

Scouting Adventures in Snowdonia's Majestic Landscape

Scouting is a global movement with 28 million members worldwide, including 500,000 members in the United Kingdom. This figure comprises 100,000 adult volunteers who serve as leaders, administrators, and supporters. The vibrant world of Scouting in the United Kingdom, where adventure, leadership, and lifelong friendships await around every corner. Scouting has been an integral part of British youth culture for over a century, shaping generations of young individuals into responsible, confident, and community-minded adults.

In the UK, Scouting offers a unique blend of time-honoured traditions and forward-thinking programs, providing young people with opportunities to explore the great outdoors, develop essential life skills, and become active citizens. Whether you're a parent eager to see your child grow and thrive, or a young person seeking excitement, education, and camaraderie, Scouting in the UK has something extraordinary to offer.

At 1st Gwydyr Scouts, we call St Mary's Church Hall in Betws-y-Coed our home. Our dedicated team of volunteers is the backbone of our operation, providing guidance and support to more than 60 children and young individuals.

What do we do at 1st Gwydyr

We are the only Scout Group deep in the heart of Eryri. It's an exceptional location for our Scout group due to its awe-inspiring natural environment, abundant opportunities for outdoor activities, rich cultural and historical significance, and the potential for personal growth and skill development. It's a place where young people can connect with nature, their peers, and their local community while creating lasting memories.

We have regular trips to the mountains. our Beavers (6-8 years) visited Crimpiau last weekend and enjoyed the fantastic views to Tryfan and the Yr Wyddfa range. We have a district campsite at Rowen where we run group camps, with all the young people enjoying the evening camp-fire. We have been canoeing and sailing on Llyn Geirionydd, climbing on a crag near Pont Rufeinig, and going underground at the slate mine at Cwmorthin.

We currently have five sections at 1st Gwydyr:

SQUIRRELS - ages 4 to 6. We meet on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Leaders: Kate Reeves, Zac Tatam.

BEAVERS - ages 6 to 8. We meet on Monday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Leaders: Marianne Siddorn.

CUBS - ages 8 to 10 1/2. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 5.15pm to 6.45pm. Leaders: Alison Richmond, Paul Edlington.

SCOUTS - ages 10 1/2 to 14. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Leaders: Ian Henderson, Shelley Rogers.

EXPLORERS - ages 14 to 18. We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Leaders: Amanda Burnham, Daniel Brown.