

November 2020



Scouts
Nottinghamshire



Hello to everyone.

I hope that 'Lockdown 2' is going ok for you and your families. It certainly feels very different to the Summer when we had lighter nights. The Scouting community has provided some important friendships for me over the time that I have been with the organisation and I know that you will be the same. Stay in touch with each other by whatever means you can and reach out to your scouting friends and colleagues when you need it. One day we will be able to meet in person again.

Thank you for everything that you are doing to continue to keep group contact and online activities for your young people going. Whilst some will engage more than others it will be very important for some. I know that Steven will keep us updated about plans for resuming any other contact when we get more information in Early December. Thank you also to Steven and his team for reacting to the constant change and uncertainty to keep everyone properly informed.

Finally, Happy Diwali to those of you celebrating this month.



Moira Cordon
County Chair



Zoom Buddys?

We're back to a world of Zoom-ing and virtual Scouting but this hasn't stopped our groups throughout Nottinghamshire; you've shown fantastic spirit and ingenuity with this and delivered some amazing programmes for our young people! We've had escape rooms, virtual hikes, baking, craft making, quizzes and much, much more, so thank you for allowing Scouting to continue!

We understand that some groups may struggle to deliver online programmes, so could your group help? Could you buddy up with another group to run a joint virtual programme? If you can, please speak to your District Restart Champion (or District Commissioner). We want to ensure all young people in Nottinghamshire are able to access Scouting, in whatever format it is being delivered, so the cooperation of groups, and sharing of ideas and resources is key to this.

If you're stuck for ideas, The Scout Association have a range of activity ideas suitable for all sections on their website - www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/covid-19-safe-programme-ideas

Keep up the superb work you are doing!

Jack Beresford

County Restart Champion

Programme Team

"And now for something different Part 2"

Last month we mentioned Kinoulton out and about, 7th Retford winning prizes in their Community and Keyworth with their annual VIRKEY TROT. Well here are just two more stories to show we are still providing Programmes, coming to the rescue and still Scouting in Nottinghamshire!! If "you" have a story to share, drop me a line at:

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Keep safe, just do what you can to keep your Groups together, have fun, and remember family first. Here we go with your stories for November:

DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS

Once again, 2nd Ranskill Explorer Unit happily announce not one, but **three more** Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards for **Bassetlaw**. **Katie Skelton** from 2nd Ranskill Unit, **Holly Mia Roach** and **Matthew Watson** both from Scorpion ESU Retford, have achieved this Top Award, a credit to all of them and their Unit Leaders. Thanks go to the tremendous leadership and dedication of Caroline Kersel, Liz Cooper and team in continuing to encourage and help young people to achieve. Thanks also to Dave Henson, our County D of E Advisor who is always available to support. Across Nottinghamshire Unit Leaders continue to encourage and provide activities resulting in success (13 Golds this year plus Silvers and Bronzes). Here's to even more when this virus is beaten. AND er.... don't forget to go that little extra for that QUEEN SCOUT AWARD.

SCOUTING IN MANSFIELD HELPING OTHERS

Scout Leaders across the Mansfield area have not allowed the corona virus pandemic to stop them from helping others over the past few months. When Rumbles catering project at Clipstone was struggling to deliver food parcels, it asked 1st Clipstone Scout Group to help. Group Scout Leader Jim Gibson knew they could come up with a solution and offered its minibus. Then four adult leaders — husbands and wives Steven and Karen Gough and Jason and Rebecca Truscott — stepped up to help. For three months they gave up their time every weekend to deliver more than 270 food parcels to key workers, the NHS, and those struggling in the community.

Leaders Tony Nolan and Louise Bailey delivered emergency food parcels from Dukeries District Food bank Ollerton also collecting and delivering prescriptions. Stuart Harper, Assistant Scout Leader, made almost 500 visors on his 3D printer and distributed them to GP surgeries, nursing homes and NHS

4th Mansfield Woodhouse have manned their headquarters to serve their local food bank.

