



# Annual Report 2019

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**#SkillsForLife**



St George's Day 2019

## Welcome to this year's Annual Report which shows how we prepare our young people with skills for life.

### Here's a few thoughts from Marek, Lichtarowicz, our Group Chair

As a parent of two children in the group, both of whom joined in Beavers, I could be excused for thinking I know how it goes...

Fortunately, though this is not the case. Each year I have the opportunity to reflect on the group, its achievements and aspirations. Year on year I continue to be in awe of everything our volunteers and young people do together to continue to provide a top-quality and varied Scouting programme for so many children and young adults in and around Holgate.

### Growth

Whilst we've been the largest Scout Group in North Yorkshire for a couple of years now, our growth shows no sign of slowing. Our size, whilst bringing unique challenges, is I believe a reflection of the dedication, enthusiasm and collaboration of our team of volunteers. This magic cascades through our children and young people into the community that we both serve and form.

### Accommodation

One of the challenges presented by our continued growth is that of accommodation, and we are delighted and grateful for the support on Pathfinder MAT in our efforts to build a new Scout Centre in the grounds of Acomb Primary School. Whilst we appreciate we still have a significant journey before we can realise this aspiration, our project team has been and continues to work hard to make the vision a reality.

Raising the funds to build our new Scout Centre (subject to planning permission) will take some determined effort. Recruiting new leaders to help us continue to offer great scouting to our growing youth membership remains a constant priority. However, with such an experienced, talented and committed leadership team, the future is exciting in 1st Holgate.



# Scouts

## 1st Holgate All4One Club

The beginning of this year saw us introduce a new section to the family of 1<sup>st</sup> Holgate Scout Group in the shape of the All 4 One Club.



This club was set up just over 2 years ago by a small team of parents, including two 1<sup>st</sup> Holgate leaders, to provide a casual youth club style environment for young people with additional needs aged 10-21 with a view to offering a safe social climate where sports activities, crafts, games etc are available for participating in plus learning life skills in addition to some space to enjoy time with friends just "hanging out".



At the end of last year, a decision was made by the parents of the young people to accept an offer to come under the umbrella of the Scout Group. This opened up some fantastic opportunities for the members to integrate with the other



young people in the Group whilst still maintaining their individuality – truly the best of both worlds enabling them to get the best possible experiences.

So far this year we have held a camp at Snowball and enjoyed some great outdoor experiences, doing an Easter Egg trail around York with an evening visit to Moorlands Nature Reserve planned, a climb of Roseberry Topping and a day of water activities at Allertorpe Park



to look forward to. Santander is putting on an evening of information with regards to bank accounts, budgeting and managing money.



In June we are having a visit from Acomb Pets with their reptiles and other animals then some of the All4 One members are joining us at the

Group Camp as well.

At the recent Snowball camp the young people made their promise and received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holgate neckers which go particularly well with the specialised logo'd hoodies they now wear. All these things help them to feel a valued part of the Scout Group which is really important and was our main aim in merging the club into the Group.



James was very pleased to have made his Promise!

The young people who attend the All 4 One Club are some of the most amazing, caring, funny, enthusiastic and motivated persons you could meet and, we believe, we will be an asset in the Group's future.

If you know of anybody who would enjoy the All 4 One Club then please speak to Jude (Tigger) Partridge on 07914410962 .

Here's to a great year to come!

# BEAVERS

It has been another fantastic year for our Beavers & Leaders alike with our numbers ever increasing and the starting of a 4th Colony in November of 2018 -Welcome Dakota Colony and our new Leader Drew "Rabbit" Goodfellow.



We have had a busy year with lots of visits and activities both indoors and out. We started the year with a visit to Holgate Windmill and continued with visits to St Nicholas Fields, Stockbridge Technology Centre, where we came home with a bag full of fresh vegetables and sampled freshly grown strawberries (Yum!).

A couple of visits to Askham Bog for some pond dipping and to see how it has changed over the seasons. We also had a trip to Manchester Museum of Science & Industry, which was great fun.

We have also completed night hikes from Rawcliffe and across Hob Moor along with a trek up Roseberry Topping.

Out & about we had an outdoor camp in the summer at Snowball, which we learnt all about camp craft for our badge. We had a sleepover in February at St Sampson's Centre and we walked the City Walls taking in the views of the Minster.

