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

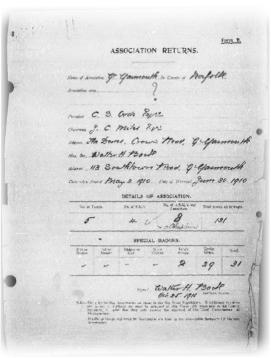
The first official census for Great Yarmouth recorded a slight drop to 131 Scouts.



This included two Scouts who had completed the King's Scout Award and a further 29 Scouts who achieved the Cyclist



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



The Annual Census Return c.1911.

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.