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### **Tynemouth Scouts St. Georges Day Parade**

This years Tynemouth Scouts St. George's day parade was held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April, at Christ Church, North Shields, with over 500 people taking part. Each of the fourteen Groups in Tynemouth District was lead by a colour party consisting of two Scouts carrying their Troop's flag, two Cubs carrying their Pack's flag and two Beaver Scouts carrying their Colony's flag on a parade around Northumberland Square in North Shields. The flags then lined the path outside the church for the Groups and guests to walk through before being taken inside and placed behind the altar.

About 400 uniformed members of Tynemouth District Scouts, including Leaders, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers as well as their parents, former leaders, and District supporters attended the annual parade and service, in Christ Church, which this year was also held as part of the Centenary of Scouting celebrations. The Reverend Canon Jim Robertson, Area Dean for Tynemouth Deanery (and former Tynemouth Scout) headed the lively service which lasted for about an hour.

During the course of the service a map of the world was lowered in from the roof and members of the congregation, including Councillor Shirley Mortimer, Chair of North Tyneside council, added flags to it representing the 216 countries where Scouting is present. All the members of the Scout Association then went on to re-affirmed their Scout promise. This was done in sections, the Beaver Scouts (aged 6 - 8) went first followed by the Cubs (aged 8 - 10½) then finally the Scouts (aged 10½ - 14), Explorer Scouts (aged 14 - 18), leaders and non-uniformed adult members.

Guests at the service included the Chair of North Tyneside Council, Councillor Shirley Mortimer, Alan Campbell MP, County Commissioner for Northumberland Scouts, Mr Dave Bennett as well as a number of Northumberland County and Tynemouth District Scout officials.

All of the Scout Sections in Tynemouth District are open to boys and girls aged between 6 and 25; the adult section is open from 25 to 60 plus. If you would like to join the worlds largest co-educational youth organisation, at any level, you can call the Northumberland Scout's County Office on 0191 2668822, visit [www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk](http://www.tynemouthscouts.org.uk) or the national site at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) or e-mail [media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk) for more information.

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