The Beavers have been busy doing lots of badges, including Builder, Cyclist, Book Reader, Health & Fitness (with a trip to Energi) & Healthy Eating along with Animal Friend Badge which included visits to Pets at Home and Askham Bryan College.



Our (in)famous Fam Jam parent & Child camp took us to a new venue this year (Thornthwaite Scout Centre near Harrogate) and proved to be a resounding success thanks to a great set of parents who were up for anything.



The Jumanji theme was interesting with some amazing Kung Foo Fighting/Dancing along with an alternative human Hungry Hippo game; extra padding needed!!!!

At Christmas we had a trip to Creepy Crawlies and the big man himself even managed to make an appearance.

We would like to thank the Young Leaders for their continued support as they are a great help, along with the support from parents each week which we are eternally thankful as we wouldn't be able to manage without you.

This next year we have more fun activities planned – so lots to look forward to.

## The Beaver Leaders



With over 100 Beavers to entertain every week we need more volunteers to help out!

Have you helped out on our rota and enjoyed yourself? Maybe you're looking for something to add meaning to your life??

## Why not volunteer with Beavers?

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.

# cubs

Another year gone and once again it has been mad and fun packed! We began with by joining over 800 other cubs at North Yorkshire's bi-annual County Camp at Pateley Bridge which had a theme of "Take Off".

The cubs had a go at climbing, abseiling, mountain biking plus many other adventurous activities, but most importantly the chance to make new friends from all over North Yorkshire.

We also took our winning sixes on the SUPER SIX SUMMER SEASIDE SPECIAL which has now become an annual event which all the Cubs hope to attend by trying their very best. The question is who will be attending this year?

In June some of us joined other cubs from Ebor District for a weekend in London where we saw all the famous sights as well as attending a Funday at Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting.



Later that month, the Sixers and Seconders gave their views and ideas at the District Cub Forum and we took part in the District Football Tournament.

Towards the end of term we went on Camp again. This time taking our parents with us as we celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the Royal Air Force complete with "Aerial Displays" and a Football Win!

We enjoyed all of this as well as our normal pack meetings where we celebrated the Royal Wedding, tried Foot Golf, took part in a treasure hunt (where we were spies) and went on a hike. We had a very busy Summer term.



The Autumn term started with the City Shooting & Archery Competitions, with plenty of trophies coming our way

We took advantage of the County Activity Day at Ellerton Water where Cubs had the chance to sail, use bell boats and kayaks on the water as well as abseiling, archery and orienteering.



During the October half term holidays, we took a ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and hiked from Grosmont to Goathland.



The city Chief Scout Awards 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. On behalf of all the leaders I would like to say how proud we are of you all on this fantastic achievement!

At the end of the year we watched the York Gang Show at Rowntree's Theatre which everybody appeared to enjoy, with lots of cubs making it known that they would like to take part next time.



We also took part in the District Basketball Tournament where Pegasus came away the worthy winners!

At our pack meetings we celebrated the Day of the Dead, became Dementia Friends, visited York Mosque and got to know about the work of the North Yorkshire Mountain Rescue Team.



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

In March, we hosted the District First Aid Workshop where we had 38 Holgate Cubs earn their Emergency Aid Badge level 3.

In April all three Packs took part in City Cub Camp Cooking Competition. We had a practice at Snowball in the morning, so the Cubs knew what to do. This must have helped as Griffin finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. A massive well done!



Throughout all the events this year 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!

**Charlotte McCarthy, Assistant Group Scout Leader (Cubs)**

# SCOUTS

We are pleased to report another brilliant year of Scouting for both of our Troops. Highlights this year have been:

**Camping!** What a wonderful year of camping we have had. In summer we went to Silverwood campsite for a week of activities, slip 'n' sliding and fun. We had day trip to Alton towers and a flying tent which taught the Scouts the value of zipping up doors. Halloween camp was our traditional weekend at Snowball, and a Winter wonderland of walks awaited us at Hag Dyke, a fantastic place nestled on the side of Great Whernside. Easter camp was an activity filled weekend of bus-based caving, archery, cresta runs, rifle shooting and zip wires.



