



Scouts

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Scout Group**





Who are we?

1st Barton Scout Group was founded in 1977 in the village of Barton in the north of Richmondshire Scout District. It has remained continuously popular ever since. It was the first group in the district to have a Beaver colony and in 2023 opened the District's first Squirrel drey for 4-6 year olds.

The group is managed and run by a team of volunteers who fulfil leadership roles within the sections and management/trustee roles. Often both!

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Squirrels



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Squirrels are aged 4-6 years old. They meet on a Monday at 5:30pm for 45 minutes. They wear a yellow group neckerchief and a red sweatshirt which we aim to cover in badges! Christine leads the section with a dedicated team of helpers.

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BEAVERS



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Beavers are aged 6-8 years old. They meet on a Thursday at 6pm until 7:15. They wear a yellow group neckerchief and a turquoise sweatshirt. The section is led by Jon and Catherine and a team of section assistants, helpers and Young Leaders.

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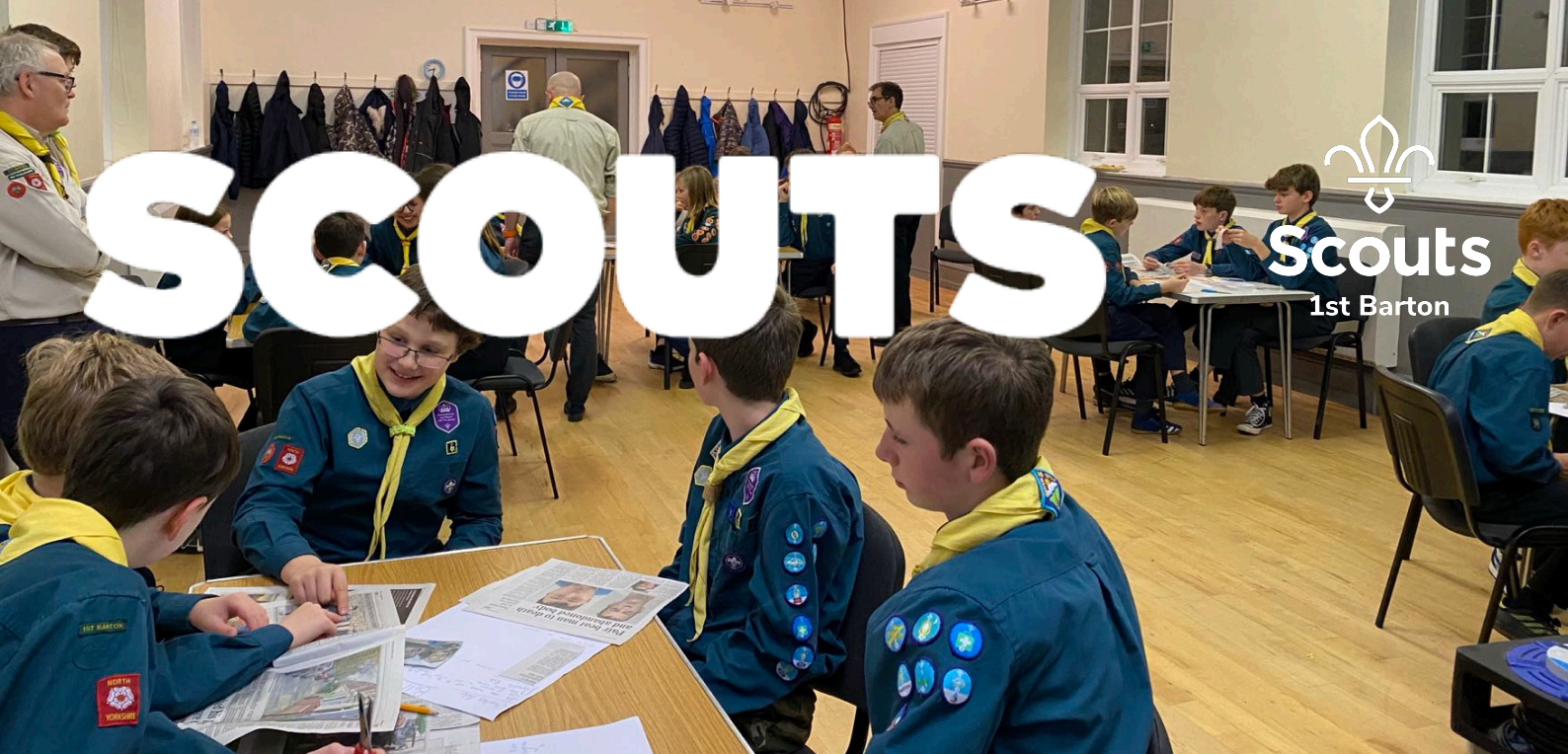


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Cubs are aged 8 to 10½ years old. They meet on a Monday at 6:30 pm to 8pm. They wear a yellow group neckerchief and a green sweatshirt. The section is led by Bex, Chris, Caitie and Izzy along with a team of parent helpers and our fantastic Young Leaders.

