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Scouts

Nottinghamshire



Hi everyone

I hope you are keeping well and safe.

To help encourage and recognise the great efforts that everyone is putting into virtual Scouting we are launching a County wide – 'Scouting at Home' badge. The badge is there for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Adults to achieve and can be worn on the uniform. Please can I ask that everyone supports this by circulating to your Groups and Sections? We have intentionally tried to keep things as administratively light as possible.

Details of the badge criteria including a competition for the design are attached with this e-mail and will also be available at www.notts-scouts.org.uk and our social media channels. We have also pulled together a simple Q&A sheet for leaders to help you promote the badge. I look forward to seeing as many young people and adults as possible wearing the badge when we return to face-to-face Scouting.

A special thank you to Ed Hewes for taking a lead on the badge and making it happen!

Take care and keep Scouting!

Steven Tupper

County Commissioner



Ongoing Safety and Safeguarding Training - Don't be an April Fool

For all adults in Scouting, Safety of our young people must be our first priority, here in Nottinghamshire we are taking this very seriously. We are continuing to send emails out to all adults in Nottinghamshire whose Safety or Safeguarding is overdue.

If your safety or safeguarding is overdue you may have also received a letter from Tim Kidd (UK Chief Commissioner) urging you to complete the training online. Please do this as soon as possible.

You can complete the training by following the links below, once completed please send your certificate (a screen shot is adequate) to office@notts-scouts.org.uk and also to the Gilwell address you have been given in Tim's email.

Safeguarding Training (Link) <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4050/safeguarding-awareness-online-training?moduleID=10>

Safety Training (Link) <https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/2364/safety-training?cat=299,301&moduleID=10>

It takes an hour, an hour to make Scouting in your section a safer place for you and your young people. Those of you that do not complete the training, you will be asked to attend a virtual appointment review, the outcome will be Renew (unlikely) Reassign (probable) or Retire (possible).

DBS checks during the coronavirus suspension

The decision has been taken nationally to stop processing disclosure applications and re-checks during the face-to-face suspension of Scouting. This will be the case until the suspension on face-to-face Scout meetings and activities is lifted.

What this means during the Coronavirus situation

- Volunteers will not be suspended when a disclosure re-check has not been undertaken and a valid disclosure obtained.
- Volunteer line managers will continue to receive the reminder and suspension emails as these are automated through Compass. While this isn't ideal, it isn't practicable nor cost effective at this time to stop these being sent. During this period please disregard these emails (although they may be of use to create a list of those volunteers who will need to process a disclosure re-check when the suspension on face-to-face Scout meetings and activities is lifted).
- Volunteer line managers should not add any new adults during the Coronavirus situation and should not process the suspension of volunteers during this period.

Volunteers whose disclosure expires during this period may continue to meet digitally, following the [advice and guidance issued on holding virtual meetings](#) to make sure we keep all members safe.

Processing disclosure applications and re-checks when the suspension on face-to-face Scout meetings and activities is lifted

Once face-to-face Scout activities and meetings resume, new disclosure applications can commence and volunteers whose disclosure has expired will be able to continue in their roles for a limited period before suspension will be necessary if a valid disclosure is not obtained. National will set a date when all volunteers who don't have a valid disclosure must start the process to renew their disclosure. The limited period will be 90 days from that date for those volunteers to obtain a valid disclosure.



Calling all Explorer Scouts—your help is needed.

We would like you to design the front of a certificate to Recognise the “Time In Scouting” you have given from being in Beavers to the end of your Explorer time.

It should be in an A4 format, include the County Logo, space for the name, Explorer Unit and District of the recipient and space for the County Commissioner to sign and date it.

The rest is up to you.



Please send any designs to the County Office by (end of April).



Other news in training

Wood badge Training

We have taken the decision to suspend all face to face training until September but there are other ways you can do some of the learning to help towards your woodbadge. Over the coming weeks if you are working towards a wood badge for your role and you don't know who your training adviser is you should be notified who is there to help you.

The table on page 4 gives you the links to training you can already do that is available online, we are working hard behind the scenes to find ways to deliver the training that is currently not available online.

Getting Started Modules - 1,3,and GDPR

These should be completed by all Leaders and Section Assistants in the first 5 months of your appointment

The learning can all be completed online and once completed please send certificates (a screen shot is adequate) to your TA, LTM or office@notts-scouts.org.uk so that it can be recorded on compass.

For validation of these modules there will be workbooks available online in the coming week. These are important modules for all new Leaders to ensure they understand the Scouting policies, Safety and Safeguarding.



Manager and Supporter Training

Getting Started - Modules 1,4 and GDPR

Training for all appointments - 5,6,7,11,12a

Management Modules - LMM, LMA,LMP,LMW,LME,LMU,LMS

All the independent Learning modules are available online plus a guide to the validation areas

<https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk/modules/managers-supporters/>

For new managers and supporters we are offering a Webinar session in districts - news of these will be available via your district

For more information about training go to training.notts-scouts.org.uk



County Office

The County Office is operational—the phone number and email addresses remain the same .

If you need to post any item to us—please send to 9 Crow Lane, Ollerton, Notts, NG22 9DL.

Module	Training
1 Essentials	e-learning
2 PLP	To be agreed with TA/LTM
3 Tools for the role	e-learning
GDPR	e-learning
5 Fundamentals	e-learning
6 History	Video
7 Scouting for all	*
8 Skills of leadership	*
9 Working with adults	*
10 First aid	**
11 Administration	Workbook
12 a Delivering a quality programme	e-learning
12 b Programme planning	*
13 Growing the section	Workbook
14 Supporting Young People	Workbook
15 Promoting positive behaviour	Workbook
16 Introduction to Residential experiences	*
17 Running Safe Activities	Workbook
18 Practical Skills	*
19 International	*
38 Skills for residential Experiences	**
Manager and supporter -Independent learning	All resources available on-line



Training continued :-

Validation

What is validation? Validation is about confirming that someone is able to do what they are supposed to be able to do. It is about confirming that the required learning has taken place by checking what the learner has done with it in practice

This is an ideal time when we are not face to face scouting to dust off your training files and sort out the evidence you need to validate your training. The link below gives you some guidelines for the evidence you need.

 [Guide for evidence you need for validating Modules 5 to 19.pdf](#)

Gather the evidence, ask other leaders in your sections to complete a Witness testimony where you need them.

Witness testimony for modules 5-9, 11, 14 and 15

 [Witness Testimony for Modules 5 to 9 plus 11 and 15.pdf](#)

Witness Testimony Modules 12-14, 16-19

 [Witness Testimony For Modules 12-19.pdf](#)



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