

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

A request for helpers at the group for 2025

Did you see the articles on the new Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields, when he was talking about the difference scouting makes to young people? He added that Scouting is only possible if people volunteer their time and skills.

At 5th Skipton, we have a small and committed team of volunteers and helpers who look after the running of the group and over 50 young people aged 6-14 years, teaching them new skills every week. We would like to open a Squirrel section (4–6 years), within our group, but, to be able to do this we need more volunteers/helpers across all sections and also behind the scenes.

So here is where our request for help comes in, are you able to help/volunteer yourself, or do you know of anyone else be they your partner, brother, sister, aunt, uncle or even grandparent, who could help. This could be on a weekly or a more ad hoc basis.

Could you:

- assist with organising & running fundraising events?
 - take on an administration role in maintaining & managing the scout building?
 - teach a specific skill? Crafts, Artist, Sewing, Mapping, Hillwalking, DIY etc.
- We also need someone with building skills to do some rendering & pointing.

Please speak to a leader if you are interested and we will invite you to come along to a section night to see what we do or talk about how you can help us behind the scenes.

PS> Did you know that most of our volunteer leaders at the 5th are parents of either a Beaver, Cub or Scout and the other leaders had children in scouting. It's a fact that the majority of leaders come from within the group so will you please consider joining our scouting family and help us in providing our youth, with skills for life.

GSL REPORT

In 2025 we as a scout group will be celebrating our 110th birthday with various events though out the year. We are keen to increase our numbers and as we currently have vacancies in every section, we are asking if you know someone who would like to join any section. If so please email Catherine.

Well done to everyone who attended the Remembrance Day Parade, the young people were great, and all looked very smart, even if the parade did rush along the high street!



Thank you to Elsie, Alice and Pete who spoke very confidently at the District Carol Service, and the other members who came along to a rather chilly Holy Trinity Church in December.

During our regular meetings all members were able to create a Christmas pottery masterpiece thanks to Gill from The Old Barn Tea Room at Malham, who very kindly brought the pottery and painting kits along to the Dump for each section, before glazing and firing in the kiln.

Gary Sorsby - GSL

Some future events - Please see OSM for further details

Next year the group will be 110 years-old. Many events will be planned so please keep checking the OSM messages that will be sent to all, nearer to the events.

District Swimming Gala 1st February 2025 – for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

17th and 20th February no meetings as its Half Term.

District 5 A Side Football, 15th or 22nd March – for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Chocolate Bingo at the Dump 3rd April 2025.

St Georges Day District Parade 27th April.

Group Contact details

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Beavers

We welcome Billy, Beau and Jake to Beavers.

Beavers have enjoyed a sleepover at the Dump where they worked on different aspects of their challenge badges. This was the first night away for beavers since 2019, and thanks must go to the volunteers who made this possible. During our weekly meetings we have decorated firework biscuits, made bird feeders, developed our teamwork and had a very informative and fun visit from the PCSOs. The highlight of this visit was getting to explore the police van! We finished the term with a very energetic Christmas Party. Congratulations to Taiga who has achieved his Chief Scout Bronze Award, we wish him all the best as he moves up to cubs.



Scouts

Scouts have had a busy half term. We have used our new walkie talkies and W3W to navigate around Skipton, we will continue to develop these skills further as we move into spring and summer. The scouts all took part in 2 debates about using mobile phones in school and should phones be banned for under 16s, the scouts all felt very strongly that they should be able to have a phone before 16 and to continue to be allowed to take them to secondary schools. The term ended with a very enjoyable Christmas Camp at Curly Hill. The forecast was awful, but the scouts all embraced the wind and rain, we sang camp fire songs, ate s'mores, watched Christmas films, completed an orienteering course, got muddy, developed our first aid skills, got muddy, explored the woods, got muddy, played games, got muddy completed some Christmas crafts and all enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, again thanks must go to the adults who made this possible.



Cubs

The cubs continued with a varied programme including a trip to Skipton Fire Station, including trying out various pieces of equipment and firefighters uniforms.



A night making Jam Jar Remembrance lanterns and an international night learning about cubbing in Catalonia. Following this meeting Jacki Eeles was invested into scouts as the leader in the cub section. Congratulations. The Cubs finished the scouting year by joining the scouts in a very enjoyable Christmas Camp at Curly Hill, when nearly all the cubs attended. We managed a camp fire in between the down pours, learning many new camp fire songs and eating s'mores cooked by Mo & Euan. Various activity events on the Saturday and playing wide games in the woods, getting muddy just as the scouts did. After a Christmas dinner and activities they all settled down to watch a film, then sleep.

