

# Restart special

Focussing on helping Scouting to restart face-to-face activities in Nottinghamshire

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Hi everyone

Welcome to the “Restart special” of the newsletter. We know that everyone is busy so we have tried to pull everything into one place and put a Nottinghamshire slant on it.

As a County leadership team we have debated the right time to hit the “GO” button. We are in agreement that we should look to make the most of face to face Scouting as soon as the Scout Association rules allow. This doesn’t mean that individuals and groups should feel under pressure to restart immediately but it does mean you need to be getting ready.

I am really pleased to hear that many groups are planning to get back into face-to-face action either before or immediately after the Easter holidays. The county restart materials are working on this basis too, but we will continue to support groups who need a little longer.

Don’t forget to join me on the County Webinar on Tuesday 23 March at 19:30. We will use the call to go through the materials detailed in this newsletter and provide any updates. Following the success of the last call we will also make sure we also leave time for an open Q&A session as well. Link: <https://notts-scouts.org.uk/webinar>

Thank you for everything you are doing! I look forward to being able to see many of you and your sections soon.

Steven  
County Commissioner – Nottinghamshire Scouts

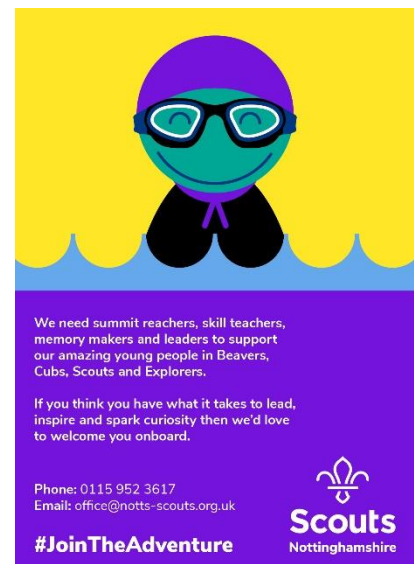


## 1, Development materials

All of the development materials described below can be found at:  
<https://notts-scouts.org.uk/development-materials/>

### Adult recruitment

We have heard loud and clear that adult recruitment is a priority. Everyone has a role to play in this. At a county level we can run campaigns and produce communications materials, but the best way of encourage someone to volunteer is to have a local conversation. We have developed a set of adult recruitment materials aimed at opening the door to your local conversations whilst also giving the prospective adult something to take away and think about. A set of the materials will be sent to each group and more can be ordered through the County Office.



### Beaver recruitment

We know the numbers in the Beaver section have been impacted the most by the pandemic so we are launching a countywide Beaver recruitment campaign.

All Beaver aged young people in Nottinghamshire will be receiving hard and electronic copies of our recruitment materials through their school. The exception is where schools are in areas where we know colonies are already full.

We will be using a staggered approach from the beginning of May 2021 to distribute the materials to ensure that the process can be managed.

Requests to join will be managed through the County Office who will try to allocate new members to sections in groups of 6.

### Beaver programme

With our countywide Beaver recruitment campaign we need to make sure that our Beaver programmes are the best they can be.

We have designed a basic Beaver programme for sections that need a bit of help with programme planning. You can move the dates and activities around to suit you. Please remember you will need to make the risk assessments provided relevant to your colony.

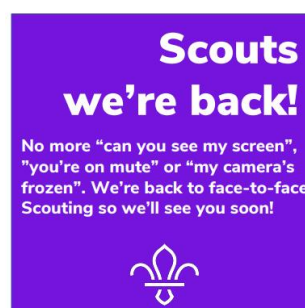
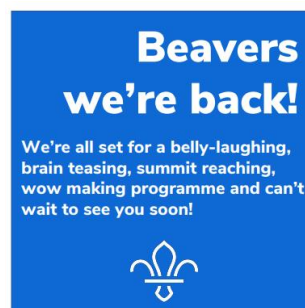
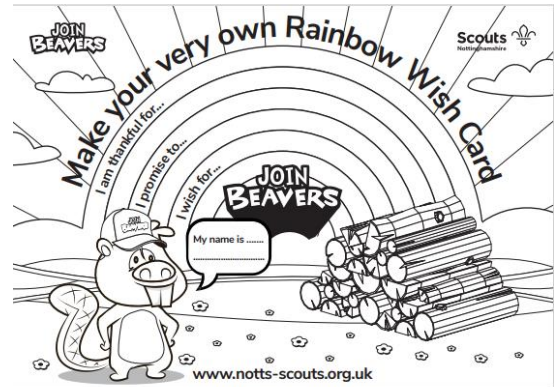
Also remember there are loads of covid safe programme ideas for all sections available here:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/covid-19-safe-programme-ideas/>

### Welcoming back

When your section starts back you need to make sure everyone knows! We have created a range of materials to help you do this. You can use them on social media and email.

**More to come....** Group welcome pack template, Explorer programmes focussing on Top Awards, Cub recruitment materials to support a countywide bring a friend activity.....



## 2, Get outdoors at Hoveringham

We have amended our programme so that we can let as many youngsters as possible access activities outdoors, this will help kick start outdoor Scouting in Nottinghamshire.

