



Hi everyone

I hope you have all managed to enjoy some time relaxing over the summer?

With the announcement that we have moved to the green readiness level we are starting the new Scouting year in the best possible place – able to deliver exciting programmes for young people with minimal restrictions. I know that everyone in Nottinghamshire is up for the challenge of doing this whilst also keeping safety our number one priority – thank you.

Importantly moving to green also makes now the right time to take stock on the health of Scouting in the county. I know from talking to many of you that there has been an extremely positive recovery in numbers, however I know some have not fared so well and despite best efforts may not be in a position to reopen. I know that everyone involved in providing support is juggling how we continue to be kind to the significant majority of our membership whilst working through what the long term future could look like in areas that are struggling. This is not going to be easy, so please can I ask for your patience and understanding whilst this is worked through?

Finally, I really enjoyed making a number of visits to see camps over the summer – please make sure you let us know when you are doing something exciting and we'll work with your Districts to make sure the right person comes to say hello!

Speak soon

Steven

Steven Tupper



Back together Safely as from 6th September 2021

Readiness level: GREEN

This means: All activities can resume for members who live in England. Residential activities and international travel may take place.

Group sizes and limitations:

- **All non-residential activities (including young people, Scout Network and adult only Groups):** No limit on group size, although all activities must be able to safely manage the risk of transmission of COVID and, if this is not possible, they must not take place.
- **Residential activities:** Nights away activities may take place, more details in the [planning COVID-safe Nights Away in 2021 guidance](#).
- **International travel:** Visits abroad may resume but must follow the [FCDO travel advice](#) and still manage the transmission of COVID and ensuring that the trips are safe and accessible

Link for more information:

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

Training



Wood badges

It has been great to see that although Scouting has been disrupted by the pandemic over the last 18 months that leaders have still been working towards their wood badge.

Congratulations to the Leaders you have gained their wood badge during the last 2 months. Ed Hewes, Daniel Bolstridge, Andy Dyson, Dawn Martin, Dan Johnson, Scott Riddle, Alison Button, Conor Musson, Kate Anthony, Ellie Hopkins, Charlotte Watson, John Scaysbrook. Well done to you all.

Have you been in your current role for over 3 years and not gained your wood badge ?

If you have answered yes to this question then you may be receiving a letter from Gilwell asking you to complete your training and validation. There is help for you to do this across the County. Please contact your TA, GSL or Local Training Manager they are here to help you. There is also help on the Training Website training.notts-scouts.org.uk, with suggestions of evidence, links to online training, witness testimony paperwork.

First Response

In Nottinghamshire we have adapted the blended approach to learning for First Response. There are 3 steps to obtaining your first response / module 10 training

1. Self led e-learning 2.5hours
2. Online facilitated virtual session 2.5-3hours

Face to face validation session 20-30 minutes

The link for e-learning and booking onto the virtual and face to face validation sessions can be found on the training website training.notts-scouts.org.uk

If your training lapsed either before or during the pandemic you are required to complete the training by the end of 2021.

Manager and Supporter Training

Skills courses are a practical way to enhance the independent learning modules are being run this autumn across the region. There are 2 opportunities for each of the 3 courses, Skills of Management 2 days 25th/26th September at Drum Hill, 30/31st October Linby (Notts) Achieving Growth 9th October Lincolnshire, 20th November Northants, Meeting the Challenges 10th October Lincs, 21st November. Please book via the website training.notts-scouts.org.uk.

Christine DCC people/ County Training Manager



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

Book now:

notts-scouts.org.uk/get-together



Welcome to our newest
Beaver Scout, Ellie
Congratulations Mark &
Jenny
Gotham Scout Group

Top Awards

Do you want to learn more about Top Awards, join Neil, ACC Top Awards on a webinar.

Neil is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Top Awards

Time: Sep 21, 2021 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85066459733?pwd=ZVM5RWFSYW1ySDhIZi9RbW1BN1R5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 6645 9733

Passcode: R3sm5g

County Youth Commissioner—Jack Kellas

Jack has recently been appointed as our new County Youth Commissioner. He is currently busy working on what Youth Shaped Scouting could look like in Nottinghamshire. More information will be coming out soon but the initial thoughts focus on 3 areas:

- 1 – Building: making sure we have the right people in place to further develop the youth shaped abilities of adults and young people.
- 2 – Supporting: making sure that everyone feels confident about the role they have to play in encouraging Youth Shaped Scouting
- 3 - Celebrating : recognising the amazing Youth Shaped Scouting that is already taking place across the county

If you are interested in supporting Youth Shaped Scouting or even perhaps being a District Youth Commissioner please contact Jack at jack.kellas@notts-scouts.org.uk



Young Leader Training

Due to the success of Young Leader Training throughout the last academic year, the County have decided to continue to offer remote provision of the Young Leaders' Scheme for 2021-22. As well as increasing the number of modules we offer each half-term, we have planned an excited Young Leaders Camp for July 2022! Take a look at our NEW Young Leader Offer Booklet for all the dates and information - notts-scouts.org.uk/young-leaders-offer

