



# SHOUTING FOR SCOUTING

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## ST GEORGE'S DAY DISTRICT CAMP

234 young people (73% of the District) attended the annual St George's Day District Camp in Humberston over the weekend of 21/22 April. It was a fantastic turn out.

The camp unofficially started Friday evening with the arrival of most Leaders, putting the finishing touches to the site, and the older sections.

### Saturday

With the arrival of all Groups in the morning an opening ceremony officially kicked off the camp. A delicious picnic in the sunshine followed.

Everyone had the freedom to explore the site for the rest of the afternoon with lots of activities put on. Each group hosted an activity and the young people ticked them off their activity passport across the weekend.

With energy levels and excitement high there was a great selection of activities to keep blood pumping...

- Low ropes course
- Bouldering
- Air rifling
- Splat the rat (pictured right)
- Obstacle course
- Spiders web
- Scavenger hunt



As tummies began to rumble groups cooked dinner for themselves, which for many was for the first time.

When darkness fell the Beavers and Cubs campfire was led for the first time by the District's two Explorer Units. Scouts, Explorers and Network had their own campfire later on.

They were followed by hot chocolate before bedtime was called (nobody mentioned sleep time...).



On the low ropes you wear a helmet and try not to fall off!

My favourite thing has been the string trail – it's like a guided trail but you're blindfolded. It's lots of fun.

I love finding worms and woodlice!

Hide and Seek is the best here!

*Elliott, Daniel, Harry, Caden & Josef, pictured left, 4th Louth Cubs*



We've really enjoyed being allowed to play on our own – we've met lots of new friends playing football together.

*Riley, pictured left, Coastal Cubs & William, right, 2nd Louth Cubs*



## Sunday morning

The morning began with the smell of bacon and sausages wafting across the site. The young people continued to tick off activities and if they were feeling creative there were many opportunities to make something to be proud of...

- Badge making
- Tallest flagpole competition
- Hama Bead designs
- Pioneering - with logs and poles or even spaghetti and marshmallows!

And if they wanted to improve their survival skills...

- Fire lighting
- First aid with a resusci Anne (pictured left)



I've really enjoyed making and eating pizza, and I liked the low ropes.

*Kaitlyn, pictured below left, 2nd Louth Beavers*

The best bit about this camp has been taking the little ones round on a trolley. We've spoken to loads of people and met lots of new friends.

*Ellie, pictured below right, 1st Manby*



## Sunday afternoon

Lunch was expertly catered for by the Explorers and their Land Rover disco. After which everyone gathered for a fun St George's Day parade (pictured right) around the site, followed by Renewal Of Promise led by Selina, the District Youth Commissioner.

A number of awards were given out (pictured below), and the camp heard from Tony Groom our District Commissioner and Howard Nelson, Deputy County Commissioner for Activities. The camp was then brought to a close by Camp Chief, Tom Wood.



Planning for the camp began many months ago and big thanks go to the organising team and all those who provided activities and support.

We look forward to next year's camp!



This has been a fantastic weekend for the District. It has been amazing to have so many young people on site. It would be great to have more Leaders in the District so we can put on more activities like this.

*Selina, District Youth Commissioner*



# A SPOTLIGHT ON... SILVER ACORNS

Over the coming editions we will be putting the spotlight on one of our Scout Groups – finding out their history and all the exciting activities that form their programme and provide opportunities for young people.

For this edition however the spotlight goes to three individuals from the Louth District who have been awarded the coveted Silver Acorn. Presented for not usually less than 20

years service, achieving this award also requires particularly distinguished service and an attitude to Scouting that goes above and beyond.

Norma, Merlin and Jan were presented with their awards at a special regional ceremony at Burghley House in Stamford on April 10th. And again in front of their District peers at our St George's Day celebrations.



Norma Groom is the Appointments Secretary for Louth District but has held a variety of roles in her time in Scouting. Both in the Louth District and in her previous county of Essex where she was a Cub Leader and worked in Leader training for many years. She has also participated in numerous Gang Shows and jamborees.

Norma said: "My thanks goes out to all the young people who over the years have made Scouting such a pleasurable experience. To see them develop and shine is why I volunteer and will continue for years to come."

David "Merlin" Webb is currently part of the Coastal Group having previously been a Leader at the Sutton-on-Sea and Mablethorpe Groups. When asked about his award Merlin said: "When I was a lad there wasn't any Beavers, so I had to wait until 1954 to join Wolf Cubs. I worked through the sections up to Rovers (and still have the big hat to prove it).

