



# CONGLETON GANG SHOW "OUR GANG" 2024



## AUDITIONS

This is an invitation for all Congleton based Cubs & Brownies, Scouts & Guides, Explorers & Rangers, Network and Leaders/Uniformed Adults to come and audition to join the cast of **OUR GANG 2024**, our 26<sup>th</sup> show.

Auditions will be held at Dane Valley Scout HQ, Rope Walk, CW12 1HN  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024\* - Junior cast - Scouts & Guides – 10am to noon**  
(register at 9:45am for 10am start)

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024\* - Cubs & Brownies – 1pm to 2:30pm**  
(register at 12:45pm for 1pm start)

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Senior cast - Explorers, Rangers, Network & Adults –  
7:30pm to 9.30pm**  
(register at 7:15pm for 7:30pm start)

(\* if you cannot attend on the Sunday then please come along to the Tuesday evening audition)

You will need to be there for the **whole** audition time, start to end, as you will participate throughout. Please audition for the section you will be invested in by the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**What happens at the audition?** – As a section you will learn/sing a song and learn a dance together, the production team will be listening and looking to see how you perform – so try your best. You will not be asked to do anything on your own unless you want to, it will be very much like a rehearsal and how you will be expected to perform on the stage. If you would like to showcase a talent, play an instrument or do a solo then please bring your own music/recording and ensure you mention this as you register so we can create time at the end of the audition to listen to these.

**What to wear** – Comfortable clothes (you may get warm), that you can dance/move in with trainers or dance shoes.

**What to bring** – You must have completed the online registration form prior to the auditions. Bring a bottle of water, any inhalers/medication you may need, and lots of enthusiasm and smiles.

Register your interest in auditioning - [congletongangshow.co.uk/cast-information](http://congletongangshow.co.uk/cast-information)

Good luck and thank you for auditioning for this year's show.

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## Frequently asked questions

**What is "Our Gang"?** This is Congleton's Scout and Guide Gang show which is a variety show of singing, dancing, acting and entertainment. Performed biannually, and solely by the Congleton Scouting and Guiding community since 1972. "Our Gang" performs at the Daneside Theatre, Congleton for a week of performances, normally with a cast of around 100 members.

Like our last show the defining of our show content originates from the ideas from the young people captured as members of the production team visit the sections.

**What's the cost?** Unlike other shows in Congleton, to be in "Our Gang", you just need to be an active member in Scouting or Guiding and commit your time to rehearsals. We do expect each family to commit to sell as many tickets as possible ideally a minimum 10 or more to ensure we have a fantastic full house audience each night to perform to. Plus, as directed by our wardrobe team, provide show footwear and some basic costume items like socks/underwear, white shirt, black trousers/leggings – exact needs will be confirmed as the show items are decided in September.

**What's involved?** Three months of rehearsals at Dane Valley Scout HQ starting from the 8th September 2024 until the show, including during half term.

Rehearsing every Sunday:                Cubs and Brownies - 12pm to 1:30pm  
   Junior Cast – 2pm – 4:00pm\*

Senior Cast – 3pm\* – 5pm

Rehearsing every Tuesday:            Junior Cast – 7pm\* – 9pm  
   Senior Cast – 7:30pm\* – 9:30pm\*

\*times can vary depending on the items being rehearsed.

### Key rehearsals at the Daneside Theatre

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 12pm – 6 pm - All Sections
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 7pm – 9:30pm - Junior & Senior cast as called
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: 6pm – 9pm - all sections - 1<sup>st</sup> Act Dress Rehearsal
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: 6pm – 9.30pm - Junior & Senior cast - 2<sup>nd</sup> Act Dress Rehearsal

### Show dates – You must be available for every show

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, preview rehearsal matinee (afternoon) and evening opening performance.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December through to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December evening performances
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, afternoon matinee and evening performances

**What happens after the audition?** We thank everyone who auditions for making the production team volunteers role a tough one, as sadly we only have a finite number of places to offer for each section, due to the size of the theatre dressing rooms etc and to keep people safe. We aim to contact auditionees by the end of May whether you have been selected for the cast or not. For those not successful this time, we shall keep you on the standby list in case anyone does not accept the role or drops out before rehearsals commence.