

January 2021

Happy New Year



Scouts
Nottinghamshire



Hi everyone

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year – more importantly still, I hope that it was safe for you and your loved ones.

Despite us all being back in a national lockdown and all Scouting activities being delivered virtually I know that it remains exceptionally busy. Everyone remains under a variety of different pressures and it essential that we keep being kind to one another and provide virtual support where we can.

For the remainder of my spiel, I wanted to focus on census and further help that is on its way.

1, Census

This years census is probably the most important one in the history of our county – without it we are simply not going to know which Groups and Sections need the support. There are 3 clear messages from me on census:

1. Please complete it accurately in the knowledge that financial support will be there for Groups and Sections who need it.
2. Census is not a numbers game – it is a team game. We can't help the struggling parts of the team if we don't know where they are.
3. There will be a further census in October 2021 with delayed capitation until February/March 2022. Support will be available for this as well.

2, Help is on the way!

We have listened to you and understand that finance is actually not the largest concern in many Groups – the loss of adults and young people most certainly are though. There are 2 countywide initiatives that will shortly be rolled out to help:

A set of **adult recruitment materials** are being professionally designed and produced. They aim to provide the “starter for 10” conversation for Leaders to talk with potential volunteers across a variety of roles – Leaders, Supporters, Trustees etc. The materials will also be designed for use on social media and a campaign will be designed around them too. In addition to the materials we are looking to make sure the induction process runs smoother – we simply have to make the most of every individual who volunteers for us.

County wide **Beaver recruitment campaign**. We know that during the pandemic a large number of Beavers will have moved up to Cubs – meaning numbers will be low. A strong Beaver colony is an essential part of a thriving group so we want to make sure colonies recover quickly. All young people in Nottinghamshire of Beaver age will be contacted through schools. This will be through a flier that also doubles up as a craft, an electronic version will also be available. Young people wishing to join will be coordinated via the County Office. In addition we know that first experiences are important – we will be providing at least a terms worth of programme ideas for all Beaver colonies to use if they wish. This should help those who need a little more support to keep their new recruits. If census shows this approach is needed in other sections then we can run something similar for them too.

Finally (and I know keep saying it but, I really do mean it), a huge thank you for everyone's efforts, - they have made and will continue to make a positive difference across our county.

Stay safe and be kind.

Steven Tupper
County Commissioner



All County video call – Monday 1 February, 19:30-20:30

2021 is going to be a really important year for Scouting in Nottinghamshire. We want to make sure you get the chance to talk with the County and equally we want to listen. To help with this, we are going to try running a county wide video call, it will have a short introduction at the beginning but then the remaining part of the hour will be over to you to ask any questions you like.

Join by using - <https://notts-scouts.org.uk/webinar>



Training across the County

Well, 2020 what a year! As County Training Manager, I am very proud of the effort that was made across the County during what was a difficult year.



Over 70 leaders attained a wood badge which is fantastic. Validations continued despite not having face to face meetings with virtual validations working really well. Leaders from across the County from Beaver Leaders to a District Commissioner and even a Deputy County Commissioner all completed their wood badge training. **Well Done** to you all and **Thank you** to the Training Advisers and Local Training Managers for doing the validations.

Keeping everyone safe in Scouting is fundamental to what we do, whether making our headquarters and activities COVID safe or completing ongoing Safety and Safeguarding training. **Thank you** to all those of you who have completed the up-to-date Safety and Safeguarding Training.

Looking forward to 2021, we will again be asking those of you who have not completed Safety and Safeguarding to complete it, more training events are being planned with some modules being presented virtually these will be advertised as soon as they are available.

There have been a number of changes to training during the last year for details and links to getting started, Safety, Safeguarding and exec training go to www.training.notts-scouts.org.uk.

Quick guide to changes

All Leaders must complete getting started within 5 months of taking on their appointment, that is Module 1, Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR which can now be completed online, module 3 or 4 (for Managers) the learning is available online but will still need to be validated by your TA.

All Trustees must complete the Trustee Introduction module, unless trustee training was done prior to September 2020.

All adults (excluding Occasional Helpers) must complete GDPR and must keep their Safety and Safeguarding Training up to date.

All Leaders must complete their wood badge training within 3 years of starting their role

If you need any further information on what training you require for your role please look on the training website (www.training.notts-scouts.org.uk) alternatively talk to your manager, Training Adviser or Local Training Manager all should be able to help you.

I am looking forward to seeing more adults complete their training this year with the introduction of new training opportunities.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2021.

Christine Sheard
County Training Manager



Developing Skills for Life in Nottinghamshire

TOP AWARDS

Our “Top Awards” are a great way of developing Skills for Life. Every young person in every Section can work towards and be recognised for achieving them.

Everyone, including Section Leaders, Group Scout Leaders, the wider District and County Teams are there to support young people achieve a “Top Award” if they want to work for it.

For more information on “Top Awards”, please get in touch with Neil Smith. (Assistant County Commissioner for “Top Awards”). neil.smith@notts-scouts.org.uk.

To find out more on scouting awards, please visit:

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/awards>

The Top Awards are:

BEAVERS



Bronze

cubs



Silver

SCOUTS



Gold



Platinum



Diamond



**Queen's
Scout Award**

EXPLORERS +

network



Bronze



Silver



Gold

Programme



HERE WE GO..2021 !! like the DREAM song : "THINGS CAN ONLY GET BETTER"

Vaccines next, then hopefully we can beat this virus and move to getting this show back on the road. Let's await the instructions from above in order to safely move forward. With Census complete, we can decide what needs doing.

