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## THE GAGB

The GAGB started in 2003 to provide a connection between the wider Geocaching community, and landowners, media and others. We provide a database of landowner agreements, sort access issues out, sell merchandise and introduce the hobby to newcomers plus lots more.

Find out more by visiting our [website](#)!



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# A WARM WELCOME by Arthur Griffiths (Griff Grof), GAGB Chair

Hello! I hope this issue of Seeker finds you well.



Seeker is back with a new Editor, our Secretary Josh (LinguiJosh), who succeeds Lewis Grant (NevilleDog\_n\_Humans). A huge thank you to Lewis for all his hard work on Seeker over the years, and to Josh for putting together this fantastic first issue.

These past few months have been busy ones for the GAGB. We've added new products to our shop, including nanos due to popular demand, appeared at London Calling, the Great British Geocaching Party, Piratemania, and the Severn Mega (thanks to all who visited our stalls at these events) and produced the shortlists for the GAGB Geocaching Awards, for which voting has recently closed. Our Annual Autumn Event, where the winners will be announced, has been arranged and published ([GCAZW6N](#)). It is taking place on Saturday 27th September in Normanton on Soar, Loughborough. We hope to see you there!

This is a bumper issue of Seeker. Read about the Gorse Ho! and Morte Ho! series in North Devon, the Haggis Spiral series in Aberdeenshire, and when GAGB meets student journalism. We've also got a special feature all about events, plus another exciting competition, information on the East Anglia UK Mega 2026, and lots more.

Enjoy, and happy caching!

# Geocaching News and Updates



**New Treasure collections throughout July: 'Tools of the Trade' and 'Making Memories'.**

***Have you noticed the new co-ordinate updates and walking directions on the official app?***

For Letterboxes and Wherigos, you can now easily input updated coordinates (much like Multis and Mysteries).

For Mysteries with a 'Geocaching.com Solution Checker' attribute, you can also now see if the updated coordinates are correct or not in the app!

A new 'walking directions' feature on the official app has also been implemented, that can help guide a route towards the cache. It can be enabled/disabled from the first icon on your 'Navigate' view.

## **THE UK MEGA FOR 2026 HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED!**

The UK Mega will be heading to East Anglia (Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire) in 2026. Keep an eye out in upcoming Seeker issues and online for more info!

# Gorse Ho! and Morte Ho! – Embracing the beauty of the North Devon coast

- *Joshua McCune (LinguiJosh)*

**During a family holiday near Woolacombe, I was inspired to visit Morte Point, and so began one of the most stunning walks I've ever done!**

Have you ever seen a series of caches, thought “ooh, this looks like a nice spot”... and when you get a chance to do the series, discover that it's even better than you anticipated? That happened to me along the North Devon coast. Though I had already gone caching here in September 2023, I had a different goal this time: **walk to Morte Point.**

Morte Point, an untouched, dramatic peninsula of coastal erosion, is a site historically known for shipwrecks, but is also home to **How Did That Happen? (GC6QJ7D)**, an EarthCache from Ky Devas that encourages you to

take a closer look at the erosion that has formed this magnificent location.



As well as the EarthCache, there are some excellent series currently owned and maintained by *Bideford V*. These series take you all around the hills and slopes that form these parts of the North Devon coast. From Woolacombe to Combe Martin, you can follow a few series, including **Morte South (GC7Z51A)**, ‘**Gorse Ho! (GC9N2AZ)**, ‘**Morte Ho! (GC7D3E8)**, **Cedric Trail (GC8FT82)** and **Hangman’s Hoop (GC6F4E8)**.

On this occasion, I walked along a combination of '**Gorse Ho!**' and '**Morte Ho!**'.

As the former's name suggests, the caches are all hidden within (or very close to) gorse bushes. Many of the caches in both series are incredibly creative containers too; from animals that guard the caches (small and large) to eccentric characters, requiring a variety of innovative ideas and approaches to track down the caches!



