

# Scouting

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1st Copmanthorpe Scout Group News

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## Living Our Promise

Over the Christmas break we lived up to our Scouting Promise to help others, by taking donations including cleaning materials, food and clothing, to help people affected by flooding. Inspired by AI (our Assistant Beaver leader) we staffed a collection point at Copmanthorpe Methodist Church between Christmas and New Year. AI mobilised Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to go round with our minibus to houses in the village to bolster our supplies. He also set up a base at Huntington Road, where we served food and drinks to people working on the recovery effort.

A big thank you to everyone who donated, and all who helped in any way. It was great to see our young people getting involved in the community; an experience they will always remember.



## Diary Dates

15/22 Jan: Cubs Scuba Diving

2/9 Feb: Scouts Circus Skills

1/22 Feb: Beavers Karate

6 Mar: Chess Competition (for each age group)

## Contacts

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### Scouts:

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### Explorers:

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Our Cub Scouts were also thinking of other people when they donated clothing, toiletries, food and £80 cash for homeless people in York. They spent an evening with a CareCent volunteer learning about homelessness. They capped the night off with a sleepover in cardboard shelters at the Scout Hall.



## High Achievers

We earned the most Silver Chief Scout Awards ever this year. This is the highest award Cub Scouts can get. In recognition of this their names have been engraved on our Honours Board in the Scout Hall entrance, and they were invited to a presentation event with the Lord Mayor in York Guild Hall.

## Brainy Cubs

Our Green Six represented York Ebor District in the Final of the County Quiz, with teams across all of North Yorkshire. They had a great day testing their knowledge and skills.



We held our first **Pinewood Derby** this year, possibly the first Group to do so in the UK. These have been popular in the USA for many years. We have already pencilled in 3rd September for another race night...so start thinking about your designs. We can supply more kits if you want to do a complete rebuild!

We have challenged our new Explorer Scout Section to design and build some Pedal Karts so we can enter the national **ScoutCar Championships** on 2nd July. We hope to run some trials in May or June to select our team. In the meantime you can put your creative talents to good use by designing a badge for the York based event. Closing date is 31st January at [scoutcarsinyork@gmail.com](mailto:scoutcarsinyork@gmail.com).





## Wild West Adventures

Our Beaver Scouts joined our Cub Scouts and Scouts on Group Camp at Moor House Adventure Centre. We had a Cowboys and Indians theme with lots of challenging activities loosely connected to this. Our next Group Camp is on 16-18 September, at Hesley Wood in South Yorkshire. More details to follow, but this will again be open to all age groups.



## We Proudly Remember

For the first time ever our parade was rained off. However despite the weather we turned out in good numbers for the Village Remembrance Service, on a Battle of Britain theme. We had some excellent readings, presentations and ceremonial duties performed by all Sections of Scouting and Guiding.



## The Science of Scouting

All age groups were well represented at a special Chemistry Event run by York University. We learned lots and did some experiments ourselves, based on the Science behind some Scouting activities such as fire, water filtration and heat generation.



## Winter Adventures

Our Scouts and Explorers have been particularly adventurous this January, by camping in the snow at Winter Camp, with Scouts from all over the country at Kielder. There were some amazing activities including mini tank driving, caving, high wires...and lots of mud! Even the leaders got chance to join in some of the challenges.



## Volunteers

We need adults to help our Group Committee. We are particularly need a Chairperson to succeed Chris as he is retiring after many years. Our Fundraising Committee also urgently need help to share the load. If you can help the Group in any way let our Chairman (Chris Hogg, Tel. 07920 760490) or Group Scout Leader (Pete Jennings, Tel.07801 929611) know.

