



South Berkshire District Newsletter

Steady as we go

Its been terrific to see and hear of sections across the District starting back this month with real face to face scouting. Included here are some examples, and I hope to share more with you in future editions.

Both the Beaver and Cub meetings I attended demonstrated the sheer fun and excitement the young people had in meeting up again with their friends and doing something adventurous. It is obvious that this has been much missed.

Naturally, we do not need to rush back and do everything at once. A cautious and steady return to scouting is advisable. This will give everyone a chance to adjust to adhering to their Covid risk assessments, implementing their activity risk assessments and using what they have learnt from their training.

Keep up the good work and lets really look forward to a fantastic summer.

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Merit Awards Presented

Further merit awards have been presented this month. They are:

- Shilpi Walker, 1st Crowthorne – Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Marie-Anne Allen, 1st Crowthorne - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Elaine Hart, 1st Crowthorne - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Chris Hall, 1st Crowthorne - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Marc Brunel-Walker, 1st Crowthorne - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Well done and many congratulations.

“Best bit were the marshmallows”

No, they were not trying to burn down the scout hut. 2nd Crowthorne cubs started back last week with an outdoor relay game, fire lighting, campfire songs and toasting marshmallows. When asked what the best bit was, the answer was food related.....of course! They all thoroughly enjoyed being back again.



Explorers – Aiming High



The Explorers went back to face to face scouting last week with a hike around the Sandhurst and Crowthorne areas using cryptic words and the What3Words app to guide them. All made it back and are looking forward to a fully packed and exciting term of climbing, mountain biking, orienteering, archery, kayaking and of course campfires!

A Youth Led Activity – from our Youth Commissioners

Activity – Bingo Length – 20-60 minutes
Activity for – All sections What you'll need - paper and pen/ pencil

1. Get the young people to draw a grid of 4x4 (4 boxes across and 4 boxes down = 16 in total)
2. Ask the young people to name some activities that they have enjoyed and make a list (the more the better, about 30). Get the young people to write down their favourite activities – one per box
3. The bingo game can involve 1 row/column first, and then a full house (basic bingo rules apply but you may want to explain these to younger children to ensure they know what they are doing).
4. Once everyone has chosen, randomly read out items on the list until someone has a row/column.
5. Once someone has done this, move on to a full house
6. You can repeat this game as many times as you want.
7. As a prize, you may want to get the winner to be able to be the bingo master next time around, and you yourself can play.



Hurrah, back to face to face scouting!

This means: Section meetings can take place outdoors and indoors. No residential activities yet. However, remember your Covid and Activity risk assessments.

Maximum group size:

Activities involving young people: no limit on group size but remain as only one section meeting independently of others.

Earleywood Working Party

There will be another Working Party to be held on **Sunday 16th May**, from 9am to 1pm. If you'd like to lend a hand to help our activity and camping centre then please come along anytime during those hours and wear working clothes.

Thanks

*****Alps 22*****

In August 2022 there will be a District Unit trip to the Alps for an action-packed adventure. This will be organised and led by the County and is for any young person who will be an Explorer or Network Scout by that time.

Bookings will be taken by July this year. More information can be found here:

[Alps22 – Berkshire Scouts](#)

Recruiting

As we always need more adult support to be able to offer even better scouting to even more young people, there is a lot of information and support being published to help every Group & Section to recruit adults.

Check this web page from the Scout website:

www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/growing-scouts/ready-to-recruit/

Future Articles

Please send Graeme your stories to share so that all the District can see what you are doing.

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