***Don't worry, it's not a real frog!***

I began at **The Low Down** ([GC7Z51Q](#)) before heading onto **War Memorial #11 – Mortehoe** ([GC5BBNM](#)). This was at a lovely village church, and the final coordinates led to the beginning of the 'proper' section of

the walk. Bit by bit, cache by cache, I make my way around this beautiful, elegant section of the North Devon coast on an absolutely lovely day! Eventually, I arrived at Morte Point – and it was a very pretty, fascinating spot!

Of course, as with all great caching escapades, it wasn't quite plain sailing! My portable charger had almost completely run out by the time I arrived, and I was only on 3% battery – but this didn't put me off the questions! I took the all-important selfie, and noted down my answers before I had to resort to writing on my hand! The remainder of that journey saw me checking nearly every gorse bush on the way back, just in case I should find one with a cache in. As it happens, I did!

I finally got back to the holiday park, and completed all my answers minutes before winning on Bingo!

**Please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) and tell us all about your exciting caching trips around Great Britain!**

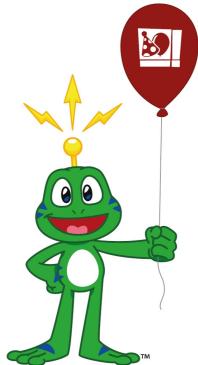
# Exciting Events!

2025 is a year absolutely brimming with Events, with every day having opportunities to meet more and more geocachers (and discovering that it really is a small world!)



Across more than 20 pages, we highlight just a couple of the many Events organised, hosted, attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the Geocaching community!

The pages each represent a different month: from the dark, rainy and cold days of January, to sunny June, with a smattering of experiences in between (whatever the weather)!



Then we highlight some regular gatherings and upcoming Events – both Mega and Mini!

# January

2025 has arrived! As is so often the case - after all, we are in Britain – January was a month full of rain, wind, and yet, in the true Geocaching sense, we didn't let the elements affect us at all!

Hello 2025!

- *Exeter Cathedral*  
(MrAndMrsCh)

“Lovely to see so many folk on New Year’s Day despite the rain!”  
- Jaynie15

“The wind and rain in Exeter were miserable enough but not miserable enough to keep me at home!”

- ed-don

We had a lovely walk around the mountain, before going back down to the cafe to join the rest of the attendees.

- WalkingGB

“A well attended CITO which resulted in a surprisingly large pile of bags filled from rubbish found in the bottom of the hedges and woodlands in Greta Park. It was nice to be thanked for our efforts by a local chap out walking.”

- parallel sticks



**Say Hello to 2025  
‘Community Celebration Event’  
- Caerphilly Mountain  
(GochdDraig)**



81b - Greta Together 



## An Afternoon of Board Games (5) - Fareham, Hampshire (GracesGold)

“Once everyone started arriving I joined in 'The Great British Train Game' which I thoroughly enjoyed! Then I played 2 games that I still don't have a clue about!”

- sprocket1978



## GAGB Roving Event #29 - Downham Market - Downham Market, Norfolk (Ky Devas)

“A lovely day out in Downham Market and great to meet so many geocaching friends old and new before we did a little light caching.”

- Bee of Good Cheer



“Lovely breakfast first, and eventually found everyone! Met a good few cachers I'd not met before, and a couple that I had met before!”

- Stoke Bunnies

**GCAW0XE – All's square in love and caching!**

**- Edinburgh**  
*(HuggableHamster)*

It's 2024, Geocaching's 25th Birthday is approaching, and another round of Community Celebration Events has been announced! Of course my interest was piqued and I managed to put out the requisite cache and host some events, but then the question of what should I do for my CCE! I had been lucky enough to adopt a CCE the last time, but only on the very last day they could be submitted so it was rather a rush organising it. This time I had much more notice and hoped to host something a bit special. After bouncing some ideas off the rest of Team Rebellion and looking for dates I settled on early February and let my friends from further afield know.

