

Scouts

5th Skipton Scout Group

Summer camp at Littledale

The highlight for all sections was summer camp at Littledale Activity Centre. 40 young people and 11 adults enjoyed a weekend of sunshine in the Forest of Boland. A massive thank you to all the adults involved for giving up your weekend to ensure our members had an amazing experience.



On arrival, cubs and scouts pitched tents before an evening of wide games, campfire and singing. Saturday morning saw the scouts cooking on open fires and building bridges. Cubs enjoyed both the bouldering wall and assault course, they even found some mud! The beavers arrived to Tomahawk throwing and camp crafts.

Saturday afternoon developed team work skills as all members worked in mixed section teams to complete a carousel of activities- orienteering, pioneering, disc golf and fire lighting. Saturday ended with a group campfire and songs.



Sunday morning was another busy morning, breaking camp, completing activities and helping tidy. Everyone departed happy, tired and rather grubby!

Some future events - Please see OSM for further details

This year for the groups 110 years anniversary, we have many events planned. Please keep checking OSM for more details.

Skipton Gala - 14th June 2025 Come along in full uniform and join us on the float.

Trustees Meeting - 3rd July 2025. Trustees Meeting at the Dump

110 Year Celebration Party Day - 12th July 2025 At The Dump.

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GSL REPORT

WOW! What an amazing half term, despite it only being 5 weeks, all sections have crammed loads in. Term started with the St. George's Day parade, all our members showed how amazing fifth Skipton is, a special mention must go to Alice, Amber and Peter S our flag bearers and Pete D and Jack for reading the cub promise so clearly in church.

Term ended with our AGM, we celebrated the progress made over the last 12 months and look forward to the next 12 month, the underlying message from the AGM was the need for more adult volunteers.

At the AGM, Gary stood down as GSL due to ill health. During the AGM, cubs and scouts took part in a litter pick around the local area as part of their community impact badge.

Catherine Walton-Brown – GSL

Review of the Year 2024-2025

The last 12 months have been one of growth, both increasing youth membership numbers and adult volunteers. In November we took part in the Remembrance Day Parade and in April, the St George's Day parade. All sections entered both the District Swimming Gala and Football Tournament. We participated in Skipton Gala, planted 110 trees, litter picked around Skipton. All sections completed a sponsored walk and raised £800 to be split between UWFR and the British Red Cross. All sections attended Littledale Campsite in May for a weekend camp as part of our 110 year celebrations, where the young people all completed orienteering, disc golf, fire lighting and a pioneering project as well as section specific activities.



Beavers

The beavers have had a busy 12 months, completing both activity and challenge badges; they have earned 165 badges between them! We have had 4 children achieved their Chief Scout Bronze Award and a number of other young people who are very close.

Highlights this year include beaver sleepover at the Dump in October, river dipping at Gargrave, rounders, indoor soft archery, cooking, crafts and a night hike. A trip to the fire station and a visit to the Dump by the PCSOs means the beavers are better equipped to look after themselves and those around them. We welcome Leo and Matthew to Beavers.



Cubs

Cubs have earned 103 activity and challenge badges this year. Highlights this year include Christmas camp, the cubs rose to the challenges they received and all went home smiling and rather muddy, after a weekend at Curly Hill. The RNLI visited cubs and spoke about some of the vital work they do, cubs visited the fire station to find out a little more about how the fire service help and support us. Skills such as knots, Kelly kettles, whittling, fire lighting and map reading have all featured in the programme. Cubs worked on their skills challenge with some ironing, tea and toast preparation, I hope they have continued to practice these skills at home. We had a very enjoyable evening painting Christmas decorations before they were glazed.

Scouts

This year has seen us awarding a Gold Chief Scout Award, the first in a number of years, well done James.

Scouts have enthusiastically taken part in all activities and have achieved 137 activity and challenge badges between them.

A group of scouts headed to Manchester in October to take part in the Monopoly Run, a great time was had by all, the scouts were placed a very respectful 27/50 and we are hoping to attend again this year. Highlights include a very informative talk by the RNLI, a wet walk around the Bolton Abbey Estate and a night hike above Skipton.

We also welcome Ayrtan to Scouts.



Family Fun Day

110 Year Family Fun Day at the Dump. Come along to the Dump on the 12th July 2025 for a family fun event with a scouting twist. Further details will follow but we do need raffle prizes, please pass any prizes you're able to donate to a leader. We will need volunteers to help on the day, again, let a leader know if you can help.

Helpers wanted.

At the AGM we asked for help in running the group. We want to set up a Maintenance Team, and a Fundraising Team, to include applying for grants to enable us to raise monies to employ a builder to carry out the building work downstairs.

We also need parents to volunteer as Trustess. The Trustees are a team of volunteers who see the bigger picture, make decisions and work together to help the Scout Group run smoothly. They keep an eye on our vision and ensure the young people have the best experience in scouting, checking things are done safely and legally with financial planning for now and the future.

Please speak to Catherine or Mo if you'd like more information on becoming a trustee. The trustee board meets 4 times a year, plus the AGM.