



# The 1st Pitsea and Vange Scouts

## 1913—1970

### THE EARLY YEARS

And also acknowledged as the oldest scout group still in existence  
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# 1st Vange Boy Scouts

## The Funerals.

### Impressive Scene.



The funerals of the three victims of the explosion took place at Pitsea Church yard on Wednesday, when there was a very impressive and moving scene. The three graves, side by side were in nearly the centre of the Anglican portion of the new graveyard, in line with the south door of the church. There was a congregation of over 500 people.

Numerous relatives and friends of the deceased attended as mourners, the factory proprietors and staff were well represented, and in addition to the many from the village and places near, there were present post men under Mr Cook, postmaster of Pitsea, police under Sergeant Coe, and members of the Buffalo Lodge in regalia, and boy Scouts, etc.

A contingent of the Boy Scouts bought up the rear. In the church yard the 1st Vange Boy Scouts under Scoutmaster Western, were drawn up as a guard of honour.

*Chelmsford Chronicle April 1913*

Before 1919 either the Scout Troop or the local Scout District would have kept the records.

And this is the only mention of 1st Vange Boy Scouts that I have come across.

In 1911 - 1924 There was a Lewis Richard Western ?living in Bull Road, Vange.