

Grimsdyke Hykes 2008



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The Grimsdyke Hykes are open to all Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Guides and Ranger Guides. There are two events, each tailored to the capabilities of the participants.

- **Seniors:** a two-day challenging camping hike for those aged up to 18. There are two classes:
- **Open Challenge Fox's Trophy** for Explorer Scout and mixed Explorer Scout/Scout/Ranger teams of three, four or five aged up to 18
- **Senior Scout Challenge Shield** for Scout/Explorer Scout/Guide teams of three, four or five aged up to 15

The hikes aim to test your navigational skills. You will visit a number of control points as quickly as possible. The distance on both days is about 25km. You carry overnight kit on the first day. You leave it behind on the second! You need to be self sufficient in terms of food and equipment.

Awards for Explorer Scouts: The overnight hike can be counted toward your Chief Scout's Platinum Award, as long as you agree it with your Unit Leader beforehand. The overnight hike can also be counted as a Practice Hike for the DoE Bronze or Silver, provided you have first agreed it with your DoE Supervisor. The Grimsdyke could also be part of an Activity Badge.

Awards for Scouts: As long as you agree it with your Scout Leader beforehand, the Grimsdyke could be used as the Expedition Challenge of your Chief Scout's Gold Award. Provided you are 14 and registered with the DoE, it can also be a Bronze level DoE Practice Hike. And, as well, it can count toward an Activity Badge.

- **Junior:** a one-day hike for Scouts aged up to 13½ in teams of three, four or five. Although there are the **Junior Scout Challenge Shield** for the fastest team, and the **Misbourne Valley Trophy** for the fastest team from Misbourne Valley, the emphasis is more on the participation and learning aspects, rather than the more competitive approach of the two-day event. Consequently, teams all have an adult "shadow" to give guidance and instruction but only when necessary. You can camp overnight if you wish, but please note that the organisers do not provide overnight food, and supervision will be limited.

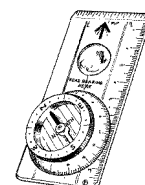
Awards: successful completion could count as one activity in the Adventure Challenge of the Chief Scout's Gold Award, and it could feature as part of an activity badge.

Safety is of paramount importance. Minibuses are used to pick up anyone dropping out. Junior and/or inexperienced teams are "shadowed".

There are unique Grimsdyke Hyke badges for all that participate.

The cost of the event is £30 per junior team or £40 per Senior/Open Team, which includes maps plus light refreshments at the finish on both days.

For further information on any of the above contact Mike Taylor on mataylor@homecall.co.uk.
If you wish to participate in this event please contact Bucks Scouts on 0845 094 5526 or bucks.scouts@btconnect.com



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