# February



I run Guides and Rangers at a Kirk Hall with plenty of parking, tables and a good bus service so that was the venue plan (always nice to be inside with the Scottish weather). In setting caches and hosting events I try to think what people (and I) might enjoy. I have been lucky enough to go to a few different MEGAs and I particularly enjoy the games and puzzles they often have for labs. I obviously wasn't going to have labs as such, but I thought a few games and puzzles would go down well.

For the activities I wanted a variety, some a bit harder, some a lot sillier. I made up a rebus puzzle, a sort of 'say what you see' for well known phrases. I had previously made a magnetic maze and pin the antennae on Signal for the last CCE I hosted so they came out too. Some bean bags and some of the many recycled pots I collect made up a knock down the cache. I also brought along my lock picking kit in case anyone fancied having a go on that (and who knows perhaps I would inspire someone to set a lockpicking cache). Perhaps my favourite part of events is sitting down and having a good natter, so I made sure to

acquire some drinks and biscuits to fuel the chat. The day of the event we (it's always important to rope your friends in when planning something) set the hall up with plenty of tables and chairs around, games around the edge of the room, a trackable table and the log book and of course. I was delighted that so many people came, there was plenty of giggles and laughter at the games and of course lots of chat, especially with GIGAs and Block Parties this year!

As it happened mine was the first CCE of the year north of the border and I hope it got this birthday year off to a flying start!

**Thank you to  
Huggable Hamster  
for this excellent  
contribution!**

Have you hosted or attended a Community Celebration Event that was particularly special? [We would love to hear all about it!](#)

# March

Three words were on everyone's lips for March: **Village Hall Week!**



**GeoJaxx uploaded (in incredible depth) more stats from across the 71 events in Village Hall Week on the website too; here's a general overview. Thanks to GeoJaxx for creating this immensely popular series!**

VILLAGE HALL WEEK 2025 CACHE STATISTICS (logs up to 28/03/2025)						
Number of finds on Village Hall Series caches	945	Active caches on 16/03/2025				1417
Number of cachers to log a find	570	New publications				57
Number of different caches which were logged	355	Active caches on 23/03/2025				1474
Total caches in series (live and archived)	1777	Number of archived caches in series				303
DAILY FINDS STATISTICS						
Date	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
Total number of village hall caches that were logged	53	57	79	81	50	94
Number of Individual cachers to log one or more finds	73	75	113	73	61	163
Number of finds logged on Village Hall Series caches	94	103	151	107	75	238
TOP LOGGED CACHES VHW 2025			MOST CACHES FOUND PER GEOCACHER VHW 2025			
GCB34ZE	Nigel Poulton Hall (538)	37	S&J			31
GCB3Y0X	Stapleford (1692)	37	Rilks			15
GCB3P3Z	Sherwood (1682)	26	Yateley Zookeepers			9
GCB2V5N	East Leake (1671)	21	Carobini			8
GCB44FY	North Queensferry (1668)	19	Imbams			8
GCB4F96	Diggle (1687)	15	Welshman65			8
GCB2X7V	Winyates Green (1672)	14	Karhut			7



**There were so many different, exciting and interesting Events all across the UK, even on the Isle of Man and Jersey!**



**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
GCAXGBX  
Denmead, Hampshire  
Community Celebration  
Event**

**This is home to  
GC466G6 - #001!**

Did you organise or attend a Village Hall Week Event? Perhaps you went to multiple! We'd love to hear about your experiences!

