

# June 2020

# Scouts

Nottinghamshire



Hi everyone

I hope you are keeping safe and well. It is great to see so much Scouting continue to take place across the County – to everyone who is making it happen thank you! Please share what you do on the Nottinghamshire Scouts Facebook page so that others can benefit from your great ideas.

We don't yet know what the Scouting restart will look like, or even when it might be. However to help us contend with the unknown then ultimately succeed with the known we are appointing a County restart lead and Districts are being encouraged to do the same. The aim of the roles is to provide support to Groups and Sections allowing Section Leaders to do what they do best – running programmes. Expect to hear from these roles soon.

Take care, stay safe and keep Scouting.

Steven

**Steven Tupper**

**County Commissioner**



## Training Team

Nottinghamshire Scouts are running young Leader Training sessions so that young Leaders can hit the ground running when we return, as well as support online meetings where these are currently happening. All sessions will take place over zoom and are open to any young Leaders in the county.

Monday 29th June - Module D: Understanding Behaviour

Monday 13th July - Module H: Programme Planning

Monday 27th July - Modules C&J: That's the way to do it! & Communicate it!

All at 7:30PM. They can sign up at <http://www.notts-scouts.org.uk/young-leaders-signup>

Hello Scout Leaders

We were so excited when we saw your *Care for Care Homes* initiative in the National Press and felt we wanted to add our encouragements. We know how much the *Acts of Kindness* to be offered by your young people will impact on care home residents. Those little acts of kindness will make such a difference - bringing much needed smiles and brightening the days of not only the residents but also the staff who are working so hard to keep everyone well – in both body, mind and spirit. Please do get in touch with your local care homes. We know you'll be most welcomed and appreciated.

**Eileen Ross**

Community Support Worker –  
Dementia Outreach

Integrated Care Homes Service -  
Nottingham CityCare Partnership



## Taken from the Treasurers newsletter from The Scout Association

**New funding support.** We know that funding is a priority for you right now. We've developed our [grants and funds web pages](#) to support you with everything from writing the application to tips on online fundraising.

We also want to highlight:

We've teamed up with University of Kent to get free access to their [online Fundraising for Non-Fundraisers course](#).

For those based in England, make sure you check out the [new National Lottery Fund](#) that's been made available to support local charities.

**John Asplin**

**County Finance Manager**



## Programme Team

Again thanks for your continued efforts in keeping Scouting going through these tough times.

Your on line activities take a lot of time and thought in putting together and in a recent approach by our local Army Battalion, we are e-mailing all **CUB & SCOUT** Leaders with a **Fun Challenge** to pass on "**ready to use**". (all done for you!) This fits that age group perfectly.

Also been in further discussion with them, and there will be a lot they can offer all ages once we return face to face. Details we will send out at a later date.

To all Leaders out there, **THANK YOU** for keep the momentum going. Keep It Simple, HAVE FUN! and keep sharing your ideas on our FACEBOOK page so all can find something to perhaps fit their Programme .

**Jock Shaw**

**DCC Programme**



## Development – Need a little help with your restart plans?

Hope you are all keeping safe and well, great to see all the various ideas to keep scouting going at home.

Let us also take the opportunity to take stock of where we are by either putting together or reviewing our development plans. Those with their own Headquarters/Campsites will already have seen the advice about checking your buildings etc. making sure they are safe, but we also need to make some plans on how we will operate our Groups/Districts after the lockdown.

The only thing that is certain is that there will be some stricter guidelines that we will have to work with, a level of social distancing and stricter hygiene levels, but will all of your young people and Leaders come back? During lockdown we have talked about keeping in touch with our Young people, providing Scouting online at home, but are we keeping in touch with our Leaders/Helpers? Have the circumstances of our Leaders changed?? How do we recruit new Leaders?

What useful tools can we use?

The four- week Challenge. Challenge parents and others to volunteer for just Four Weeks, if they like it you have some new helpers/Leaders, if not, they can have a certificate and a thank you from you and add some volunteering experience for their CV

Name Generating evenings (you can do this online), If you need Leaders or a new Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or someone for a specific task within the Group/District, you can use this method to generate a list of names of people to ask. Decide what role you need to cover, what sort of person you are looking for, and how long do you want them to do it for. Invite a number of people who are not necessary connected to the Group to a name generation evening. It's really easy to do. The Group does not have to just be made up of existing Scouts – try other members of the community – the Head Teacher of a local school, PTA members, the local PCSO etc. Don't forget, Explorers and Network members will also know lots of potential volunteers. We don't want them to volunteer but to nominate people who they think you could ask to get involved. Your list of potential volunteers can include both people new to Scouting, and a selection of old hands. Don't write people off just because you think they may be too busy or not interested – they might surprise you.

- Meet somewhere where everyone is relaxed and comfortable you can do this online via skype/Zoom.
- If you are meeting in person, ensure you offer light refreshments
- Online or in Person, explain that you are not asking them to volunteer - you just want their connections!
- Remind them that suggesting someone for the list does not commit that person to anything.
- Think about different 'types' of people – teachers, parents, and local business people.
- Encourage lots of discussion about the skills needed and the people they know that have those skills.
- It can be helpful to have some prompts, for example, a role description, a list of local people, the local Scout directory.
- You may find you can recruit a few people to carry out the tasks you need doing rather than one person for a specific role.

There are lots of other ideas, for advice go to: [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and go to member's resources, then click on recruiting adults and click on the link, there you will find information about recruiting adults and young people, and the resources to help you run them. [www.scouts.org.uk/growing-scouts](http://www.scouts.org.uk/growing-scouts)

And of course, I am always here to help

Keep safe

**Phil Herriot**

**Deputy County Commissioner-Development**



## New Safeguarding Training

This month has seen the release of a new Safeguarding Training e-learning course. This has replaced the previous online course. It has been developed to work on all platforms including mobile devices. Safeguarding Training is mandatory for all adult appointments it should be completed as a new adult and kept up to date by all. The training provides all the information you require to keep young people and vulnerable adults safe in scouting, at the end there is an assessment which is validation for the training. You should also have a yellow card to help you and use as a reminder of how we keep everyone safe whilst Scouting.

[https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/learning-development-and-awards/ongoing-training-for-all/safeguarding/?dm\\_i=31ME,11KO0,69IBAF,3ZCKG,1](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/learning-development-and-awards/ongoing-training-for-all/safeguarding/?dm_i=31ME,11KO0,69IBAF,3ZCKG,1)

If you have received a reminder from The County Office please complete the training as soon as possible and send the completed certificate to [office@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:office@notts-scouts.org.uk) so we can update your record. In addition if you have received a letter from Gilwell please follow instructions given to you.

Watch this space as new training comes on line over the coming months.

Stay Safe and keep up the fantastic work you are doing providing Scouting for so many young people across Nottinghamshire



Christine Sheard  
DCC People