I've held many appointments over too many years, and I guess that the 'powers that be' thought they better give me the Silver Acorn before it's too late!"

Jan has been a part of 1st Manby Scout Group and Louth District since 1994. She is a prime example of how parents can become Leaders. 24 years later and Jan is the Cub Scout Leader at Manby, Secretary of the Scouting Activity Crew (SAC) and the Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs.

Jan said: "I am extremely humbled and overwhelmed to receive the Silver Acorn."

Her favourite Scouting moment was her first ever Cub camp as a Leader. "The smiles and thanks from the Cubs at the end of camp made it all worthwhile."

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## DONG!

1st Grasby Cubs visited St Peter and St Paul's Church in Caistor for an evening of bell ringing.

Campanology, the art of ringing bells, is a fascinating activity that requires physical coordination, a sense of rhythm and good listening skills.

Cub Leader, Andy, said they all had a fantastic evening – even the Cub who held onto the rope when he was supposed to let go and ended up 5ft off the ground!



# FUNDRAISING SUPPORTING THE ADVENTURE

After the fantastic news of a new headquarters for the 2nd and 4th Louth Scout Groups and the Ludensian Explorer Scout Unit, all systems are go to fundraise for the project.

On Saturday 12th May, as part of the World Scout Movement's Jamboree on the Trail event, where Scouts from all over the world hike together on the same day, all three sections from the 2nd and 4th Scout Groups will be completing a sponsored hike around the Louth canal area on varied routes between 4 and 12 miles.

On Saturday 23rd June there will be a Family Fun Day at Charles Street Recreation Ground, Louth. There will be activities and stalls for all the family and lots of fun too!

All proceeds from both events will be going towards raising funds for the new headquarters. If you, or anybody or company you know, are able to provide support to the Scout Groups to fund this project please contact Adrian Beech, Scout Leader at [ade-2@live.co.uk](mailto:ade-2@live.co.uk).



## NO BUSINESS LIKE SNOW BUSINESS

Grasby Scouts' navigation weekend on the Wolds coincided with the recent heavy snowfall, adding to the challenge of not getting lost. Staying at the Viking Centre, Claxby, the 16 Scouts managed a night hike on the Friday evening and then a day of hiking, sledging and map-reading on the very cold Wolds on the Saturday. Some of the drifts on the top came up to their waists. Fortunately the centre was warm and cosy for their return.



The plan had been to pick up litter on the route, but with all the paths under six inches of snow there wasn't as much as a sweet wrapper to be seen. The event finished on the perfectly named day for a hike – March 4th.

# STRONG & STABLE

As part of the 'Adventure' Challenge badge, Grasby Scouts recently took the reins at Caistor equestrian centre. The time was spent between learning to ride and finding out about horse care, including feeding and clearing up afterwards with a shovel and wheelbarrow. A good time was had by all.



# KEEPING CAISTOR CLEAN

Grasby Scouts have recently worked closely with Caistor Lions to help support the local community. In February they served haggis to more than a hundred guests at a Burns Night Ball to raise money for a charity which helps old people in the local area.

The following month a dozen Scouts turned out to help collect litter in the town for the annual Spring Clean. The Scouts were soon given the sack – and after filling it with rubbish they started on the next. In all more than 50 bags were filled, earning the thanks of the organisers who said it was the best attendance they had ever seen.





# DESERVED RECOGNITION

Young people in the District work hard throughout the year taking part in an exciting programme that can ultimately lead them to achieving the Chief Scout Award for their section. This year the awards were presented at our St George's Day camp (pictured). Congratulations everyone!

Chief Scout Silver Award recipients:  
Caden Brown, Aimee Munson-Williams, Elliott Barton and Maisy Watmough.

Chief Scout Gold Award recipients:  
William McDonald, Becky Eils, Kit Taylor, Emile Goslow and Luke Haynes.

Chief Scout Platinum Award recipient:  
Holly Martin

It is not only our young people who should have their achievements recognised!

Wood Badges, achieved when an adult competes their Leader training, were awarded to: Mike Kaynes, Simon 'Tommo' Thompson and Andy Blackburn.

The Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service was awarded to Lucy Hartley.