**...but there were  
plenty of other  
exciting Events too!**

**“What a cracking day for  
the event and post-event  
caching exPldition”**  
- *Claxons*



**GCATKZR: 2025 Community  
Celebration Event PI DAY**  
**NWCMM**  
- Southport  
(*MrMagnaDefender*)

**“A great turnout and plenty  
of geochatter. A really nice  
venue too, our first visit  
here. Thanks for organising**



**- *Nuttytart***



**It's not often you  
jump in a Land Rover  
to go to a CITO! The  
barbecue at the end  
was definitely worth  
it though!**

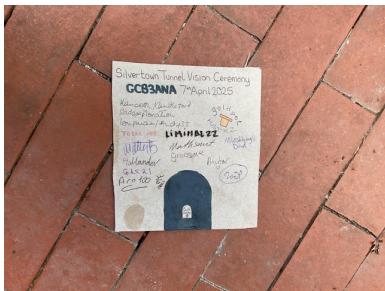


This is in association with Graffham Down Trust.

MEGA



Over 2,000  
cachers attended  
‘Kings and  
Queens 2025’ in  
Assen,  
Netherlands.



Silvertown Tunnel Vision Ceremony  
– London (goldpot)

“Attended this momentous moment in  
the opening of the Silvertown tunnel  
event!”

- caskhunter

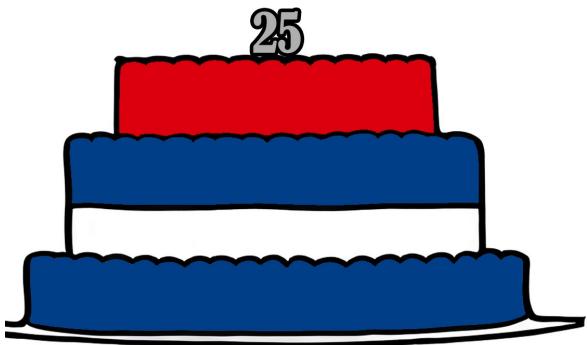


An interesting day  
in the Geocaching  
calendar... who  
rolled out of bed  
and went caching?

The sunny weather was fast approaching, and there were plenty of Events taking place up and down the country! Halfway through CITO Season One, and the month before the two most major Events of the calendar, it was a busy month!

# April

# May: London Calling 2025



We kicked off May with a major Event in the 2025 Events Calendar: the third edition of the excellent London Calling!

# Complete List of Events During London Calling:

## GCB3QY2:

**London Calling on Tour: Tower Bridge Opens!**



## GCAM2ZD:

**GPS Adventures Maze UK: A-Maze-D**



## GCB3YMN:

**GPS Maze United Kingdom – London 2025**



## GCB1T54:

**LC25: From Good Friends and True**

## GCAK7KC:

**London Calling 2025!**

## GCATNP7:

**LC25: From Old Friends and New**

## GCB2GDH:

**LC25: May Good Luck Go With You**

## GCB4YDZ:

**Tentmantent on Tour #43: London**

**GO PUB** filmed a fantastic video during London Calling; please do [check it out here](#) and make sure to subscribe!

# 24<sup>th</sup> May: GCB38VA

## GAGB 2025: Bathtime Buddies Kayaking Clear-up

Our third annual CITO on the River Avon, near Bath. An excellent turnout from locals, our Welsh friends and those from much further afield resulted in a good haul of rubbish.

Several bags were collected containing the usual plastic, wet wipes, wrappers and face masks.

This year's more unusual items included a builder's helmet, the alcohol bottle trio of spirit (Vodka), wine (illegible) and beer (Stella), and a mini solar panel. There were helpers on the bank to pick up rubbish from the riverside paths and to help cachers to get in and out of their kayaks.



11 caches were placed earlier in the month but were still unfound as everyone set off. No fighting over FTF - it was decided on a team approach. The weather forecast hadn't looked good but the rain stayed away so most cachers stayed dry, although a couple did decide on a short dip in the river. Then off the water to a welcome cup of tea or coffee with biscuits. Thanks everyone for joining us and thanks to CK SUP & PADDLE for the use of their slipway and their support. See you all next year.

*Thank you for all your hard work and contributions, higster!*



Hundreds of cachers gathered in Milton Keynes for the 'Great British Geocaching Party', and what a party it was!



