

The Start of Scouting



After the first experimental Scout camp held on Brownsea Island in 1907 by Robert Baden-Powell, and the publication of the book Scouting for Boys in 1908, Scout Troops started to form across the Country.

Great Yarmouth registered for the Scout Bylaw to join the Scout Association on 3rd May 1910, and in 1911 five Scout Troops with a combined membership of 150 were recorded:

- 1st Gt. Yarmouth – Y.M.C.A.
- 2nd Gt. Yarmouth – Congregational Church
- 3rd Gt. Yarmouth – St. Paul’s Church
- 4th Gt. Yarmouth – St. James’ Church
- 5th Gt. Yarmouth – St. Luke’s Church

The first official census for Great Yarmouth recorded a slight drop to 131 Scouts.



Cyclist Badge.

This included two Scouts who had completed the King’s Scout Award and a further 29 Scouts who achieved the Cyclist proficiency badge.

Form B.

ASSOCIATION RETURNS.

Name of Association *Gt. Yarmouth in County of Norfolk.*
 Association no. *?*

President *C. S. Cook Esq.*
 Chairman *J. C. Baker Esq.*
 Address *The Lane, Crown Wood, Gt. Yarmouth*
 Hon. Sec. *Walter H. Book*
 Name *113 Southdown Road, Gt. Yarmouth*
 Date when formed *May 2, 1910.* Date of Annual Meeting *June 30, 1910*

DETAILS OF ASSOCIATION.			
No. of Troops	No. of Scouts	No. of Scouts and Leaders	Total Scouts and Leaders
5	4	8	131

SPECIAL BADGES.						
First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Fourth Class	Fifth Class	Sixth Class	Total
✓	✓	-	-	2	29	31

Signed *Walter H. Book*
Oct. 25, 1911

N.B.—The only Scouts' Associations are those in the Scout Register. If additional Troops are to be formed, they must be entered in the Scout Register, which may be done by the County Committee, or after their own request the approval of the Chief Commissioner of the Association.

Badges of Scouts and Leaders are issued by the Association Secretary (or his own representative).

The Annual Census Return c.1911.



Gt. Yarmouth design Trek Cart used as a Signalling Tower c.1910.

Scout activities at the time were based on army-like skills such as tracking, map and compass work, signalling, animal observation, nature and tree recognition, many of which are still part of the activities of today.

Early proficiency badges included Ambulance, Basket Maker, Bee Farmer, Bird Warden, Blacksmith, Coast Watchman, Dairyman, Miner, Stalker, Tailor and Thrifty Man.

The Cyclist badge that was noted on the first census return is still an activity badge that Cubs and Scouts can achieve today.