

May 2020 (2)

Scouts

Nottinghamshire



Hello to all Nottinghamshire Scouters from my brand-new home office (formerly my dining room table).

I am sure that you are all facing many challenges in terms of trying to manage new things. This may be working harder than ever, navigating shielding, working from home, managing to home school your own children, furlough, the list goes on. However, what is absolutely remarkable is that you continue to dedicate time and effort to support local scouting on top of everything else.

Thank you for everything that you are doing to keep things going when our normal scouting methods are not an option. Please continue to use the social media channels to celebrate the great things that you are doing with your young people. Staying connected is something to smile about in these strange times!

Moira Cordon
County Chair



Maintenance of Scout HQs/Campsites

Despite face to face Scouting being suspended we understand that time does not stand still. Grass keeps growing and safety checks need to continue for insurance purposes. Advice from Gilwell is that essential maintenance can now continue, but for this to happen it is important for:

- 1, A risk assessment to be in place and followed
- 2, Government social distancing guidelines must be followed
- 3, No young people to be involved (Under 18's)
- 4, No lone working where there is a use of machinery, working at height or where the risk assessment states there should be more than one person.

https://www.scouts.org.uk/coronavirus?dm_i=31ME,11HIU,3D77ZF,3YXYQ,1

Programme Team

FUN IN THE SUN!!

Well, what can I say? It's not even summer and it "AIN'T Half Hot Mum!!"

Maybe camping would have been in order ,but ...hot in the tents, continually checking they've got sun cream on, wearing a hat, water stations, finding the shade, antihistamines, running water games, carrying endless buckets of water etc., etc.. Maybe as Leaders (if you are still on lock down), a cold drink and sun bed is a better bet.

Our gardens maybe more inviting but our young people have been camping at home, making tents among furniture, and having fun "Joining In". Helping others, baking, crafting and much more... ALL A TRIBUTE TO YOU LEADERS keeping them active.

Sections are still having on line events and are keeping in touch. Badges too if they wish, trust you are supporting our District Youth Commissioners with their AT HOME Badge initiative. So it's still happening out there and it's all down to efforts of our Leaders and Parents. I say Parents as they too are running events online for Groups. Sitting here, I think it is perhaps a good time to say **THANK YOU** to those supporting your Groups, if not already done so. Just a card or a bunch of flowers, will help continue to keep their support and involvement over the coming weeks. You can get Bear Grylls cards from Scouts branding online or make your own. Are there a couple of Parents helping give your HQ a coat of paint in readiness for reopening? Maybe helping you review safety in the building? Just a **THANK YOU** goes a long way. Why not ask a Patrol Leader or an Explorer to organise on your behalf giving them a responsible task they can gain that sense of achievement.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN KEEPING THE PROGRAMME ALIVE, AS SOON AS WE CAN, GET BACK TO FACE TO FACE WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE FUN TOGETHER, AND IF IT'S A BIT COOLER, LIGHT THE CAMPFIRE AND HAND OUT THE HOT CHOCOLATE!!..oh I wish!!

Keep it simple, Keep safe

Jock Shaw

DCC Programme



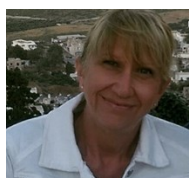
Notts Scouts AGM

The AGM for the Nottinghamshire Scouts is on Sunday 28th June 2020 at 2pm, via Microsoft Teams.

If you would like to be part of this meeting contact the County Office by 18th June 2020.

Email : office@notts-scouts.org.uk

Telephone: 0115 952 3617



Jayne



Paula



Training Team

Congratulations to the 12 members who have completed their woodbadge during Lock Down.

Everyone who has completed their wood badge this year, will have your certificates and Woodbeads presented once we resume face to face Scouting.

Don't forget your Safety and Safeguarding Training

Christine Sheard

DCC People





The National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band BIRMINGHAM 2020



Lock-Down Orchestra

As you may now be aware, we have had to make the unfortunate decision of cancelling the NSGSO and NSGCB summer course for 2020 due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19. Whilst we are all incredibly disappointed to be in this position, we have been keeping in touch with our 2020 participants during lock-down and are delighted to share with you our very own Lock-down Orchestra performance!

The full performance can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/tlMV-x5Kfrc>

Featuring 94 musicians from across our 2019 and 2020 participants, led by both of our conductors, Leon Gee and Neil Wright, we present to you a one of a kind performance of 'The Gang's All Here' by Rodney Newton, originally written for the Scout Centenary in 2007.

We are also on our open NSGSO and NSGCB Facebook page.

Friends of NSGSO and NSGCB

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our Friends Community, which brings together alumni, families, and supporters of music in The Scout Association and Girlguiding. We have a mailing list which keeps our community up to date with the latest developments from the NSGSO and NSGCB and gives advance notice of our concerts. It is free to join, so please head to apply.nsgso.com to sign up or email friends@nsgso.com to find out more.

NSGSO and NSGCB 2021

Finally looking ahead to 2021, we are delighted to be able to announce that we have secured the prestigious booking of Coventry Cathedral for our main concert, which will coincide with Coventry being the UK City of Culture for 2021. We will be hosting a spectacular joint concert with both the Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band on Saturday 7th August 2021 and look forward to sharing more details with you all in due course. Our website is at apply.nsgso.com.

We wish you all the best for all that you are doing to keep your members going at this difficult time.

Jill Bowman

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