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Scarecrows in the Square

Scarecrows will be taking up residence in Northumberland Square, North Shields on Saturday 14th of June as Tynemouth Scouts hold a scarecrow competition and activity day.

Don Charlton, Tynemouth Scouts District Chairman said “the competition is based on village events all around the country where people make scarecrows based on celebrities”. He added “There will be over 20 different scarecrows, made by the various Tynemouth Scout Groups. At 12 noon we have one of the stars of the Newcastle Falcons coming to present the prizes and sign autographs”

As well as the scarecrows the Scouts are setting up a number of stalls and activities for the public to have a try. Mick Morland, Scout Leader with the 13th Tynemouth said “there will be a number of fairground type side shows for the public to try their luck at and help raise some funds for the Scouts, but we also have some free activities which the public can try include crate stacking and quad biking”.

These activities are just some of the ones which the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts get to do at camps all the time.

Michael Dale, Scout Leader with the 3rd Tynemouth said “people still have a stereotyped image of the Scout Movement and think that all we do is sit around a camp fire wearing shorts and big hats. While we do still have camp fires, we also do a lot more modern, adventurous activities. The quad bikes and crate stacking is just two of the newer activities we now do and we want the public to see that and try them for themselves”. He added “the activities will be governed by people’s ages. For example, the quad bikes are designed for children so adults would not be able to ride them, but we will be letting the public have a try of them in a safe and legal environment for free”

The scarecrow event takes place in Northumberland Square in North Shields on Saturday the 14th of June and is open to the public from 10.30 am to 3 pm.

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 world's 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 or the national site at www.scouts.org.uk or e-mail media@tynemouthscouts.org.uk for more information.

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