

# June 2021



**Scouts**  
Nottinghamshire



Hi everyone

I hope you are all keeping safe and well? I wanted to use this piece to look at the here and now and then look forward.

You will all know that the Government has delayed the lifting of restrictions. The great news is that this is not stopping sections getting back to face to face in a safe way. Everywhere I look I can see numbers recovering. I also know from talking to many of you that in many sections numbers are higher than they have been for many years. This reflects the huge efforts that volunteers are putting in, the challenge for us all is to keep it going and I absolutely want to make sure the County helps with this. The County Leadership Team are looking at this and are moving forward on ideas such as County Camps, County Conferences and Programme Support. I am however conscious that Nottinghamshire is your County and therefore your input and suggestions as to how we sustain momentum are always welcome – feel free to drop me a line – [steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk).

As well as young people recruitment, the message I'm getting is that adult recruitment seems to be easier too. Groups are having successes posting on community social media sites and by simply asking for support. Remember a lot of people don't know you need support unless you ask and in a positive way. Don't forget the great materials to help you with this available on the [County website](#) and the national materials as part of the [#GoodForYou](#) campaign.

What has become ever clearer as we move through the readiness levels is that there is no absolute amber or yellow, there are many different shades. I can see this continuing as we head to green, so to manage expectations I don't see green being the return to no restrictions on activity. We have managed this well so far and I can't see any reason why we won't going forward. The key to this success so far have been sections keeping their programmes simple and local – if we stick to this we won't go far wrong.

Many of you will have seen information on the new section for 4-6 year old's called [Squirrels](#). Through the Group Scout Leaders in the County we asked for initial interest and a small number of groups have taken up the challenge. We'll be sharing the learning from these with everyone. New Groups are welcome to join the trial to, however you must do so through myself and your District Commissioner. Under no circumstances are Squirrel Sections to start without going through this process because you and the young people won't be insured. If you would like to be involved in supporting the new Squirrel Sections from a County perspective, please let me know – [steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk).

Finally, I'd like to let you know that I have agreed to continue in my role as County Commissioner through until at least May 2024. The ambition I set when I started over 3 years ago was for everyone to feel part of the County, we are closer to that aim but are certainly not there yet. Let's keep working towards the ambition together and in doing so grow a County that I'm very proud to lead.

Thank you for all of your ongoing efforts and support. Speak soon.

**Steven Tupper**



## County Media Team

We're looking for top-notch tweeters, fast-fingered Facebookers, creative champions, valiant videographers, and wonderful writers to join our County Media Team!

With so much going on in Nottinghamshire we're never short of things to shout about, but we need your help to showcase Scouting to the wider community. We'd like to put together a small team of adult volunteers that will manage our social media channels, support groups and events with photography and videography, and work with media outlets to show what Scouting in Nottinghamshire is really about. It's not a role that will take up a huge amount of time and will easily fit in with your other roles and commitments. If you think you have that creative flare that we're looking for please get in contact! – [jack.beresford@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:jack.beresford@notts-scouts.org.uk)

## Important information concerning the World Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

### Calling All Leaders!

Are you interested in being part of an amazing experience? If so, read on.

Here are details of two wonderful opportunities to be involved in the next World Jamboree in South Korea.

Firstly, towards the end of July we will be inviting any Leader who is interested to apply for the vital roles of Leader and Assistant Leaders of the Nottinghamshire Unit. To help you to decide whether or not this is something that appeals to you, on Tuesday 13 July there will be a Role of the Unit Leader webinar on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm which I would encourage you all to take part in. The registration details are as follows:-

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Jul 13, 2021 07:30 PM London

Topic: Becoming a Unit Leader

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://scouts-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Ltn0i3lwSqyEmkRKwu2yrw](https://scouts-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ltn0i3lwSqyEmkRKwu2yrw)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The selection of Leaders will take place over the weekend 18/19<sup>th</sup> September so please keep both these dates free if you intend to apply.

Secondly, Contingent Support Team applications are now open. If you are a committed, passionate go-getter you may just be the person that the UK Contingent Support Team are looking for.

The team provides support to our amazing Units and completes the tasks that are needed to ensure that the UK Contingent are fully prepared. If this is of interest to you, applications are now open on the Scouts.org.uk website. Further details of the roles on offer will be explained on the [CST Webinar on Wednesday 23 June at 7pm](#), and I would encourage anyone who is interested to register for this webinar.

**Everyone is welcome to apply.** The organisers are striving to be the most diverse UK Contingent to attend a World Scout Jamboree. There should be no unnecessary barriers to anyone becoming part of the Contingent Support Team.

