

# Scouts

## 5<sup>th</sup> Skipton Scout Group

### GSL REPORT

Another busy time with the Leaders and young people having had an action packed half term, with youth members ticking off loads of badge criteria. There's a massive 147 badges to hand out when we return after half term, including some Chief Scout Awards.

We welcomed George as a leader into scouts and Callum as a Young Leader from Explorers. We'd love to welcome some more adults into scouting, if you or anyone you know wants to become more involved, please speak to a leader.

Catherine Walton-Brown – GSL

### Section updates:

#### Squirrels

Unfortunately, we have been unable to open a Squirrel section at the 5th, as we have not yet got enough Volunteer leaders. This section is for the youngest members of the scout movement, aged 4-6 years. We have a list of children ready to start, however we NEED leaders for this to happen. If you feel that you or anyone else who you know may be able to help on a Monday night 4:45-5:45pm, please speak to Catherine. You don't need to be available every week, but ideally, we do need a regular commitment. The larger the team, the easier it becomes! Full training and support will be given.

#### Beavers

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered to help this half term, this has enabled us to deliver an exciting and varied programme. The four-week carousel has proved very popular, I'm hoping you've managed to find a location for your bird boxes, let's hope they all end up with nests inside in the spring. Feeding the birds over winter can count towards the Animal Care badge, further details will be provided after half term. The carousel activities will be completed after half term.

Beavers enjoyed an engaging and challenging trip to the library as they all worked in teams to build Lego submersibles, we're hoping to return in the spring to complete some coding for these submersibles. Half term ended with a very enjoyable night hike through the woods, the beavers were great, and it was amazing the things we could hear as we sat quietly in the dark.



### Gift aid:

What is Gift Aid?

Put simply its FREE money from HMRC for charities such as the Scout Association.

Gift Aid for Scouts allows our group to claim 25p for every £1 donated by UK taxpayers, and this includes the subscription fees from Parents.

This costs you nothing, other than you filling in a form, and this is a very easy way of us raising funds.

As a group we currently raise about £500 a year through gift aid, but if all parents signed up to this, the amount would almost double.

If you have not completed and returned your gift aid form, then please ask a leader for a form.

Your help with this would be appreciated.



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## 82nd Gang Show

Fri 21st & Sat 22nd Nov 2025

Adults/Leaders £7.00 Youth members £5.00

Doors open 6.45pm Commence 7.15pm

Please support us & bring along your Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

To book tickets please email [1stkandfscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stkandfscouts@gmail.com)



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## Scouts

Since September the Scouts have been on a walking weekend and achieved their hikes away and hill walker badges. We have also completed our Geo Caching and Photographer badges. Next half term is just as packed with activities including backwoods cooking, visiting the bells of Holy Trinity Church, rock climbing and the Manchester Monopoly Run.



## Cubs

Cubs started the term with team building activities; they used newspaper and tape to build the strongest bridge before using cocktail sticks and jelly tots to build the tallest tower. We headed out of the Dump on a Chip Shop hike, the vote was split as to which shop sold the best chips- perhaps we need to organise a retest!

Cubs have also looked at food hygiene and safety in preparation for completing their chef badge. They celebrated Diwali with a special visitor, Pragya who talked about how she celebrates with her family. We also spent time working on our safety badges, we looked at the different road crossings, road signs and the canal in Skipton so we all know how to keep ourselves safe. Unfortunately, the PCSOs had a last-minute call out so we are hoping to rearrange their visit.



## Some future events

**Please see OSM for further details**

Some details for the next few months.

**Please keep checking OSM for more details.**

**9.11.25- Remembrance Day Parade,**  
10:15 meet at Bunkers Hill.

**15.11.25- Monopoly Run Manchester for selected scouts**

**21.11.25-22.11.25 K and F Gang Show, see poster for further details**

**6.12.25- Christmas Climbing Event, see information emailed on 30.10.25 for those attending**

**10.12.25- District Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church**

**8.1.26- Cubs and Scouts return to section meetings**

**13.1.26- Beavers return to section meetings**

**28.1.26- Trustee meeting**

**30.1.26-1.2.26- Group winter camp TBC**

**7.2.26- District swimming gala- further details will follow**

**March 2026- District football- further details will follow**

**26.3.26- Easter Chocolate Bingo at the Dump**

**26.4.26- St George's Day Parade**

**13.5.26-15.5.26- Group camp**



## Awards – Congratulations

Chief Scout Bronze Award for Isaac Sm, Bertie, and Archie in the Beaver Section  
Chief Scout Silver Award for Rachel in the Cub Section