**Climbing, walking and expeditions!** We have had more climbing days at Brimham Rocks and walking days in the Yorkshire Dales. The annual expedition, a challenging two-day hike and overnight camp (and annual trip to Otterburn for non-map readers) is always a highlight, making into every Scout's top 3 (and often bottom 3) scouting experiences!



**Equalities, Art and Health!** The scouts have examined aspects of personal development and skills, with a look at equalities across the globe and undertaken health and meditation nights.

**Environment and History!** Thinking about the place where we live is an important aspect of the programme. Unexpected enjoyable evening of the year award must go to litter picking, as local residents and police stopped to thank the scouts for their work and efforts. We also took a Roman, Medieval, Victorian and Modern walk around the city, navigating York using 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century maps from the local library.

**General Shenanigans!** Cooking, campfires, trampolining, pancakes, wide games, ice skating, roller discos, table challenge, cereal box ducking, and a whole host of other nonsense complete the picture of an active and engaging scouting experience.



**Our programme:** 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.

**Celebrations and awards:** This year we have awarded 227 badges across both the troops. Congratulations to the scouts who have worked hard to earn these, especially those scouts who have achieved the Chief Scout Gold award.



**The future:** As we continue to grow we are looking to start a new troop to accommodate demand. Hadrian Scout Troop will run on Wednesday night. To successfully do this we will need a few more pairs of hands on our leadership team. It is a genuinely rewarding experience and if you are interested in helping out, occasionally or on a weekly basis, you will be most welcome. Please to talk to any of the leaders to find out how.



Here's to another superb year of camping, walking, climbing and general shenanigans!

**Mike Richardson, AGSL Scouts**



# EXPLORERS



Panku have had an eventful year, changes in leadership, new faces and some old, new activities and being more youth-led!

Some highlights included a trip to BIG Depot Climbing Wall in Leeds, a massive facility with over 1000m<sup>2</sup> of climbing surface, Dry Slope Skiing, Ice Skating, Energi and running bases on the Scouts Incident Hike.

We've welcomed Nick Beckett as a leader this term and he has already made a start on his training and gained a Kayaking Permit!

The Explorers have started to run their own activities, with a bring a friend night, Leo's Chapel Sleepover and a murder mystery night.

## GSL's ruminations....

### Every year writing these reports gets more and more difficult!

There are only so many ways to praise and thank the wonderful young people, parents and volunteers who make this Group so amazing! I've begun to lose count how many I've written, it's a lot, but the key themes are always fun, pride, gratitude and growth.

Anyone who knows me even a little, will have realised that this Scout Group fills me with immense pride. I'm proud of how we develop our young people's Skills For Life; I'm proud of what we collectively achieve; I'm proud of the difference we make in our community; but most of all I'm proud that we are (admittedly a rather large) family.

I was talking to a leader the other day, discussing how after a short break, he'd like to undertake a different role in the Group. He told me that what he missed most was being part of the family. There was a lump in my throat!

So that's why I am so very proud that we have added All4One Club to the Holgate family. I have been able to join them at some of their events and was honoured to invest the nine members who attended their recent camp.

These fantastic young people joining the Scout Group proves to me that Scouting truly is for all. I look forward to seeing them take part in more Group events over the coming months.

The Holgate family continues to grow...

We opened Dakota Beaver Colony last autumn and are planning to open our new Hadrian Scout Troop in September. This is all fantastic news!

However, we need more volunteers to help us run our sections; but there's loads of leaders I hear you say. Collectively, yes we have a really strong leadership team, but some of our sections are running with fewer leaders than we'd like.

Our young leaders are a fantastic asset and a great help in running the sections, but they can't take on the same level of responsibility as an adult.

There a number of roles volunteers can undertake;

- Section and assistant leaders deliver the programme, organise the activities and provide coaching and support to young people;
- Section assist the Section Leaders in delivering the programme to young people in Scouting. They may choose to wear uniform and make the Scout Promise;
- Our Active Support Unit (ASU) enables those who wish to volunteer, but who can't give a regular commitment, to do so. There's no need to be around every week, just help as and when – this is true flexible volunteering;
- Help on the parent rota!

Give it a try, you won't regret it! Please just think of the children....

