



And in the blink of an eye that's the last term of 2022 finished...and what a lot we have packed in! From our first ever Scout 'Ignite Activity Camp' at Dalby Forest, a packed events calendar across all the sections, and the return of our fabulous Gang show, there are a lot of photos to share with you.

Grab a cuppa, take a well earned 5 minute break, and enjoy catching up on the events of the last 3 Months.

On behalf of all the families at 1st Barton Scout Group, I would just like to take this opportunity to wish all our leaders and helpers a heartfelt

Happy Christmas



Huge congratulations to our amazing Cubs Nell Downing, Zak Airey and George Denning for successfully completing their Chief Scout Silver Award. This is the highest achievement a Cub can receive, and requires a lot of self motivation and extra effort. Very well deserved.

Waiting list

We have had lots of enquiries to join Beavers & have had to turn quite a few children away. If your child has younger siblings or you know of young children who would like to join then please fill in the form on our website:

[Joining – 1st Barton Scout Group](#)

Barton Boot Exchange

We all know our children's feet grow faster than we can keep up with, and it's particularly galling shelling out for new hiking boots after one wear of the old ones.....Fortunately we have the solution!

Contact Catherine on 07786 955116 to see if we have your required size in stock. We also have a selection of airbeds, waterproof coats and trousers. if you would like to make a small financial donation you will also have the warm glow of knowing you are helping fund our activities & keeping our costs down.

If you are having a New Year 'sort out' we are always grateful for donations of clean boots and waterproofs. Please pass to your section leader who will happily pass them on to Catherine.



Parent Portal and Subs

We use an online system called Online Scout Manager to keep records of our young people. Some parts of those records, such as badge progress, are available for parents to view. Others, such as contact details and Gift Aid declarations are available for parents to update. We'd love it if you could take the time to drop in there and make sure everything is up to date, particularly email addresses. We get a surprising number of bounced emails. A link to Parent Portal can be found at the bottom of our website, bartonscouts.co.uk

You will have originally accessed Parent Portal when you set up subs, but if you forgot your password you can reset it on the home page of Parent Portal using the email address you have provided.

On the subject of subs, they are charged at £120 per year, split into 12 equal payments of £10. There are a few people out there who have still not clicked the link to set up subs. If you are having trouble, get in touch and we will sort it out. **Be aware that if you do sign up late, the system will immediately take all back payments owed.**

No young person will be denied scouting on the grounds of money. Just get in touch and we will arrange something with you. Failing to sign up for subs is not the best way to handle payment problems. We'd also ask that if you are withdrawing your young person from scouting that you get in touch with your section leader before cancelling your DD. We can do this promptly and it's nicer all round if we don't say our goodbyes via the banking system.



After weeks & weeks of rehearsals, and a huge amount of effort by everyone involved, both on the stage and behind the scenes, Gang show returned to Barton.

I will not try and sum up the week, photos tell the story of fun and camaraderie so much better than I can!



And if you've forgotten to order your DVD....its not too late!

[Gang Show 2022 DVD Order – 1st Barton Scout Group \(bartonscouts.co.uk\)](https://bartonscouts.co.uk)

Ignite Activity Camp, Dalby Forest, September 2022

I loved ignite, it was exciting from the get go. On our first evening we had an amazing performance by some talented magicians who played with fire. Throughout the camp we had time to do many activities such as laser tag in the woods and our personal favourite playing in the orbs. In the evening there was a campfire and everyone was offered a muffin from the muffin man in the muffin van. Altogether it was a really fun experience that I will not forget. Charlie V



I loved ignite it was so much fun there were loads of activities. My favourites were the obstacle course, the laser quest and the crafts. It was an incredible weekend and I loved being with my friends and having a great time. India

Remembrance Parade

As always we had a wonderful turn out of Leaders, young people and their parents for the Barton Remembrance Parade and Church Service.

Without exception everyone was smartly turned out and behaved impeccably.

You were a credit to 1st Barton Scout Group, the wider Scouting family and your whole community.

We took advantage of you looking so smart to take our annual photo. Can you find yourself....



Section news

Beavers: The beavers have had a brilliant and jam packed term! It has also been the gang show term and what a week that was! All of our beavers who took part were so incredible and thank you so very much to the others who came, watched and supported their group. We are so thankful for everyone's ongoing support. It was a busy time and all of the beavers did so amazing and took everything that was thrown at them in their stride. They kept up with the older sections (sometimes better than the leaders did) and worked their socks off! If you haven't seen the show yet there's still time to get a DVD, just contact Gavin or check the website!



As well as the gang show we've had many of adventures and lots of fun things packed into this term. They have been doing indoor archery and absolutely smashed it, they also created Christmas crafts and got us into the spirit. Then the beavers have also completed a Night Hike in Richmond where they had to map read and spot some familiar sites on their journey. We have finished off the term with a Christmas party and sleepover which was full of sweets (and lots of chocolate), games, Christmas songs, dancing and even a visit from Santa! The beavers have been brilliant this term and we can't wait to see what next term brings!

Thank you to all our parent helpers and everyone involved! Merry Christmas and we will see you all next year!

Jon, Catherine and Caitie

Cubs: We've had a busy Autumn term at Cubs, with the first half dominated by all things Gang Show! From night hikes to Indoor Caving, Quizzes to badgework, we have covered a little bit of everything and had a lot of fun along the way. We were so pleased to finally offer a cub sleepover this term after a long 3 years without any. The cubs and leaders all had a great night.



To top it all off we ended the term with a fabulous Christmas party filled with sweets, games and more sweets!

We're so excited for more fun and adventures in 2023!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Cubs Team!

Scouts: A big welcome to the new members who joined our section recently — and had the joy of being invested at our Christmas Party!



We have been very busy with Gang Show this term, but despite the huge level of commitment from everyone involved in putting on a fabulous show, we have also had great fun enjoying a wide range of other activities too.

We played politicians with a really vocal and interactive evening learning about how laws are created and how politicians vote. Lets just say that we had some interesting discussions, and found out a lot more about the running of our country.



One activity, which will go down in Barton Scouts folk-law, was over a year in the making, and saw the scouts attempting to defuse a bomb! Luckily at the end of the evening we were able to hand all the scouts back with all their limbs intact. Its amazing what a Scout Leader can achieve with a bit of double backed sticky tape...

Scouting is often best when done outside, and we finished the term with a challenging night hike in Richmond.

Our Christmas party saw a different take on some traditional games, and more chocolate and party food than the scouts could eat! That in its self is quite a feat!

All that remains is for us to wish all the scouts and their families a very happy Christmas and we look forward to the adventures that await us in 2023!

Explorers: Over the past couple of months our half moon explorer group has been involved in many fun activities! A few of our group performed in the 2022 Gang Show. It was a fantastic show, with many brilliant sketches and excellent dances. Well done to everyone involved, it was incredible!

Our regular meetings are interesting and fun, with all of us joining in with lots of different activities. We have done bouldering, dungeons and dragons, and some young leader training! Our most recent trip was ice skating at Billingham Forum. We had an exciting evening out together as a group with both explorers and leaders. It was lots of fun and we have plans to do many more trips!



More of our explorer group is getting active in Young Leaders and many explorers are helping out in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts! This helps the Unit stay involved in 1st Barton Scouts as a whole, and gives us a chance to develop our leadership skills by helping the younger children.

We have also supported our community by participating in the Remembrance Parade. As a group, we walked up to Barton Church and joined in the ceremony to commemorate service to our country throughout the years.

A huge thank you to all of the leaders, we have had an excellent time over the past few months getting involved. We are all looking forward to many new opportunities for the New Year!