

# Derrick Knill Challenge

## History

Derrick Knill was originally a Scout Leader in Tiverton, and for some time a Group Scout Leader, also in Tiverton; when he later retired from this role he became the Warden at Caddihoe.

In 2006 he died suddenly of a heart attack and at his funeral a collection was made which raised £1486, which his wife donated to the Scouts, and as Derrick was keen on Gilwell suggested that the Scouts were taken up there for a camp.

The Tiverton & District Executive Committee decided that the camp would only benefit a few Scouts, and instead made the decision to, once a year, hold a get together with all the units and hold a competition or run some bases.

The committee spoke to Derrick Knill's widow, who was ok with this decision. The next thing to decide was where to hold the competition/bases, and Caddihoe was decided upon for several reasons:

- Caddihoe was the campsite where Derrick Knill was the Warden
- Caddihoe is the County Campsite
- It's the closest to the district, and therefore okay for transporting the children to and from

Originally it was just the Cubs and Scouts which took part, with Beavers visiting for the day, and then in 2011 Beavers joined in the competitions as well.

So, every year since 2006 there has been a series of competitions held at Caddihoe through teaching bases, and gradually the money is being used up, but through it a lot of fun and learning has come, which is basically what Scouting is about - fun, learning and making friends.

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