

Scouts



5th Skipton Scout Group

A request for helpers – 110-year anniversary day

To help celebrate our 110-year anniversary we are holding an open day at the Dump on Saturday the 12th of July. The Doctors have granted us permission to use their carpark for this event, which will include stalls, activities, fun and games as well as food and refreshments. We are therefore requesting parents to help man a stall so if you can help, please let Gary or Catherine know.

If you know any old members of the group please pass on this invitation and don't forget to ask grandparents, aunts and uncles and their children if they want to attend. In the Dump we will be having an exhibition of some of the old and not so old photographs along with other artifacts from way, way back, so see if you recognize anyone.

We will also be holding a raffle, with tickets being distributed to all leaders and youth members to sell before the event. We have written to some local shops for raffle prizes, but if you are working in or know someone in a business that could donate a prize, could speak to them and see if they could donate a prize or two. If you can donate a prize, please let us know ASAP so that we can get the tickets printed. For more details, please see OSM.

James Walton- Brown



Congratulations to James who has gained his Gold Chief Scouts Award, which is the highest award in the scout section, and the first in the group for a quite few years.

James was presented his award during the recent visit to the Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Centre in Grassington.

Some future events - Please see OSM for further details

This year for the groups 110 years anniversary, we have many events planned.

St Georges Day District Parade, 27th April 2025 meet at 1.45 at the Dump. Smart full uniforms with school trousers and shoes.

Group Summer Camp, Littledale 16th – 18th May 2025. This is an event for all Beavers, Cubs & Scouts to attend.

110 Year Celebration Party Day at the Dump 12th July 2025

PLEASE NOTE

We currently have spaces in all sections, please speak to a leader or email if you know of a young person who would like to join. Please keep checking OSM, events are set up in advance for you to respond to, leaders won't be reminding you once you have responded to the event. We will try to remind members at the end of a session if we are out of the dump the following week.

GSL REPORT

It was great to see in the Census that HQ carry out that our youth numbers at the 5th were up 10% again on the previous year, which is great. We continue to grow, and with the new leaders, who are providing better events for all sections, this is making us a much stronger group.

We are still looking to open a Squirrel Section for the 4 to 6-year-olds. We are now compiling a list of boys and girls who would like to join the Squirrels. To be able to run this section we need a minimum of 3 volunteers to be present at the meetings. Are you as a parent/carer or friend of the group interested in volunteering to help? Training and support will be given for as long as you need it. Please talk to Catherine or Gary for further information and to register your interest.

Gary Sorsby – GSL

Chocolate Bingo

Thanks for all who donated eggs etc. and also turned up for our chocolate bingo, where we raised over £400 for our funds. Thanks to all who also provided the home baked produce which went down well.

District Football comp.

Thanks for the few that took part in this years competition, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts. We did not win anything, but we took part and enjoyed it. The scouts missed out only on goal difference.

St Georges Day Parade

The District have asked for adult volunteers to help with manning the road closures. If you can help, please contact Catherine.

Group Contact details

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Beavers

The Beavers have worked incredibly hard this half term. Highlights include an informative trip to the fire station, a night walk through Skipton Woods using our senses to search for signs of spring, creative sessions at the Dump using the giant Lego, indoor archery and even some baking! It was also great to see so many of you at Chocolate Bingo, having a good time



Scouts

Scouts have donated £800 to charities this half term; following the scouts nominating charities prior to the sponsored walk back in September, we donated £400 to Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue and the other half to the British Red Cross. Representatives from both these organisations shared the vital work they complete with our members. Scouts have also cooked curry; this is definitely a skill we need to develop further. We spent an enjoyable evening in Bog Wood. 7 scouts spent a Saturday afternoon helping to plant 110 trees as a community project with the Yorkshire Dales National Park to help commemorate our 110 year anniversary. Term ended with chocolate bingo, well done to the scouts who had a go at calling the numbers.



Cubs

Cubs have focused on their skills challenge; ironing, making toast and a cup of tea- I hope they've continued to use these skills at home! We had an exciting evening in Bog Wood with everyone enjoying a campfire s'more. Our visit to UWFR was an informative evening which highlighted the important work this charity completes.



Annual General Meeting

This years AGM, will be held at the Dump on Thursday the 22nd May from 6.45pm to 7.15 pm.

The Cubs and Scouts will be out litter picking on this evening, therefore parents are requested once they have dropped their child off, to stay at the Dump, have a cuppa and to review the past year at the 5th Skipton Scout Group. Beaver parents, of course are also encouraged to attend. It is also hoped that a few parents will be willing to volunteer in some capacity, as a fundraiser, part of the buildings team, or even trustee, in order to help the group function.

Finances

We have been asked to explain where the subscriptions paid by each youth member go. Below is a pie chart which indicates this. More details at the AGM



Capitation payable to HQ each year is the largest 54%, running costs of the building, (rates, gas, water, electric, insurances, cleaning, internet, bins) 21%, Activities 16%. All leaders are volunteers therefore no monies are paid to them.