



CHESTER GANG SHOW

Our Gang Show has been providing great experiences for Scouts and entertaining our friends and the public for sixty-two productions. Many youth members of Chester Scouts have taken part, from Beaver Scouts to Explorers. And adult volunteers are a key part of the Gang Show's success. The event is one of our major activities.

From its original format as Scoutabout to what is now Chester Gang Show, there have been many developments and improvements:

- Involving as many of our members as possible – including of course mixed membership
- A variety of venues – most recently moving from the old Gateway Theatre to the Vanbrugh Theatre at the King's School
- Developing the production team and the cast by making it more youth shaped – a process that is still in progress
- Strong involvement of Gang Show members in other events: entertainment at Chamboree and at District camps, Brook Street Carnival, carol singing, writing and performing a special song to celebrate the centenary of Chester Scouts – and more
- Guidelines on Scout entertainment have developed and helped improve Scouting's approach
- Our Gang Show team has produced a recent statement on the approach in Chester and District, which is fully supported by the District as a whole and will be used as a background to the evaluation of future Gang Shows (you can download a copy [here](#))

The development of our approach to Scout entertainment will continue. After many discussions – not always easy – the approach to the Gang Show is now:

- There will be a Gang Show in 2019 and 2020. After that, the next Gang Show will be in 2022 and then every other year
- Our District Camps will continue to be held every other year, the next one being in 2019
- The aim is that Gang Show and District Camp will not normally run in the same year (they will still overlap in 2019 but not after that)
- But Scout entertainment in Chester and District will not just happen once every two years: when the Show itself is not on, there will be entertainment at District Camps and also Gang Show in a Weekend, where the involvement of the Gang Show team will be vital. Gang Show Camps will continue

We prepare young people with skills for life

We all understand that Gang Show is an important part of the Scouting lives of many people, and nowhere is this truer than in Chester and District. Our new approach respects that and provides a way to widen the opportunities to experience creativity and performance in Scouting and to make sure that our overall programme is deliverable in the face of the very busy lives of our volunteers and youth members.

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