Who knew that Signal had a part-time job as a musical conductor?



If you joined us all in Milton Keynes, why not share your experience with us?

## #176 Hampshire Monthly Meet – Stoke Bunnies



As some of you in the South West and Southern regions are probably aware, Chris Warren (*Stoke Bunnies*) moved from Stoke-sub-Hamdon in Somerset, to Stokes Bay in Hampshire. He is a regular attendee and host of the ‘Hampshire Monthly Midweek Meet’, a well-attended Event that has been running since January 2009!

In December 2023, I had been to a Christmas Event organised by Darren Hunt (*PetersfieldPoodlePosse*). It wasn't until I actually moved to Hampshire properly from Somerset that I realised it was a monthly event, where everyone took turns to organise it. The organisation of these events is supported and funded by a monthly raffle, with some great prizes. I won a rare Hampshire geocoin at the first one I attended in February 2024. The organisation of the raffle is performed very ably by Jackie O'Halloran (GeoJaxx – who you all know).

I organised my first of these events on October 24 at The Crofton, a large pub in Stubbington, which has a function room that they let us use. I like to give attendees something to do during events, so I have little puzzle caches published during the event.



So with a gap in the roster in June, with no-one available to host an event, I called on the Crofton once more, and they were happy to oblige. The event was a big success, with cachers attending from North Yorkshire, Cornwall, Sussex and Berkshire, a total of 41 attendees. I had to ask the staff for some extra chairs! The food was good, though I have heard of one error in an order, and the geochat was all around. There were quite a few there at their first event, and they told me they'd felt very welcome!

**If you find yourself in Hampshire, on the second Wednesday of the month, please come along and join us!**

**Do you host a regular Event or CITO in your area that you would like to share with us?  
Please get in touch:  
[gagbeditor@gmail.com](mailto:gagbeditor@gmail.com)**

**Jayne15 is regularly involved with the GAGB and you will regularly see her at our GAGB Shop – so if you find yourself at an Event where we've brought our products along, please do come and say hello!**

**Here, she shares her new series of regular Events in Exeter.**

Hi! I live in Exeter, and having seen other areas with very successful regular events. I proposed the idea of regular Exeter events to my partner (also a cacher) and our caching friend who also lives in the area.

Over Christmas 2024, we discussed setting this in stone for 2025, and before we knew it, 'Exeter Bi-Monthly' events were born. The first being [GCB1ZMQ](#), then [GCB30GV](#), and [GCB4E6F](#). The next one (at time of writing) will be held in July and is [GCB8FRR](#).

The events can be themed, and the only rule is, that the events must stay within Exeter.



**There are plenty of towns and cities across the UK with regular events (often monthly), so here are just a few regular gatherings and their locations that may be taking place near you!**

**A Pint Amongst Friends, Croydon**

**Midlands**

**Aylesbury CITOs**

**NLSC Midweek Monthly, Lancashire**

**Breakfast in Wigginton**

**Nosh & Natter, North Wales**

**Chandlers Ford Forum**

**Notts Labcache Pool Event**

**Cheltenham Monthly**

**Rural Rendezvous, Gloucestershire**

**Chippenham First Thursday Breakfast**

**SDG Breakfast Club, South**

**East Dorset Monthly Event**

**Derbyshire**

**Eastleigh Evening Event**

**Shropshire Monthly Midweek Meet**

**Edinburgh Monthly Meet Up**

**Staffordshire Monthly Meet**

**Exeter Bi-Monthly**

**Steel City Social**

**Hampshire Monthly Mid-Week Meet**

**Sully Social**

**Hike around Hykeham**

**Surrey Mid-Week Event**

**KCC Monthly Meet, Kent**

**The Happening, Hertfordshire**

**Kiddy Midweek Meet**

**The Monthly Catch Up, Surrey**

**Lambourn Event**

**Leeds Drink and Chat**

**NEW & SWW Mid Week Meet, West**

# Recent Major Events... and the Upcoming 2026 UK Mega!



The UK Mega is heading to East Anglia (Norfolk, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire) in 2026. It will be held at the Norfolk Showground, Dereham Rd, Norwich, NR5 0TT on 8th August 2026, with camping available from Tuesday 4 August to Monday 10 August. Be sure to visit their [website](#) for more information, and details on how you can support them. Keep an eye out for more information on what's planned in future editions of Seeker!



