

Early Scouting in Great Yarmouth

1st November 1909

A planning meeting to form the local Scout Committee was proposed by Mr. A. H. Lansdell along with six committee members, who were all Scoutmasters.

3rd May 1910

The Great Yarmouth Local Association was formed and registered with Scouting Headquarters in London:

District Commissioner Commander Addison-Williamson, President C. S. Orde, Honourable Secretary W. H. Back and the first Chairman was J. C. Miles.

All Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters were also made members of the Local Scout Association.

They were joined by four “non- uniformed” members representing the Great Yarmouth community:

The Mayor, T. W. Swindells, E.W. Worlledge, T. W. Arnold and H. Fenner.



St. George's Day Parade c.1910.

The first leaders to gain the Wood Badge Training Insignia in Great Yarmouth attended training courses in 1910 with Baden-Powell.

Some of these leaders were the first registered within the Great Yarmouth district.



Headquarters PR c.1920.

The first Wood Badges were gained by W. H. Back of 5th Gt. Yarmouth, St. Luke's, R. H. Gambell of 2nd Gt. Yarmouth, Congregational, A. H. Lansdell of 3rd Gt. Yarmouth, St. Paul's and H. G. Pertwee of 3rd Gt. Yarmouth.



*Great Yarmouth Scout Masters c.1920.
W. H. Back is pictured 2nd from the right.*