If not already doing so, you could start by contacting each other within the Group .Get together for a New Year "All Leaders in the Group" one off mass zoom. Support each other, have just a chat all together, a laugh and look forward to re-start whenever that arrives. Get to know each other a little better. Why not include Your Committee Members? Ensure they are ok and all on board and feel inclusive. Maybe check over equipment, when allowed to do so, make sure the mice haven't been keeping warm over winter. Keep those Programmes going ,there's excellent efforts continuing across the County

KEEP SENDING IN YOUR STORIES to me at: jock.shaw@notts-scouts.org.uk

Even in December, the programmes continued:

Central Notts had their first District "Leaders" Quiz. Many Leaders joined having fun along the way with winner's 5th Carlton closely followed by 3rd Woodthorpe. Following the success of their lockdown quizzes they followed that with a Festive Quiz for all, then even hosted a North Pole meeting on their Facebook page with Santa Claus and his Elf!! What a Christmas they had!!



1st Kirkby were at it again!.. Dave Boaler BSL and his team were out at "another" Drive Through. A Going up ceremony for two Beavers, an Investiture, and presenting more badges which included 2 Chief Scout Bronze Awards. More TOP AWARDS. Shelford & East Bridgford Explorers & Scouts continue with their Zoom meetings as did many others.

Keep it up with the Programme is still being delivered as we move into 2021.

Good Luck to you All and a Happy New Year to you all.

Keep safe, keep smiling ,not far to go now, let's hope fun times are just around the corner.

"Jock"

DCC Programme



County Office

Here we are in another lockdown. The County Office building is closed, and we are once more working from home. Following the lockdown last year we have upgraded our technology, so we can easily carry on supporting Scouting within Nottinghamshire.

Our email address is office@notts-scouts.org.uk and our phone number is 0115 952 3617.

When you ring the phone number you will be given some options, please choose the option which relates to the query you have.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Jayne and Paula



Bassetlaw District

Having discussed with the adults in Bassetlaw, we are looking to split the District in two, albeit under one District Executive. We are currently recruiting for the two new District Commissioners for these areas. In the meantime Steven Tupper, Jock Shaw and Steve Cumberland are continuing to look after the District and providing support where they can.

However, even more support is available too! For enquiries relating to DBS checks, Woodbadge Training, Mandatory Training, Census and General Enquiries, please contact Jayne at the County Office, she is the acting District Appointments Secretary

Options at 18

Are you an Explorer Scout or Explorer Scout Leader? Have you seen our new booklet 'Options at 18'?

All our Explorer Scout units should now have copies of our 'Options at 18' Booklet, it is designed to give Explorer Scouts approaching their 18th Birthday all the options available to them when they reach their 18th Birthday. Some of our next Leaders-Commissioners and Managers are in our Explorer Units right now.

Explorer Scouts aged 17/18yrs—Ask your Leader for one of these booklets, it will tell you everything you need to know about how to continue scouting after your 18th Birthday.

Explorer Leaders, if you need more of these booklets please email the County Office at office@notts-scouts.org.uk and we will get some more to you as soon as possible.



Phil Herriot

Deputy County Commissioner - Development



Fun Quiz



- 1 What is the title of the new James Bond film which should have been released in 2020?
- 2 Which singer was Vogue's first ever male solo cover star?
- 3 Rishi Sunar became the new Chancellor of the Exchequer. Who did he replace?
- 4 Which famous historical figure appears on the new £20 notes which were released this year?
- 5 The 2020 Olympics were postponed until next year. In which city are they due to take place?
- 6 What name was given to the first temporary Care Hospital for treating Covid 19 in London?
- 7 Boris Johnson became a father again. What are the baby's names?
- 8 Which footballer wrote to the Government calling for an end to child poverty in UK?
- 9 A statue of Edward Colson, slave trader and philanthropist, was pulled down and thrown into the water. Where did this happen?
- 10 Johnny Depp was in a lengthy legal battle with which ex wife?
- 11 Which singer apologised for breaking English lockdown rules to celebrate her 30th birthday?
- 12 Who conducted the 1995 Panorama interview with Princess Diane which led to a 2020 BBC apology?
- 13 Which retail group which included Topshop, Burton and Dorothy Perkins went into administration this year?
- 14 Which town was Dominic Cummings driving to during lockdown to test his eyesight?
- 15 Donald Trump became the 3rd US President to be impeached. Who were the other 2?
- 16 Which country sent an unmanned space probe to the Moon?
- 17 Who replaced Sandi Toksvig as a presenter on the Great British Bake Off? 
- 18 Which member of the Royal Family got married in private in 2020?
19. Lewis Hamilton won BBC's sports Personality of the Year but who came second?
- 20 Which celebrity did Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis ask questions to in a video released by Kensington Palace?
- 21 Which country was due to host this year's Eurovision Song Contest?
- 22 Which singer teamed up with NHS choir to release Holy?
- 23 Who became the nation's PE teacher during lockdown?
- 24 Who said "Tomorrow will be a good day."
- 25 Sean Connery died this year. Which film did he win his one and only Oscar for? 

1 No Time To Die 2 Harry Styles 3 Sajid David 4 Turner (Artist) 5 Tokyo
6 NHS Nightingale London 7 Wilfred, Lawrie, Nicholas (1pt for 1 name, 2 for 2 and 3 for 3)
8 Marcus Rashford 9 Bristol 10 Amber Heard 11 Rita Ora 12 Martin Bashir 13 Arcadia
14 Barnard Castle 15 Bill Clinton & Andrew Johnson (1pt for 1 and 2 for 2) 16 China 17 Matt Lucas
18 Princess Beatrice 19 Jordan Henderson 20 David Attenborough 21 The Netherlands
22 Justin Bieber 23 Joe Wicks 24 Captain Tom Moore 25 The Untouchables