

## 2002 Chief Scout comes to Galloway (8<sup>th</sup> June)

The Chief Scout came to Gatehouse to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> 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









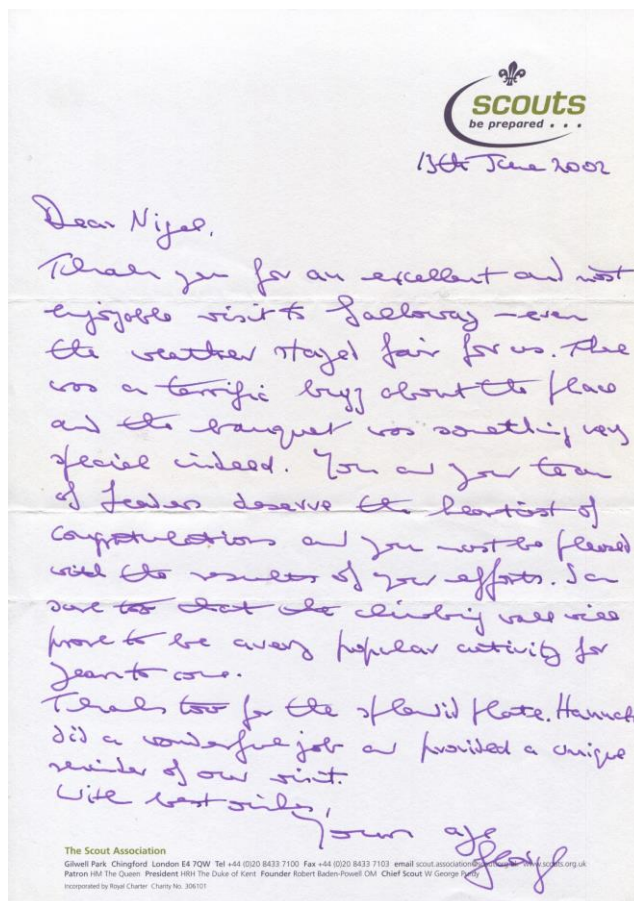
**Area Commissioner for Galloway  
and principal organiser of the event,  
Nigel Scott, summarises the day.**

**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.



**Letter of thanks  
from George Purdy,  
Chief Scout**