Throughout the crisis, Scouting in Mansfield has continued 'virtually' to keep its young people engaged and its Leaders supported.

1st Bilsthorpe Scouts managed face to face meetings on their programme following the extra efforts of their Leaders. 1st Forest Town continue to engage with their respective leaders over social media, providing different activities in their programme.

So keep it going and Keep Safe keep your stories coming in.

Next month: More news (send me something to share) & HEROES Competition Prize Winners.

Jock Shaw
DCC Programme



[4Uth awards 2020: how you can nominate inspirational young people from Nottinghamshire](#)

Please send in your nominations, and spread the word.

For full details of eligibility, or to nominate, please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/4uthnominations2020
www.home.nottscc.gov.uk/news/news/4uth-awards-2020-how-you-can-nominate-inspirational-young-people-from-nottinghamshire

4Uth Awards

This year's 4uth awards marks the tenth anniversary and despite the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic, 4uth will be happening. This year it will recognise and celebrate those who have given something back to their community during Covid 19 and this year nominations will be available for groups as well as individuals. Launch date is Monday 28th September which is when nominations open. The nomination form will be sent out by email.

As the youth service has had a period of re focus to support the most vulnerable young people in Nottinghamshire over recent months nominations will be heavily reliant on youth workers exploring their networks within their districts - e.g. schools, PCSO's, community groups, local resident committees etc. This will enable colleagues to re connect with their district contacts as well as nominate young people.

Young people should be nominated because they have achieved at an outstanding level within their own personal boundaries. For example, a young person who has delivered shopping to shielding residents in their community could be considered as could a group of young people who have found a way to continue a hobby or interest group by moving on line and supporting each other through lock down.

Essentially the award may be presented to someone who has found a way to continue with their interests in a creative supportive way or someone else who has made an outstanding contribution to their community.

The awards ceremony will be online where each district winner will be presented with a community champion award. – please note there will not be an overall winner this year.

Closing date for nominations is 30th November

The award ceremony will be held in January 2021 date TBC

Any questions please drop me an email; Kate Whitby

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Good Service Awards



Bar to the Silver Acorn

Richard Housden Ashfield District



Award for Merit

Chris Blockley Central Notts
 Sarah Bell SW Notts
 Adam Godden SW Notts
 Geoff Hampson SW Notts
 Penny Mackay Rushcliffe
 Paul Mellors Central Notts
 Neil Wykes Rushcliffe

Chief Scout Commendation



Anne Allison Central Notts
 Nicholas Atkin Central Notts
 Glenn Batchlor Rushcliffe
 Janice Bradley Rushcliffe
 James Dennis Central Notts
 Heather Hattersley Central Notts
 Leanne Hughes Rushcliffe
 Joshua Kingsley Rushcliffe
 Stephen Martin Central Notts
 Andrew Peters Rushcliffe
 Kirstie Phipp Rushcliffe
 Kiran Patel Rushcliffe
 Simon Rees Rushcliffe
 Nigel Shaw Rushcliffe
 James Ward Rushcliffe
 Marc Wright Central Notts

Congratulations to all the Leaders who have received Awards, they are well deserved.

The Scout Association

We're so pleased to announce that HRH The Duchess of Cambridge recently became Joint President of the Scouts, working alongside HRH The Duke of Kent to champion the power of Scouting and oversee the council – our governing body.

Her first move was to thank every volunteer across the UK for their brilliant work supporting families and communities during this challenging year. HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, who has helped Scouts in so many ways over the last eight years, kindly agreed to take on this historic role and is the first woman to hold the post in the movement's 113-year history.



County Office

The County Office building is closed however Jayne and Paula are still available to help with any queries.

The Charity Shop is also closed, but hopefully both the Office and the Shop will reopen on the 3rd December.

Garth Ellis a long standing Scouter, member of the County Team, Gang Show aficionado and Charity Shop volunteer had a special birthday on the 17th November, congratulations Garth.

