

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We are delighted to be able to bring you our latest newsletter for the 1st Holgate Scouting Community. We hope that you find the content interesting and that it gives you a wider understanding of the Group's activities. Each half term, with input from our Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers, our leaders plan and implement a broad range of activities that support your children's interests, wider learning, and skills. Within this newsletter, we will highlight just a few areas of that activity.

HIGH FIVE!



At 1st Holgate, we are extremely proud of the fact that our organisation runs solely on the support of volunteers. From those who assist during our weekly meetings to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes, our volunteers are the heart and soul of our community. We believe that their contributions are invaluable and make all the difference in the world. That's why we encourage you to nominate a volunteer for recognition of their hard work. Send an email to emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk and help us give these amazing individuals the public appreciation they deserve. Let's work together to give them a well-deserved high five!



CAN YOU HELP OUR FINANCE TEAM?

Do you work in accounts, or have admin skills which could help support our small finance team?

We urgently need help with expenses and reconciling payments. Please contact us if you can spare a few hours a month: Chris.Rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

NEXT ISSUE... DUE W/C 3RD JUNE 2024

If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or any comments, email: emma.allinson@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

Storytellers of the future!

During this term, the Squirrels have been diligently working towards achieving their storytelling badge.

They have been collaborating with each other in their nests, putting their heads together to create their own unique storybook, crafting handmade puppets, and putting up an enchanting show for the rest of the drey to enjoy.

The Squirrels enjoyed watching and performing their shows and these really were great to watch, and you can even catch a glimpse of some of the performances on the 1st Holgate Facebook Page.

We ended the term with a joint meeting which included a trip to the local green space at the Church where the Squirrels searched for Easter eggs, we then returned to find that the Easter Bunny was waiting to meet all the Squirrels!

Well done Squirrels on such a fantastic term!



Fundraising activity

Last month, a group of Beavers, Squirrels, and even a couple of Cubs raised an impressive £259 towards a new minibus through a door collection at Morrisons.

Well done to all involved!

We have another fundraising activity scheduled for Saturday 27th April. All sections are invited to participate in this door collection and bag pack event.

If you would like to help our group, please book your slot by visiting www.1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk/wp/bag-pack-at-tesco-askham-bar/



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

21st April St Georges Day Parade

Further details will be announced in due course to those attending.

10th May - Sleepover
Sign up now on OSM.

27th April - Bag Pack Tesco Askham Bar Sign up:

www.1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk/wp/bag-pack-at-tesco-askham-bar/

24th May - AGM
Holgate Methodist Church
Details to follow

1st Holgate Sponsored Walk 25th May.

Group sponsored walk. More details to be confirmed soon.

7th July - Sports Day. Info to follow nearer the time.

Larkin 2024. Int. Jamboree at Duncombe Park in Helmsley.
31st July: (Full)

Step right up folks!

The Beavers had an amazing evening filled with fun and excitement, where they got to learn and master various circus skills!

Over the course of the evening, the Beavers had the opportunity to try their hand at plate spinning, juggling, and hula hooping, and they did a fantastic job at it.

We are very grateful to Stu for lending his time and delivering these sessions. The Beavers left with a sense of accomplishment and a newfound love for circus skills.

Well done Beavers, you demonstrated great listening skills, team work and perseverance!



Beavers are on the move this term!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, we have planned a range of activities for the Beavers.

We kindly request you to check OSM for the dates of the meetings as we will be having some meetings on days when we are not meeting on the colonies section dates.

Please note that some meetings will be sent as event invites due to the nature of the events.

Also, please take note of the additional dates below for upcoming activities.

Thank you.



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(See squirrels section for link)

District Beaver Activity Day 18th May (Sign up by 13th Apr) 24th May - AGM

Holgate Methodist Church
Details to follow

1st Holgate Sponsored Walk 25th May

Group sponsored walk. More details to be confirmed soon.

Beaver Camp 22nd - 23rd June Details to follow.

Larkin 2024

International Jamboree at
Duncombe Park in Helmsley
30th - 31st July (Full)

Tools at the ready!

This term, the Cubs have been diligently working towards earning their DIY activity badge, and they have done an outstanding job! They have learned numerous new skills and created some truly wonderful masterpieces.

The adults who stayed and supported them were greatly appreciated and played an instrumental role in their success. We are proud to announce that there were no injuries throughout the six meetings!



Easter Adventures!

We had planned to end the term with a trip to Snowball but unfortunately it was still closed due to the recent poor weather. But that didn't stop the fun, and with a few last minute change of plans, the Cubs still had a great time all together.

They enjoyed a range of games but a particular highlight was the making and (more importantly) the eating of their Easter treats!



