

## **The hand and the cup**

(From Di Wilcox)

The parts of the hand were arguing over who was the most important.

The thumb said “I am the most important as I sit out by myself (and I am needed to thumb a lift).

The index finger said “I am the most important as I am the one that points to things – such as recalcitrant scouts.”

The middle finger said “I must be the most important since I am taller than the rest of you”

The fourth finger said “I must be the most important since I am the one that is adorned by rings”

The little finger said “I am the baby – and everyone knows babies are the most important”

At this stage the palm entered the conversation. It invited the thumb to pick up a cup by itself – you try it.

It then invited each of the fingers in turn to attempt the same task – try it.

The only way to successfully drink your morning tea or coffee is for the parts of your hand to work together.

**I want you spend a minute to quietly think of how you will try and work together with your team to improve scouting in your area.**