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Scouts are aged 10½ to 14. They meet on a Thursday at 7:30pm to 9pm. They wear a yellow group neckerchief and a green shirt with sleeves that are too long and then instantly too short. The section is led by Anth, Rich, Gavin, Karen, Kevin and Mark along with a team of section assistants and Young Leaders.

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EXPLORERS

Half Moon



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Explorer Scouts are aged 14 to 18. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 8pm until 9:30pm. They wear a purple and orange neckerchief and a beige shirt. The section is led by Rich, Anth, Gavin and Mark. The Explorer Scout unit is not part of the Scout Group but does have a partnership agreement with 1st Barton that allows for sharing of facilities, equipment and leadership.

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Age Ranges

Starting and finishing ages above show the core age range. There is flexibility to move young people to the next section earlier or later by agreement with the leaders, parents/carers and the young person themselves.

The only strict limit is that we cannot take Squirrels in before their 4th Birthday and we cannot keep Explorer Scouts after their 18th birthday.

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Where we meet

Sections typically meet at Barton Village Institute for their weekly meeting

During the warmer months we have access to a field in Melsonby where we can play in the woods, build fires and enjoy other outdoor adventures.

Sometimes we take trips to both places too. We'll always let you know well in advance if we plan to be away from the hall.

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What does it cost?

You're probably expecting the answer to be a very high figure. We don't think it is.

Subs for all sections is £10 per month paid each month throughout the year. Meaning that you get 40-60 hours of scouting each year (depending on section) for £120. That's a bargain.

Payments are taken by direct debit in the middle of each month. We'll send you an email letting you know how to start paying once you're sure that 1st Barton is right for you and your child.

Having given you the cost, it's worth saying that we will never withhold access to Scouting from anyone who is suffering from financial difficulties. Come and talk to us in confidence and we will work out how best to support you.

As a charity we are able to claim back Gift Aid on monthly subscription fees. We will ask you to complete a Gift Aid declaration when you first sign up.

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How to join

Our group is usually full in every section. Because we prioritise places in higher sections for those moving from lower sections there is usually little chance of starting in the group unless your child was on the waiting list well before they turned 6. You probably already knew that before you got hold of this information.

From 2023 when we open our Squirrels section we will offer places to those on the waiting list who turn 4, but anyone already on the list who does not want to take up a place in Squirrels will still be offered a place in Beavers. This may change in the future if we ever reach our capacity of 24 Squirrels.

When we are ready to accept your child we will send you a form to complete with their full details and details of how to get in contact with you.



How can I help?

Well I am pleased you asked.

The groups is entirely run by volunteers and you can help by volunteering some of your time.

Don't worry, you don't need to immediately leap into one of our very fetching uniforms; you can help in other ways: as a parent helper or section assistant; as a trustee on one of our committees; by lending us your skills to support our activities and administration. And ultimately if you do want to join us as a leader, we can guarantee you support and probably some good fun on your journey.

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Events

Our programme is wide and varied each week, but there are some extra activities that happen outside of the usual weekly meetings. These include:

- Winter camps for Cubs and Scouts in the winter months
- St. George's Day parade and service towards the end of each April for all sections
- Family Camp in early summer for all our young people, their family and friends
- Summer camps and sleepovers for all sections including an expedition camp for Scouts in alternate years
- Christmas sleepovers for Beavers
- Gang Show (our group variety show) in alternate years

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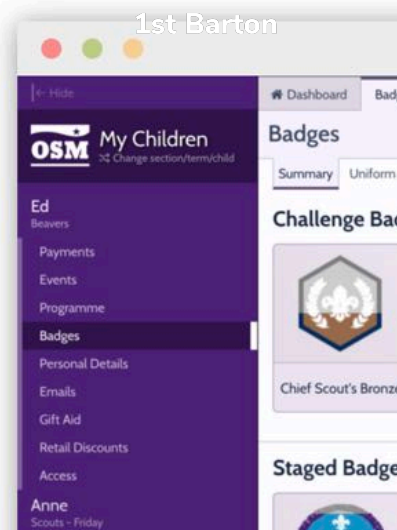
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Parent Portal

Our parent portal revolutionises the way leaders communicate with parents by giving parents various tools with automatic reminders!

▶ Video preview of the Parent Portal



Keep in touch

When you give us your contact details we will store them in our membership management system, Online Scout Manager. This allows you and us to keep your contact details up to date.

Most sections now use email as their primary method of contact, so it's important to keep your details current.

We post most of our forms and information on our website at bartonscouts.co.uk

We also have Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts where we post photos of us having a great time.

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