Did you attend Piratemania and the Severn UK Mega? [Tell us about your experience!](#)

# Competition Time: Celebrating the Mega Block Party Community!

**Here are 15 different locations with a major or interesting Event this year.**

**See if you can work each of them out, and email us your answers, to win a £15 GAGB store voucher!**

1. Maybe The Clash sung about this city's Block Party back in 1979!
2. Arguably Europe's prime Geocaching spot, especially on Charles Bridge!
3. The Mega is not in this river, which sounds like a number!
4. Friedman and John Maynard are two economists whose names create this New Town!
5. Eureka! Kayak with your Buddies (and rubber ducks) in this city!
6. So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, goodbye... after visiting this beautiful Austrian town!
7. You might get 'more than a feeling' playing GAMES backwards in this US state!
8. Home to the original Monopoly and home to the Metrogathering Block Party!
9. This city in Moselle saw a rather 'growly' celebration take place in June!
10. A Block Party in this not-so-Mega country (but its Duchy is Grand!)
11. Spend the afternoon and evening at a 'Science fiction' event in this Czech city - cold? No!
12. You have to travel quite far up Sweden to go to the Block Party in this city, just above Stockholm.
13. In this scenic Finnish city, try not to 'tamper' with too many trackables!
14. You might have been thinking of visiting Australia, but despite its name, this city is actually in Brevard County, Florida!
15. Visit this US state capital, and you might meet Barack Obama or hear some music by Israel Kamakiwo'ole... or just attend CacheFest Hawaii.

# Competition Answers from Issue 56

In the last issue of Seeker, we challenged you to identify 20 UK islands through cryptic clues! Many of them were tricky, so well done if you had a go – and thank you to those who gave us your answers!

Congratulations to Jean Brooks (*walkingmajean*) who won the £15 GAGB voucher, having achieved the most correct answers!

They were as follows:

1. Where to find undrinkable fresh water, unthreadable needles and unmilkable cows? – **Wight**
2. Favoured by misogynists? – **Man**
3. We hear West London Octet appears annually on TV with Oxbridge Blues? – **Chiswick Eyot**
4. Morse's Sidekick? -- **Lewis**
5. Watched over by the Old Man? - **Hoy**
6. Where you can act the fool, in Tesco, right? - **Tresco**
7. Where to see a Womble produce Christmas wine? - **Mull**
8. Shout out to business directory? - **Yell**
9. A pastry cook in the harbour? - **Herm**
10. Set a beard alight? – **Drakes**
11. Overpriced place? – **Deer**
12. Finer island, probably? - **Lindisfarne**
13. Well-known chef lives here? - **Ramsey**
14. Heard it isn't in Liverpool? - **Mersea**
15. Fodder and Fish? – **Hayling**
16. Sounds like you own a barrier? – **Wallasea**
17. Offensive headland? - **Foulness**
18. Oceanic bronze? – **Brownsea**
19. Like a stallion, perhaps? – **Horsea**
20. Where you might go? - **Hell**

# When GAGB meets Student Journalism!

In February, the GAGB received an email from Freya Merritt-Webb, who wanted to write about Geocaching for her university project. We thought we would return the favour and ask what inspired her to choose our great activity!

