2002 Chief Scout comes to Galloway (8th June)

The Chief Scout came to Gatehouse to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Galloway Scouts in 1952. The occasion was also used to formally open the new Climbing Wall at Kirkdale Shore and to take part in a rather large "banquet".



L-to-r: Andy Matthew – Chief Commissioner for Scotland, George Purdy – Chief Scout Dorothy Weston – Assistant Chief Commissioner for Scotland Jane Scott – "Cally" Venture Scout, Stuart Park - "Cally" Venture Scout



L-to-r: Nigel Scott - Galloway Area Scout Commissioner, Andy Matthew - Chief Commissioner for Scotland, Dorothy Weston - Assistant Chief Commissioner for Scotland, George Purdy - Chief Scout









Chief Scout prepares to open The Climbing Wall



Chief Scout formally opens The Climbing Wall



Demonstration of climbing skills











Area Commissioner for Galloway and principal organiser of the event, Nigel Scott, summarises the day.

THE CHIEF SCOUT'S GALLOWAY VISIT

This special day took many months, weeks, days & hours in the planning, which paid off big style!! with all four sections coming together to put on a tremendously worthwhile event.

The Chief's party arrived in splendid sunshine to a campsite humming with activity & fun, We had Beavers with golden bases & commonwealth games, Cubs charging round all kind of international bases, with flags and a totem pole, Cubs & Scouts climbing & abseiling, Scouts on an overnight hike and pioneering, and Venture Scouts with a low ropes course, running bases, playing host to our VIP's and still finding time to use the tower.

And then The Banquet!!!! that was another great achievement......What a sight....
When The Chief & I were piped up to the top table by Dr.Hannay we just couldn't believe what a splendid sight came before us, with over 250 youngsters so well behaved and with a meal fit for kings in front of them. We both had intended on saying a few words but it would have been impossible to have made our voices heard at the far end of the table.

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Letter of thanks from George Purdy, Chief Scout