The Award for Merit was awarded to Derek Spence, Andy Blackburn and Guy Williams.

Finally, the Silver Acorn, awarded for particularly distinguished service of usually at least 20 years, was awarded to: Janice Spence, David 'Merlin' Webb and Norma Groom.

This is a fantastic list which recognises not only the hard work and enthusiasm of those listed, but also of every Leader and young person in our District who work together for the benefit of all. Well done everyone!

## CONTACT US

If you want to find out more information about *Shouting for Scouting in Louth & surrounding villages* or anything to do with local Scouting, please contact in the first instance, Tony or Norma Groom on 01507 354389 or email [dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk)

## DEEP FREEZE

The members of Viking Explorer Unit are busy completing their Dragon Award, a challenge that involves sleeping out at least one night of each calendar month. With the frozen ground too hard for tent pegs, Explorer Matthew set about building an igloo.

Snow was compacted in a plastic crate to make bricks and these were built up into a dome to make the perfect room for the night. Construction took half a day. A tunnel entrance made sure that there were no draughts, and Matthew even managed to pick up wifi. After a warm and peaceful night his brother Andrew took up the challenge, with both ticking off another month towards the award.



# TONY THE DC TERM REPORT

Our recent St George's Day Camp is highly featured in this issue, but it's not the only good news that we have to report from Louth District.

Each year at the end of January we have to provide a census of our membership. In other words we do a head count of all the young people and adults that are currently Scouting in our District.

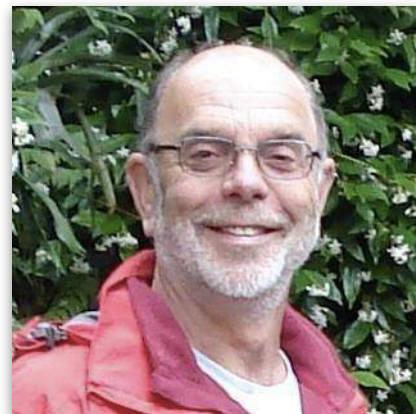
Once again I am delighted to report an increase. Our total now stands a fantastic 476, that's 81 more than the previous year, and 47% more young people than 5 years ago.

Much of the increase is down to the terrific start that our new Coastal Group has achieved. 43 young people supported by 11 adults. A fantastic achievement in only 12 months. Well done to everyone who is or has been

supporting them. And well done to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who attend each week. I am sure that you are having a fantastic time and it was great to see so many of you enjoying yourselves at our St. George's Day camp.

Elsewhere the Grasby Group are celebrating their 10th anniversary. From starting a Beaver Colony 10 years ago they now have 64 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, supported by 20 adults. Bruce Bushby who started the Group retires in April and we wish him all the very best. James Barnett who has been assisting him over recent years takes over as Group Scout Leader and we wish him every success.

There are exciting times ahead for our two Scout Groups in the town of Louth. They have just submitted a planning application for a £300,000 Louth Scouts



Community Centre. We have been advised that permission should be granted, so in the not too distant future we should see a new headquarters for these two Groups and the Ludensian Explorer Scout Unit on the site of the old pavilion in Charles Street, Louth.

The Groups are working with the community on the project, which will incorporate Homestart, a croquet club, a fishing and tennis club. The centre will be available for hire by the community when the Scouts are not using it.

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## Camp success

And so to return to what perhaps for many will be the highlight of our year as a District. As I write this I am thinking of all the comments I have seen on the various closed group Facebook pages from around the District, where parents have written about how much their children enjoyed the weekend of activities at Cherrygarth campsite at Humberston.

We had 274 Beavers, Cubs, Scout, Explorers, Networkers and adults having fun making new friends and learning new skills. The memories that I will treasure from the camp can be highlighted by a group of Beavers who built a really high pioneering tower made from spaghetti and marshmallows.



I wanted to present a trophy to this Colony of Beavers but I could not do so as it was built by a selection of 6-8 year olds from different Groups who just met each other at the camp and said "Let's build a tower together shall we."

If only everyone, whatever age, worked together in this way what a wonderful world we would have. It was a really friendly occasion and brought the District together in a spirit of cooperation and friendship. Well done to everyone young and not so young.

*Tony Groom, District Commissioner*

----- **FIND A GROUP** -----

Scout Groups meet at Binbrook, the Coastal area, Grasby, Louth (2nd & 4th), Manby and Marshchapel.