

May 2020

Scouts

Nottinghamshire



I've been reflecting to people over the past week how things actually feel busier lockdown. From what I can see I know that this is the same for many volunteers across Nottinghamshire as well. I thought I'd share a list of areas the County are working on, some of them you will have heard of, others you will be hearing more about soon. Some will also feel like business as usual, but they are just as important.

- Online young leader training
- Improving ongoing learning and training compliance
- Home Scouting badge - <https://notts-scouts.org.uk/scouting-at-home/>
- Key role recruitment – District Commissioner, County Youth Commissioner and Deputy County Commissioner - People
- Promoting and encouraging “top awards”
- Leader reviews
- Regular team and committee meetings

There is a growing amount of coronavirus information and guidance on the national website – topics include UK Headquarters, Scouts at home, events, travel, membership fees and financial support, executive committees, buildings and disclosures. Information can be found here:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/coronavirus>

Keep safe and well.

Steven

Steven Tupper

County Commissioner



Bassetlaw District Commissioner recruitment – closing date Sunday 24 May

We are looking to recruit a new District Commissioner in Bassetlaw. This is a great opportunity to shape Scouting both in Bassetlaw and within the County. If you are interested in applying further information can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3bPGDDr>. Alternatively contact Steven at steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk

Keeping Facebook up to date

There are two Facebook groups that we use to promote Scouting across Nottinghamshire. We are about to start a spring clean on both of them.

1. **Nottinghamshire Scouts** – this is an internal page for our adult members to share ideas including what they are doing. We regularly review membership of the group so we can make it a safe space for everyone. As the group often contains media and content concerning young people, we need to ensure that only members with a current DBS have access to this. We are going to start working through members on this group who do not have a valid DBS and remove them. If you are removed and you think there has been a mistake please reapply, we'd love to hear from you.

2. **Notts Scouts** – this is our external shop window showcasing what we are doing across the County. We need to be really careful what we post, however want to make it easier to promote the great things we do. As a result we will be changing the settings and you will now be able to submit a post to an admin to approve and post. We will keep this under review but we are confident this will help us to better promote what we do.



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. Thank you



A Cub from Clipstone raises £230 for BBC Comic Relief and Children in Need

Connor a Cub Scout from the 1st Clipstone Scout Group has raised £230 whilst undertaking the Hike to the Moon.

For those who haven't heard of this project, here's how it worked, young people, volunteers, parents and carers were asked to hike 240,000 miles to the moon. If everyone hiked 1 mile about 2,000 steps at home or in the garden, this challenge could be completed.

Scouting At Home Badge

Don't forget the 'design a badge . The details are on the link below.

The closing date is the 1st June so get those designs in.

<https://notts-scouts.org.uk/scouting-at-home/>

To achieve this badge, you should:

1. **Enter at least one badge design** into the County competition using the design template.

2. **Complete at least one badge per month, at home.** This can be from your current section or, if you are due to move up in Summer, you could start your new section's badges. Adults can choose a badge from whichever section you like! All badges at their criteria can be found [here](#).

3. **Submit your evidence form** to your Section Leader as you complete each section — ask your parents to help you with this.

4. **Return to Scouting once normal weekly meetings resume**



Programme Team

Again, we are all isolated for a little longer, but as Scouts we are still active. With tents in lounges and bedrooms, baking with Mums, Thursday night clapping in uniform, virtual videos and more we are enjoying this new experience. Keeping it Simple works, and here's one for those budding artistic sports fans among the County.



SCOUT ASSOCIATION COMPETITION:

Win a Manchester United signed shirt. One for each section, Beavers, Cubs etc.).



Design a shirt competition

Challenge your young people to design a football shirt and they could have a chance to win a Manchester United FC shirt that's been signed by the players on the men's team!

Send them your young people's designs and they could win a football shirt signed by members of the first team men's squad!

FIRST GO TO: scouts.org.uk/supporters/manchester-united-foundation

to see details and download a template. (read data obligation for data privacy).

Then : send your young people a template etc.

And get them to:

Email their entries to: designashirt@scouts.org.uk

or you can post them to:

Design a Shirt Competition, The Scouts, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4 7QW

Deadline to receive designs: 15 August 2020.

Please include the email address of a responsible adult so that they can contact you if you are the winner.



At this time there are many older people isolated at home. How about designing a card with our scout sign on, saying that your group/section are thinking of you all and perhaps, "if you need help, let us know at and we can perhaps put you in touch with someone to help." send/or get adult to deliver to just a local neighbour you know of.

Maybe add a smiley face or draw a bunch of flowers to cheer them up. We are lucky to have a family together, they may not.

In the meantime, hopefully not long to go, so BE PREPARED for that day when it arrives, have your programme ready for fun.

Keep safe

Jock Shaw

DCC Programme.

