

1st Copmanthorpe Scout Group

1968-2008



Times Change, Our Values Don't

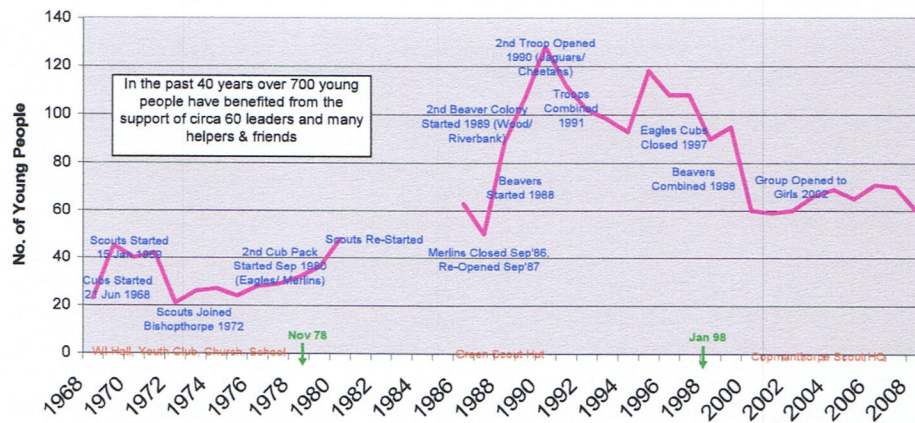
Copmanthorpe Scout Group promotes the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials as individuals, responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.



Key Facts

- The Scout Group was formed in 1968 by Bill John and Peter Fry.
- The Group neckerchief colour was to be white with a red cross to reflect historical village links with Knights Templar. However when it was found these colours were already used in York, settled on burgundy with white border.
- In the first 10 years activities were carried out in the WI Hall, Youth Club, Old School House and the Methodist Church.
- Next home was a second hand wooden hut for 10 years.
- After a huge fund raising effort a new headquarters was opened in 1998 by Alf Sturdy, Deputy County Commissioner.
- Two of our Group Scout Leaders attained national honours with Bill John receiving an Order of Merit for outstanding service to Scouting and Ted Walker earning an MBE.
- The Lord Mayor of York acknowledged our Group's contribution to the community with a tour of the Mansion House in 2007.
- Also in 2007 the Group hosted a contingent of Scouts from Japan, who had been staying at the 21st World Scout Jamboree.
- To celebrate 100 years of scouting, our Cub Scouts had a sleepover in York Minster and took part in a sunrise ceremony, with members of scouting around the world.





Membership

- There are over 28 million people in Scouting worldwide, in over 200 countries.
- There has never been a shortage of demand from young people to join our Scout Group, although there has continually been challenges securing sufficient leaders.
- The Scout Troop in particular was on the edge of closure a number of times, and indeed closed for circa 10 years from 1972, when some Scouts were accommodated at Bishopthorpe Scout Troop.
- For a brief spell had 2 Scout Troops.
- For 15 years had 2 Cub Scout Packs.
- Beaver Scout Colony opened 1988, with a second a year later. Combined 1998 due to insufficient leaders.
- We now have 1 Scout Troop, 1 Cub Scout Pack and 1 Beaver Scout Colony with over 60 young people.





Key Achievements

- 1984 A unique footballing double with both Eagles & Merlins Cub Scout Packs winning their respective divisions.
- 1995 Beaver Scouts won carnival fancy dress parade with pirate theme.
- 1998 Cub Scouts won all 3 age groups at annual swimming gala.
- 1999 Cub Scouts Seniors won cross country including individual bronze, silver and gold.
- 2000 Cub Scouts won Hergarth creative challenge trophy for first time.
- 2004 Cub Scouts won athletics for second year in succession.
- 2005 Cub Scouts won District quiz for first time.
- 2006 Cub Scouts Juniors won cross country including individual bronze, silver and gold.
- 2007 Group won Tamasha Centenary Camp cricket team award.
- 2007 Scout Group won York City Scouting Community Challenge.
- 2008 Cub Scouts won basketball for first time.
- 2008 Cub Scouts won York City cooking competition.