So, we have removed all courses intended to gain qualifications and replaced them with Come and Try It sessions, to allow more youngsters to get out. We have changed the popular water weekends into water activity days for Scouts and Explorers, allowing us to start in May and to allow more places overall without the worry of when and if we can camp. We have also pushed the Cub & Beaver Days back until the latest we can in July to help guarantee that they will be able to proceed.



In addition, we will open the centre on Mon, Tue, Wed & Friday evenings each week from the start of May. There will be lots of land activities for your sections to try. Some of these you will need to lead whilst using our kit and others our team will lead. Again more opportunities for more youngsters to get outdoors.

Bookings can be made from the end end of March through our website <https://adventure.notts-scouts.org.uk/booking/>

Further information can be found in the attached.

## 3, Waiting lists

The census showed that there are just under 1,000 young people on waiting lists across Nottinghamshire. We want these young people to be at the front of the queue and fill the places we have. Between now and the end of April we asking that all groups with a waiting list to contact everyone on it and allocate places. By filling spaces with those on waiting lists now we will have a better idea of where to direct new members.

## 4, Covid risk assessments

Please continue to follow all COVID-19 restrictions while meeting with your group/section. If you've had an amber risk assessment approved by your district, this will still be valid – but we'd encourage you to review your risk assessment before meeting again.

If your Amber risk assessment hasn't been approved yet, we'd recommend you complete one this month, detailing risks for both indoor and outdoor activities.



Further information on covid risk assessments can be found here:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/getting-back-together-safely/>

## 5, Activity and meeting place risk assessments

From the beginning of January 2021 you must have a written risk assessment for the activities you do – these are not to be confused with covid risk assessments. Really useful advice, guidance and example risk assessments can be found here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/staying-safe-and-safeguarding/risk-assessments/>

## 6, Don't forget virtual Scouting!

We have learned a lot over the past year, many of you have embraced virtual Scouting. As a piece of encouragement please don't forget this – there will remain a place for it in our programmes!

## 7, Adult training

A huge thank you to those who have already completed their Safety and Safeguarding training, or has continued to work on their woodbadge training during the pandemic.

Our county training offer as we return to Scouting is focused on 3 main areas:

### Safety and safeguarding

Keeping everyone safe is fundamental to everything we do in Scouting. All adults (with the exception of Occasional Helpers) when restarting back to face to face Scouting must have up to date Safety and Safeguarding training. If you don't have these you can complete and validate the training online by following the links below:

**Safety** - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/learning-development-and-awards/training/learners/modules/ongoing-training-for-all/safety-training/>

**Safeguarding** - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/learning-development-and-awards/training/learners/modules/ongoing-training-for-all/safeguarding/>



Safety and safeguarding is part of the “Getting Started” training that all leaders, sectional assistants and exec members should complete within 5 months of taking on a role. Getting started includes Module 1- Essential Information, Safety, Safeguarding, GDPR plus module 3 and for leaders including sectional assistants and for exec members

trustee introduction. For you to have a full role these must be completed. Information is available on <https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk/> or ask your GSL, Training adviser or Local training manager for more advise.

## First response training

First Response Training is required to be completed by all leaders. During the pandemic we have been unable to deliver any first aid training so yours may be out of date or as a new leader you may not have been able to complete it yet. There will be a 6 month grace period for first aid certificates that have expired during the pandemic – this will start from when we enter the “green” level of readiness.

First response training in Nottinghamshire is adopting a blended approach to the training which is made up of 3 parts.

- Theory 1 - delivered online with a series of videos and presentations and takes approx 2.5 hours which you can do in your own time, at your own speed and in smaller sessions to suit your personal circumstances,
- Theory 2 will be delivered by a virtual session approx 2.5 hours.
- Validation / practical session (approx 20 mins) will be delivered across the County with in districts.



Theory 2 and validation sessions will be available after Easter. Before you can attend these 2 sessions you need to have successfully completed the online session.

Links to the theory sessions will be sent directly to you or you can find the link on <https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk/>

## Woodbadge training

We hope that we will soon be able to offer more training for your wood badge so watch this space for news of training across Nottinghamshire over the coming months as we all start to resume face to face scouting. Remember if you have been planning and running programmes for your young people that goes towards evidence for your wood badge validation. Talk to your Group Scout Leader or Training adviser you may be one of the leaders that will get their wood badge in 2021.

## 8, Key dates – a quick summary of what you need to do

<b>From now until you start back</b>	Submit your risk assessments for moving from red to amber. If you already have these approved then check and amend them as necessary. If you need help contact your District Restart Champion.
<b>From now until end of April</b>	We asking that all groups with a waiting list to contact everyone on it and allocate places.
<b>From 29 March</b>	We'll move to Amber, with Groups allowed to meet outdoors in group sizes of 15 plus leaders (5 maximum).
<b>From 12 April</b>	Both outdoors and indoors meetings will be allowed in group sizes of 15 plus leaders (5 maximum).
<b>From 12 April</b>	You'll be allowed to take part in non-residential day trips and visits.
<b>From 3 May</b>	Beaver recruitment materials will start to be shared with schools

## 9, Finally and most importantly of all!

Please don't forget to shout about what you and your sections are doing in Scouting. Social media is a great place to do this but community newsletters and keeping parents informed of the great activities can be just as effective.



<https://notts-scouts.org.uk/development-materials/>