**John McCarthy, GSL**

## We're scouting for talent

View more details on:

<https://do-it.org/organisations/1st-holgate-scout-group-york>

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### Section Assistant

**Make a bird box; transform a future.**

Would you like the chance to canoe, climb and make bird boxes while improving your CV? As a Section Assistant at 1st Holgate you will do all of this and more, using your current skills and learning new ones. We now need fun, committed people to support our young people, helping run games and activities as part of weekly meetings. As part of a small team, you will be plan and deliver a safe and exciting programme for young people, helping them achieve badges and awards.

Enthusiasm, an empathy with young people and a sense of humour are a must. But we can teach you the rest. We'll support you all the way and ensure you get the training and support you need.

### Active Support Unit Member

**Our Active Support Unit provides a huge range of support activities for the Scout Group**

This often involves contributing specific skills at events or helping in a more general way.

The great thing about being an ASU member is that you can dip in and out as it suits you, with no pressure whatsoever for a regular commitment.

They help with Camps and activities, fundraising and fulfil a host of other roles in the Group.

In doing this you will be helping in a very important way to maximise the benefits of Scouting to young people. The ASU also organises a programme of social activities for themselves.

### Membership Administrator

**Are you a good organiser?**

You will act as the Scout Group's first point of contact for potential new members and manage our joining list.

You will also allocate places as they become available in our sections and manage the children's and volunteers' personal information for our records. You will also assist the leaders by arranging for young people to move between sections.

You'll deal with volunteering enquiries and undertake DBS checks for adults joining Scouting.

The role can be undertaken individually or as part of a team.

### Assistant Section Leaders

Our challenging and adventurous programme is crucial to what we do, it attracts and retains more young people, and prepares them with the skills they need to succeed in life and make a positive impact on society.

Vital to the delivery of the programme are the leaders who organise the activities and provide coaching and support to young people to help them achieve their top awards. Section Leaders are supported through digital tools, programme resources and training in Leadership and practical Scouting skills.

**The role of Section Leaders is vital role in developing young people and providing them with fun, adventure and skills for life.**

At 1st Holgate Scouts we prepare young people with skills for life. Each year we help over 300 girls and boys enjoy fun and adventure while developing skills to succeed. If you choose to volunteer, you can work directly with young people or in a support role as a team or individual.

Prior experience or a connection with Scouting is not necessary and we welcome people from different backgrounds. Remember, you can decide how much or little time you give to Scouting.

**1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP**  
**Receipts & Payments (Summary)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019**

2018	2019
EXP	Income
£	£
25,664.00 Subscriptions	26,773.00
11,452.50 315.00 Less Capitalisation	12,720.00 360.00
21,569.02 Camps / Outings	17,795.50
20,851.54 Cost of Camps / Outings	21,751.75
9,608.23 Fundraising Income	11,172.44
2,196.97 Fundraising costs	8,241.96
5,700.00 Donation/grants received	1,071.00
3,07 Other income - bank interest	3.09
3,885.39 - Inland Revenue refund - Gift Aid	4,838.93
1,150.46 - sundry (explorers)	484.00
2,120.96 Donation to Chapel	3,955.89
8,335.99 Large equipment	2,009.68
689.19 Small equipment, repairs, storage	1,094.05
4,308.76 Weekly activity expenses	5,316.69
2,466.45 Uniforms, badges	2,856.75
1,587.39 Uniforms, badges income	
442.84 Minibus running costs & Mini Bus	21,627.56
355.93 Administrative expenses	501.97
Insurance	1,020.54
Training	
667.38 Sundries	517.12
2,284.26 Donations	50.30
817.85 Profect Chyrallis	
AGM & Trustee Expenses	632.31
9,317.16 Surplus of income over expenditure	19,798.61
Excess of expenditure over income	
<u>67,895.17</u>	<u>82,296.57</u>

**1ST HOLGATE SCOUT GROUP**  
**Statement of Assets & Liabilities (Summary)**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2019**

2018	2019
£	£
34,717.72 Balance at bank	14,916.02
3,889.62 Current account	3,891.60
1.14 Deposit account	
2,225.50 Scout account	1.14
	Fundraised account
	2,226.61
<u>40,833.98</u>	<u>21,035.37</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	
£	£
31,516.82 Balance brought forward	40,833.98
9,317.16 Surplus of income over expenditure	
Excess of expenditure over income	19,798.61
<u>40,833.98</u>	<u>21,035.37</u>
£	£
29,388.00 NB: Value of equipment held	49,241.00