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Cub Camp. 17th - 19th May
Snowball Plantation

Larkin 2024 - 29th-31st July
International Jamboree at
Duncombe Park in Helmsley
(Full for Cubs)

Braving the mud at Fridaythorpe

On February 24th, our group of Scouts embarked on a very wet and muddy walk from Fridaythorpe, passing through Huggate and returning back.

They were treated to an unanticipated tour of a 12th Century Church by a local custodian too!

The Scouts faced tough weather conditions and braved the elements. Despite these challenges, they demonstrated remarkable determination, resilience, and strength, which made us proud of their accomplishments. Well done Scouts, once again you have demonstrated great teamwork!



Easter Camp at Snowball

Over the Easter weekend, our Scout group embarked on an adventurous trip to Snowball. The weekend was filled with a wide range of exciting activities that kept everyone engaged and entertained throughout. We took part in balloon making, archery, backwoods cooking, and several team games that were both challenging and fun.

The Scouts had a great time learning new skills, making new friends, and enjoying the great outdoors.

It was an amazing weekend that hopefully everyone will remember for years to come!



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25th May 1st Holgate Sponsored Walk Group sponsored walk.

Details to be confirmed soon.

Expedition 2024

8th - 9th June

Larkin 2024 27/07/24 - 03/08/24
(Full for scouts)

Explorer Camp

In early March, our group of enthusiastic Explorers participated in the District Explorer Camp along with over 80 Explorers from different parts of York.

Despite facing a challenging swamp at the Loki and Odin site, our Explorers demonstrated remarkable resilience and positivity throughout the weekend.

On Saturday, mixed groups took on a series of challenging tasks during their one-mile walk. On Sunday, a small group of Explorers did some track maintenance for the National Trust at Hardcastle Crag while others walked into Hebden Bridge.

The weekend concluded with some delicious fish and chips in Hebden Bridge!

These photos capture the essence of the weekend - it was full of excitement, teamwork, and perseverance!

We are also very grateful to the four families who volunteered to take tents home to dry out - thank you!



Junior Warrior - Coming Soon!

Bigger, Better and Muddier!

After a whopping 7,000 Junior Warriors completed the 2023 event, Junior Warrior returns for another amazing 3K course, packed with obstacles that really challenge young people.

Details to be confirmed but the event will take place on 20th June!



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Tesco Askham Bar

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21-23 June

Loki Weekend Camp

28-30 June

Odin Weekend Camp

Larkin 2024

27/07/24 - 03/08/24

Now full for Explorers

MOVERS AND STARTERS!

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



Stefan, Martin and Benjamin at Windermere Squirrels. Eddy at Buttermere Squirrels.

Axel at Montana Beavers. Mason and Gus Dakota Beavers.

Leon, Lena and Jacob at Oregon Beavers. Maddy and Stanley at Phoenix Cubs.

Ben, Daniel, Daniel, Eddie and Olivia at Pegasus Cubs. Penny at Griffin Cubs.

Abigail, Lubo and Margot at Hadrian Scouts. Eliza at Severus Scouts. David and Tom at Constantine Scouts.

Linus, Max, Harri and Christopher at Loki Explorers. Ned, Luke and Oscar at Odin Explorers.

Fundraising for a New Minibus!

By the end of 2024, we would like to have raised enough funds to buy a new minibus for the Scout group to help us provide even more adventurous opportunities for the young people at 1st Holgate!

Over the last few months, our team of volunteers have organised Christmas tree deliveries and collections, cake stalls and more recently a bag pack and bucket collection at Tesco.

Thank you to everyone that has helped make these fundraising opportunities so successful - there is still plenty more that we need to raise and we are hopeful that our upcoming sponsored walk on Saturday 25th May will help push our total further.

If you have any ideas to raise funds or want to get involved then please do get in touch with Chris Rodaway:
chris.rodaway@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



1st Holgate Scout Group needs dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to make a positive impact in our community.

We urgently need people to **lead our support team** (this was previously known as the ASU). We also need **support within our finance team, a fundraising lead and recruitment lead**. In addition we need assistant leaders for, Beavers (Monday, Wednesday and Friday's), Cubs (Wednesday and Friday), Scouts (Wednesday and Thursday), and Thursday Explorer's.

If you could help us at any of these meetings and would like to find out more then we'd love to hear from you - we fully embrace flexible volunteering! Why not pop along for a couple of weeks and find out what it's all about? To find out more or to offer your support, please email Chris Rodaway at: gsl@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

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.

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Explorers - Loki and Odin	Nick Beckett	nick.beckett@1stholgatescoutgroup.org.uk

