

Chief Scouts

Robert Baden-Powell, 1st Baron Baden-Powell, was the first Chief Scout. He was proclaimed Chief Scout of the World at the 1920 World Scout Jamboree held in Olympia, London. Since his death the Chief Scout has been appointed by Council (now the Board of Trustees) of The Scout Association.



1942

Arthur Somer-Cocks,
6th Baron Somers,
Chief Scout of the British Empire.



1945

Thomas Corbett,
2nd Baron Rowallan,
Chief Scout of the British Commonwealth and Empire.



1959

Sir Charles Maclean,
Chief Scout of the Commonwealth (continuing until 1975).
He resigned as Chief Scout of the United Kingdom in 1971.



1972

Sir William Gladstone,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.



1982

Major-General Michael J. H. Walsh,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.



1988

Sir Garth Morrison,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.



1996

George Purdy,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.



2004

Peter Duncan,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.



2009

Bear Grylls,
Chief Scout of the United Kingdom
and Overseas Territories.