

13th Darlington (Hummersknott) Scouts

The group has always been aware of the environment around them and got involved with community activities as part of their environmental conservation, global issues and community impact badges.



February 2018

Since 2018 they were inspired by the work of Greta Thunberg who was around some of their ages and was telling the world about climate change and the impact on the world, their own communities and what could be done to slow it down.

They researched better ways, to learn how to encourage their family and friends about the benefits of changing some of the things at home that has an impact on climate change.

WATER WIZARD
"Keeps dangerous plastics from getting into the ocean and makes sure you don't let water go to waste"

ENERGY EXPERT
"Never wastes electricity, and always turns off the lights when they're not needed"

FUME FIGHTER
"Defender of clean air and protecting the atmosphere from bad fumes"

VEGGIE VINDICATOR
"Educates others on why to eat fruit and veggie"

RECYCLE BANGER
"Keeps plants healthy and doesn't let them go to waste"

TRUTH TALKER

"Has the facts about climate change and tells others about it"

Reports online bullies

Speaks up against any type of discrimination in their community

Fights misinformation with true facts and scientific evidence

Save energy at home.

Walk, Cycle or use public transport.

Throw away less food.

Reduce, re-use, repair and recycle.

FUME FIGHTER
"Defender of clean air and protecting the atmosphere from bad fumes"

Bikes, walks, or takes public transportation when possible

Scavenger hunts for things in your houses that are bad for the air

Adopts air cleansing plants

ENERGY EXPERT
"Never wastes electricity, and always turns off the lights when they're not needed"

Turns off the lights

Unplugs unnecessary items (with parents' help)

Reads books on different types of energy and how they are used

WATER WIZARD
"Keeps dangerous plastics from getting into the ocean and makes sure you don't let water go to waste"

Refills water bottles and uses reusable containers

Takes short 5-minute showers

Turns off the water when brushing teeth and washing hands

FASHION FIXER
"Mends, donates, and keeps clothing out of landfills"

Donates clothing that you are no longer using

Learns to mend and give clothing new life

Gets creative reusing fabric

GREEN GUIDE
"Keeps plants healthy and doesn't let them go to waste"

Buys funny-looking fruit

No snack left behind! Gives what they don't eat to someone who will

Learns what plants grow in their area

Then they helped allotment owners with planting fruit and vegetables to help them with their efforts to reduce the impact. Joseph (age 10) said it was good to grow your own food



April 2018



We then looked at the nature around us. What wildlife was around and what was needed to encourage them into our local nature reserves. So we set about getting involved in the big spring clean every year. Made bird boxes and bat boxes to be put up in the local community.



Then 2020 and Covid 19 hit our community and we had to think of innovative ways to keep scouting. We came up with online cooking lessons, teaching our young people to follow recipes and to make meals from scratch and reducing food waste.

We also fundraised for BBC Children in Need appeal as part of the big night in by Hiking to the moon inspired by former scout Tim Peake.

We also enjoyed camping from home sessions where we could all join together as Durham County Scouts to sit around our campfires and toast marshmallows.

We even entered the Guinness World record attempt for the most dippy eggs being dipped at the same time.



Lawrie age 10 making a chicken dinner



Magnus age 9 making Pesto Pasta



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1 hr • 🌐

Leaders, Cubs and Scouts completing their mile in the [#hiketothemoon](#) mission.

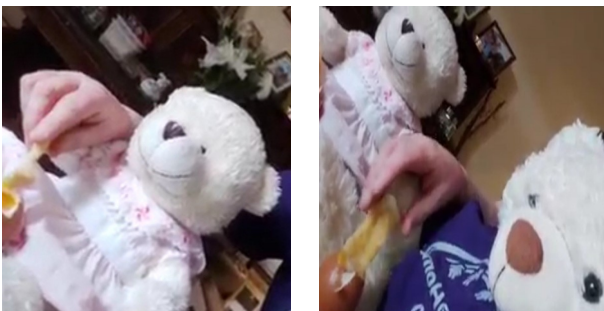
Donating to the Big Night In Appeal for BBC Children in Need and comic relief.

Come along and join us, use your 1 hour exercise to complete a mile.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/hike-to-the-moon



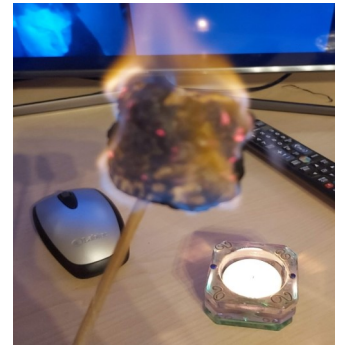
Group mascots having a try too.



Dippy egg challenge complete 🥚🥚🥚



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July 2020

We even entered the Guinness World record attempt to try to win the record for the most dippy eggs being dipped at the same time.



Dippy egg challenge completed 😊
will they be world record breakers?





After a long period (approx 18 months) of not being able to meet face to face, then social distancing we were finally able to get back together in early 2022 to plant 500 saplings as part of the Queens Canopy for her Diamond Jubilee; that the Woodland Trust had donated to the group. With the help and support of Pippa Smaling the Environment Ranger at Darlington Borough Council we chose the location of Baydale Beck to plant them.

Then in September we were notified that we had been nominated for a stronger community award for all of the groups hard work within their community.



The group were then notified that they were shortlisted as finalists for the award and invited to the award ceremony .

Charles (age 10) and Charlie (age 10) were chosen from the Cub section, Mia (age 13) and Alfie (age 12) were chosen to from the Scout section to represent the group.

They were really excited to be announced as the winners and chose Alfie to speak on behalf of the group on stage.



The work continues to look after our community and reducing our impact on climate change.

