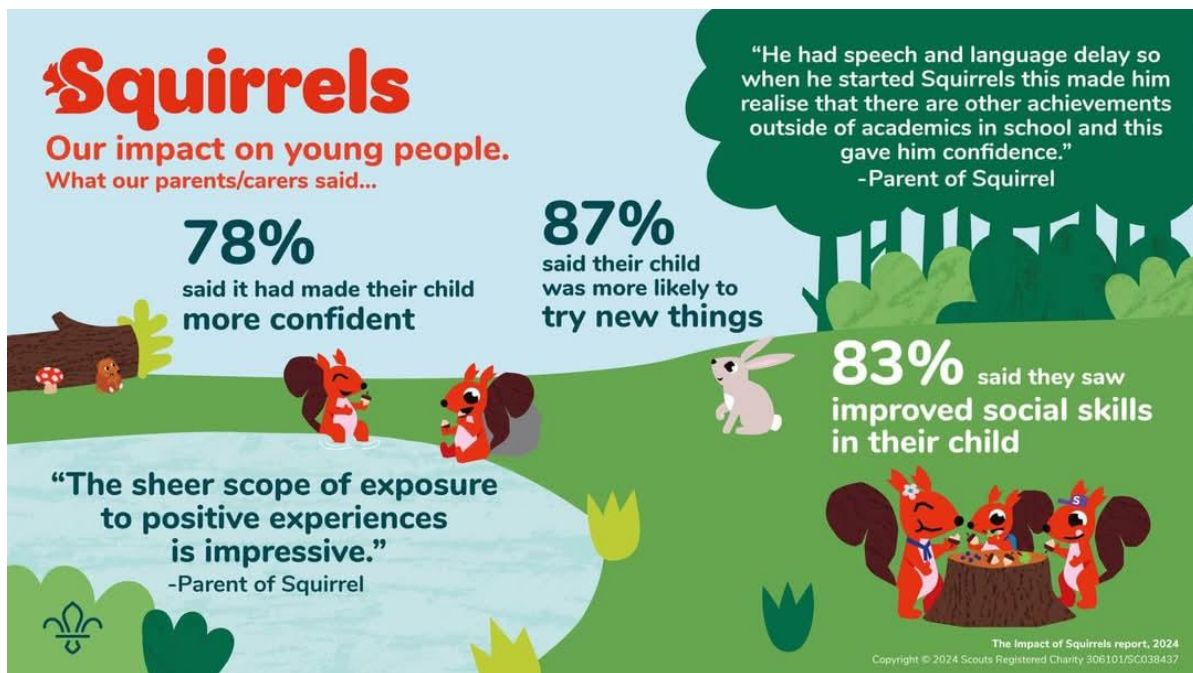


Squirrels

Squirrel Scouting in Pocklington

Squirrels is the newest section in the Scout family for all children, boys, and girls, aged 4 and 5. To become a Squirrel a child must have had their 4th Birthday.

Why be a Squirrel Scout?



Who are Squirrels?

Squirrels are young people aged 4 to 6 who:

- Master new skills and try new things
- Have fun and go on adventures
- Make friends
- Are curious about the world around them
- Help others and make a difference, in their own communities and beyond

Every Monday we gather in a group called a Squirrel Drey.



What does a Squirrel Drey look like?

All Squirrel Scouts are members of the global Scout family. Closer to home, they're also part of a wider local Scout Group, alongside Beavers (aged 6 to 8) and Cubs (aged 8 to 10 ½). When they're older, they can join Scouts (for 10 ½ - 14-year-olds) then Explorers, 14- 18-year-olds, and finally the Scout Network (for our young adult members aged 18 to 25).

Each Drey is made up of young people aged 4 and 5, led by an adult Squirrel leader. **As well as the Squirrel leaders, we ask that a parent/carer stays with the child to assist them.** Squirrel Scouting is not just about the young people it is about playing and learning as a family.

Squirrel Scouting is open to all, and adjustments can always be made to make sure everyone can join in the fun. We can make sure your child's needs are met so please be upfront about additional needs from the start to make sure the young person has the best experience possible.

Pocklington Squirrels meet once a week on a Monday from 4.30 - 5.30pm at the Scout Hut on Burnby Lane, Pocklington, YO42 2QD. At 1st Pocklington Scout Group we want all children whoever they are to be able to have an opportunity to experience Scouting. Subs are payable termly but we don't expect payment until your child has been invested. We firmly believe Scouting is open to all whatever a family's income is and we can help towards costs. Our current fees are £45 a term.



Squirrel Scouting is all about giving our youngest members the opportunity to play games and learn new things.

Every meeting is themed around a story. Together we share the story, play a game, do crafts or outdoor activities related to the story. Anything from making a greetings card and simple science experiments to roasting marshmallows on a fire. Squirrels is all about giving children the opportunity to try new things in a safe and controlled environment. Our leaders are trained in safety and first aid.

In your children's time in Squirrels, they will get the opportunity to earn some incredible badges a total of 4 Challenge Badges, 13 Activity Badges and the chance to earn the highest Squirrel Award which is the Chief Scout Acorn Award we at Squirrels want to see every person achieve this where possible.

BADGES AND UNIFORM

We always want to look our best and to do this your child will require a Squirrel Scout Uniform. This is a red Squirrel Scout sweatshirt and most importantly a neckerchief. The neckerchief will be given to your child when they are invested and a plain red sweatshirt can be ordered online from the Scout Shop.

Our Squirrel Promise

After coming to four weeks of meetings, we will ask your children to make their Squirrel Scout promise. Welcoming a new Squirrel Scout to our drey/group and the worldwide family of Scout family is an exciting time for both the young people and the adults. Saying the promise is the way individuals are invested into the Scouting movement. The Squirrel Scout promise is:

I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST, TO BE KIND AND HELPFUL, AND TO LOVE OUR WORLD

(There is a £13 charge for the investiture pack which includes badges, a neckerchief, and a t-shirt.)

