explorers)		1,150.46
4,688.72		Donation to Chapel 2	2,120.96	
		Large equipment	8,335.99	
1,065.41		Small equipment, repairs, storage	689.19	
4,289.79		Weekly activity expenses	4,308.76	
1,719.13		Uniforms, badges	2,466.45	
		Uniforms, badges income		
1,855.30		Minibus running costs	1,587.39	
272.20		Administrative expenses	442.84	
0.00		Insurance 3	355.93	
1,683.98		Training		
153.00		Sundries	667.38	
90.85		Donations	2,284.26	
0.00		Project Chrysalis		
141.49		AGM & Trustee Expenses 4	817.85	
13,067.92		Surplus of income over expenditure	9,317.16	
		Excess of expenditure over income		
56,426.70	56,426.70		67,895.17	67,895.17

1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP Statement of Assets & Liabilities (Summary) AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018

2017		2018
£		£
25,403.63	Balance at bank	34,717.72
3,887.66	Current account	
1.14	Deposit account	3,889.62
2,224.39	Scout account	1.14
	Fundraised account	2,225.50
31,516.82	REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUND	40,833.98

ACCUMULATED FUND

£		£
18,448.90	Balance brought forward	31,516.82
13,067.92	Surplus of income over expenditure	9,317.16
	Excess of expenditure over income	
31,516.82		40,833.98

£		£
22,160.00	NB: Value of equipment held	29,388.00

Notes to the accounts:

- 1 Gift Aid in 16-17 included two year's claims
- 2 17-18 varies from 16 -17 due to irregular "invoicing"
- 3 £0 in 2017 as insurance for 16-17 paid in financial year 15-16
- 4 17-18 includes repairs to leader's vehicle incurred on Scouting business

24th World Scout Jamboree North America 2019



We are delighted that three of our young leaders have been selected to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA next summer.

Abi, Kitty and Ruby have been working hard to raise the £3600 each they need to attend. This includes all their flights, insurance, uniform, Training Camps, Jamboree fees and a contribution to help Scouts from developing countries to attend the Jamboree.

The fundraising is going really well, and they'd like to thank you for all your support. Some of the activities they've undertaken have raised:



Name the Easter Bunny - £200+; Smarties Tube Challenge - £600+; Refreshments at Cub Football - £400; Race Night - £800+ and Babysitting - £150+

If you'd like to hire them for baby-sitting duties contact them via Facebook @1stholgatebabysitters

You can also support their Sponsored Walk – they are attempting to walk the distance from York to the Jamboree Site – donations can be made via mydonate.bt.com/events/jambowalkingchallenge



**We're all Scouting volunteers;
We all have lots of fun.
We may be very different,
but as a team we're one.**

**We're all very busy people,
with lots of things to do,
We help to raise the money,
and like to spend it too,**

**We give our time freely,
To teach kids lots of skills,
We don't receive a penny,
to put towards our bills.**

**We do it for the love of it,
Because we feel the need.
We're like one big happy family,
On that we're all agreed!**

**These are just a few of us,
There's lot of others too.
We'd love for you to join us'
We know you'd like it too!**

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