**Hello Freya! Tell us all about you, and how you heard about the GAGB.**

I'm 21 years old, from Gloucester, and recently graduated from the University of Worcester, where I studied Journalism joint with Media and Culture. I first came across the GAGB during online research for an outdoor living magazine I was creating as part of my dissertation, exploring different outdoor hobbies and communities in the UK. Geocaching really stood out as a unique and engaging activity which I thought my target audience would find interesting to read! The wealth

of useful information and insight into the geocaching world and community available from the GAGB helped me shape some of the content for my magazine.



## What inspired your magazine – and why Geocaching?

From a young age, I had many active hobbies: horse riding, football, hiking, dance, swimming, roller skating, gymnastics... Growing up in Gloucestershire, my parents and I often went walking and hiking, and explored more challenging trails across the Lake District, Peak District, and Brecon Beacons during school holidays. That connection inspired my focus; I wanted to highlight the benefits of spending time outside, whether for mental and physical health or simply escaping the rush of everyday life. Geocaching was a perfect example: it's adventurous, accessible, and encourages people to explore places they may never have visited otherwise.

More recently, I've been on a mission (with my social media campaign '**Schnauzer in a Suitcase**') to find dog-friendly, accessible and affordable spots with my miniature schnauzer, Bertie. It's been a great way to combine my love for dogs, nature, storytelling, and photography, and to

connect with a community of like-minded people around the UK.

## What are your personal experiences of Geocaching?

As a child, my dad and I often went geocaching around our local area. It was always fun and exciting: the thrill of the search, the joy of finding a cache, and the little swappable surprises inside!

I was never really into the stereotypical 'Barbies and princesses' phase, and preferred being outdoors, exploring, and getting muddy. Geocaching became a special bonding activity for the two of us, creating memories that have really stuck with me.



*Lower Slaughter, Cotswolds (photo: Two Monkeys Travel Group)*

Now that I'm older, I'd love to get back into geocaching, with its sense of adventure. It's like one big treasure hunt that encourages you to explore new places and see the outdoors in a different way. It's such a meaningful way to spend time outdoors, and I really hope it's still around by the time I have children of my own. It would be amazing to pass it down through generations, just like my dad did with me, creating memories, encouraging curiosity, and making the outdoors feel magical.



## So what do you expect for the future?

I see outdoor sports and activities continuing to grow in popularity. I think the future will bring more innovation, especially with a focus on accessibility, sustainability and family-friendly experiences. I think one big reason is that going out every

weekend (for example, for clubbing) has become increasingly expensive and for many, less appealing. People are looking for healthier and more wholesome ways to spend their free time, which the outdoors offers! There are also many alternative experiences that people might not have even considered: paddleboarding, wild swimming, alpaca and goat walking, and even scenic yoga!

## What about your personal goals?

My next goal is a career in journalism. I discovered how much I enjoy it during university, especially while creating my own magazine.

I would love to one day actually launch my magazine '*The British Explorer*' focusing on outdoor living, travel, and hidden gems across the UK.

At the same time, I'm interested in broadcast journalism. I'd love to work with major broadcasters like the BBC, ITV, or Channel 4. I'm ready to climb the career ladder, take every opportunity, and keep growing both personally and professionally!

***Thank you to Freya for her contribution to Seeker!***

# Haggis Spiral



**In May, *Highland Haggi* published 'Haggis Spiral', a series of 110 Mystery caches in Aberdeenshire. We contacted them to ask about the inspiration for this sizeable series!**

Hi there – nice to chat with you! Firstly, could you please introduce yourself and anyone else who has been involved with this series?

The Haggis are a secret bunch of cachers with our own accounts but I'm **Ralph** and took the lead on this project.

The others involved in getting the Spiral out were **Bente, John, and Alison** my partner. Plus, we can't forget **River** our geo-hound!



## The choice of a spiral shape is very interesting; what inspired a spiral of this many caches, and why this area of the country?

Previously, there was a haggis puzzle in the area but with the storms over the past few years and forestry work it had to be Archived. During an event in a pub back in October 2024, a plan was formed over several drinks to get a new puzzle out for the 25 years of caching.