They are particularly looking for applications from anyone who:

- has never been part of a Contingent Management Support Team before
- has accessed the state benefits system, or would have been entitled to free school meals as a child
- are part of the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities
- are between the ages of 18-23 years old on 9 July 2021

If you have any questions on either of these opportunities, please feel free to give me a ring on 07990 571515 or email me at [steve.cumberland@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:steve.cumberland@notts-scouts.org.uk)

Yours in Scouting

Steve "Pothead" Cumberland



**Awards**

**Congratulations to the following members.**

**Chief Scouts Commendation – Good Service to Scouting**

Bassetlaw	Tom Ward
Central Notts & County	Sam Farnsworth
City of Nottingham	Jonathan Solomon
	Kate Smith
Mansfield	Shirley Middleton
Rushcliffe	Thomas Bee
	Nicola Harbourne
	Richard Hill
	Graham Huggett
	Helen Johnson
	Daniel Kellett
	Allyson Kingsley
	Maria Lewis
	Fiona Perfect
	Robert Siderfin
	Helen Towers
SW Notts & County	Adam Blakey
County	Christie Asplin



**Award for Merit – Outstanding Service to Scouting**

Bassetlaw	Hazel Newstead
	Kenny Newstead
City of Nottingham	John Ashton
	Mary Bugden
	Andrew Burton
	Jennifer Burton
	Andrew Cumberpatch
	Richard Gutteridge
	Rod Pilkington
	Jean Ramsden
	Susan Stephen
	Donna Yates
	Rosalyn Jackson
	Graham Blakey
	Peter Foale
	Malcolm Siddons
	Charles Langtree
	Andy Taylor



Mansfield  
Rushcliffe

SW Notts  
County

**Silver Wolf – Most exceptional Service to Scouting**

County & Rushcliffe      John Asplin




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# EXPLORERS

Across Nottinghamshire we want to encourage and recognise more “Top Awards” especially in the Explorer section. We know that it can sometimes be difficult to think of programme ideas, particularly those that link to the Chief Scouts Diamond and Platinum, Queen’s Scout and Explorer Belt Awards. The table attached gives some starter ideas in important programme areas which we hope Explorer Scouts can then develop into their own more detailed programmes.



## People News



### Wood badges

Well done to the 20 Leaders who have completed their wood badge this year, it always gives me great pleasure to approve wood badges in recognition of the work you do to complete the training.

LTM's and TA's across the County are there to support and validate so please contact your TA to kick start your validations, your name could be the next on the list for achieving your wood badge.

### Mandatory Training - Safety and Safeguarding

As adults as we start to get back to face to face scouting with our young people Safety should be at the centre of all we do. Over the last few months there has been a major push for adults to have up to date Safety and Safeguarding training. Thank you for all of you who have completed the training, the response has been fantastic.

Safety and Safeguarding training should be renewed every 3 years and not be allowed to lapse so it is important that all adults keep their safety and safeguarding training up to date and if you receive a reminder that it is out of date either from Gilwell or County that you complete it as soon as possible.

### Mandatory Training - First Response - Changes to time scale

Originally the national steer was that expired first aid certificates would be extended by 6 months from the point we move to green. This has now changed and now all expired certificates must be updated by 1 January 2022. We expect a similar hard line approach will be taken for first aid as we have seen for safety and safeguarding training.

In Nottinghamshire we are using a blended approach to help as many adults complete their training as easily as possible:

**Module 10A:** online learning followed by a session on zoom. You can already book onto these here: <https://training.notts-scouts.org.uk/>

**Module 10B:** face-to-face session lasting no more than 30 minutes to cover a) approach to and assessment of scene / incident; b) CPR for an adult; c) CPR for a child. These sessions will be advertised soon and delivered locally.

We recognise the blended approach doesn't work for everyone. So will be looking to run some face to face sessions, however the ask is that adults complete using the blended approach wherever possible.

**Christine Sheard**  
DCC People & CTM



## New Deputy County Commissioner for Programme

We are looking for someone new to take on the role of DCC Programme and continue to move the County programme offer forward.

The initial focus areas for the role are:

- Ensuring Programme Assistant District Commissioners are confident in role and work together to ensure sections are better supported
- Best practice examples of programmes are shared to help Districts, Groups and Sections improve their programmes
- Review the County programme offer and ensure it is delivering what our young people need and want

It is really important that the new DCC Programme has the opportunity to work in a way that works for them – you will have it in your gift to set an exciting direction for programme in Nottinghamshire.

Interested? Email - [steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk](mailto:steven.tupper@notts-scouts.org.uk) and throw a couple of bullet points into the e-mail before Friday 9 July, setting out what you would bring to the role – simple!

If you want any further information or would like to chat about the role please feel free to call me on 07387593395.

If you have any questions please let me know.

**Steven**



### Notts Get Togethers

**Don't forget to book your place on the events of the year.**

**Sun 12th Sept 2-4pm at Walesby Forest**

**Sat 25th Sept 2-4pm at Sherbrooke**

**Flyer attached.**