First, we thought of just a circle but as you know, haggis have legs of different sizes and therefore walk in spirals while going up and down them.

Out with the map (and after quite a few attempts at getting something to work!) we ended up with what we have - the centre of the spiral is at an ancient haggis encampment (a stone circle) and ends at a beach where they take their holidays. 115 caches fitted the pattern without

overcrowding the map, and Aberdeenshire is where we all live (and is a quiet area for geoart).

## Tell me about the 'launch event' ([GCAYQ8W](#)).

We used our Community 25th Birthday Event, where around 25 cachers turned up. It was at Aden Country Park, which is very close to the centre of the spiral and has camping and a cafe onsite. It makes it a good location for going for the caches.

The caches went live during the event and a group of us went to get the first FTF of the series.



**Scotland is a nation with so many amazing, beautiful spots. What other landmarks, locations and caches would you recommend to anyone visiting for a caching trip?**

With our liberal access and 'Right to roam' rules, Scotland is a great place for caches! I have never been questioned walking up a road / path or field to get to a cache site. It's generally very friendly.

It feels quieter than further south, but as we have no motorways up here it can take longer to get places. But then you have more time to enjoy the views.

As far as the weather goes, the weather is never bad. You're just wearing the wrong coat!

We also have the highest elevated cache in the UK (**[GC161P6: BEN NEVIS - RING OF FIRE](#)**), most northerly (**[GC1QJE6](#) - Sexy Muckle Flugga (Unst, Shetland)**), and most westerly (**[GC22Q8A](#) - Remote Rockall**), and of course the oldest (**[GCF0](#) - Scotland's First**)!

Thank you greatly to Ralph for contributing to Seeker!



Ben Nevis (photo: *DalbergiaRetusa*)



Muckle Flugga Lighthouse (photo: *lodgebarn*)



Scotland's First (photo: *Aarons Coat*)

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# **GAGB Geocaching Awards 2025!**

The shortlists for the GAGB Geocaching Awards 2025 were confirmed earlier this summer, with voting having closed on 8th of August at 23:59.

## **Best Physical Cache**

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- **Bonus - A2L - Wet Dream (GCAP0FT)**, a Mystery Cache by jazzyjessups
- **Santa's Corroboree Christmas Cracker (GCB0M46)**, a Mystery Cache by MikeG
- **M4 Adventure Labs #066 bonus cache (GCAZKBG)**, a Mystery Cache by The Wombles
- **Below deck (GCAVCYB)**, a Traditional Cache by Stephenrat88
- **St Benet's Abbey - Welcome! (GCAWYH9)**, a Traditional Cache by DanSpurs14 + palmer28

## **Best Non-Physical Cache**

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- **Fossil Fish (GCAT4VK)**, an EarthCache by RauGeo
- **Sir Ludwig Guttmann and the Paralympic Games (GCAJJWM)**, a Virtual by xxxVCxxx
- **Moe's Tavern (GCAKEDN)**, an EarthCache by MrMagnaDefender
- **Wargrave Chalk Pit (GCB0QP1)**, an EarthCache by GilDean
- **Virtual Reward 4.0 - 'A Place of Inspiration' (GCAJHRY)**, a Virtual by MollysMedics

## **Most Promising Newcomer**

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- **LadyLaureen**
- **Clamaty**
- **Badstagram**

## Young Geocacher of the Year

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- Cornishrose
- Oscar & Isaac from TeaMOJ
- MiniMe from RTM1974
- FriesGuys
- H22mcl

## Geocacher of the Year

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- WHyvNa
- BlitzMar2010
- The Cachekeepers
- ryo62

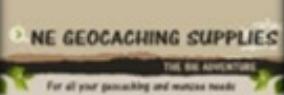
**Best of luck to all our shortlisted candidates and thank you to everyone who nominated and voted!**

**The awards will be given out at the GAGB Autumn Event in Normanton-on-Soar on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025!**



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