



South Berkshire District Newsletter

Time to Get Ready

I remember singing a song in the Gangshow a few years ago that had the line "there's a light at the end of the tunnel". Its looking likely that that "light" is nearly with us! So now is the time to start planning for a resumption of some face to face scouting. Hopefully, for the Summer term. Hurrah!

This will mean planning for some great outdoor activities with the better weather soon upon us. Please review and update your previously approved COVID risk assessments or get new COVID risk assessments approved by your nominated District member so that you are safe to resume Scouting.

Merit Awards Presented

It is with great pleasure that more adults have been presented with their merit awards:

- Andy Lowles, 1st Owlsmoor – Award for Merit
- Jill Ridgeon, 1st Easthampstead – Award for Merit
- Simon Ridgeon, 1st Easthampstead – Award for Merit
- Nicola Jackson, 1st Easthampstead – Award for Merit
- Bryan Jackson, 2nd Crowthorne – Award for Merit
- Jeanette Godsell, 1st Easthampstead – Award for Merit

- Jonathan Smith, 1st Easthampstead - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- John McNab, District - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- David Allais, 2nd Crowthorne - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Nicola Toogood, 1st Easthampstead - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Susan Ferguson, 1st Owlsmoor - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Peter Godsell, 1st Easthampstead - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service
- Laura Binstead, 1st Owlsmoor - Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Congratulations to everyone and very well done.

1st Easthampstead Cubs Helping Out

The Cubs at 1st Easthampstead made up goodie bags consisting of strawberry laces, marshmallows, tea lights, kebab sticks, biscuits, cards to gain Home Help badges. They have walked over 40,000 steps so far to deliver these bags.

At their next zoom meeting they will be cooking smores over a tea light, tying reef knots, making Mothers Day cards, dream catchers, doing first aid, seeing how many skittles can you transfer with a straw in 2 mins. Finally, can you get an After Eight mint from your head to your mouth with out your hands?



Whilst the Cubs are enjoying Zoom, they all want to get back to real scouting face to face.

A Youth Led Activity – from our Youth Commissioners

Activity for All Sections – Activity ladder Length – 20 minutes
What you'll need – paper and pen/ pencil
Instructions – the young people draw a ladder/ flag/totem pole on their piece of paper and write different activities on it, the activities they like the best at the top and the activities they like the least at the bottom.

Please let us know what your Sections or Group have been up to recently. And if you have a young person or Leader who deserves a special shout out then send the information to Graeme at dc@southberksscouts.uk

Chief Scout's Award



During Lockdown 1 we delivered 24 CSA *Lockdown* certificates to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who had gained their badge, in the hope that we would be able to hold a District Presentation Afternoon later in the year. This was not possible, BUT our young people have still been busy gaining badges and some have achieved their top award.

For 2021 we are offering a virtual or face to face presentation at your section meeting and delivery of a District certificate with citation on the reverse together with the CSA woggle to the young person's home.

If you have a Beaver, Cub, Scout or Explorer who has gained their top award please send their name, section, home address and a citation to adccubs@southberksscouts.uk and we will arrange with you to celebrate their achievement.

If you have a Beaver, Cub or Scout who received a *Lockdown* certificate and who would like their special CSA woggle then please send the details to the same email address.



The Scout Association is creating 10,000 Wellbeing Champions: children, young people, and adults who have committed to help tear down the taboo around mental health and do what they can to boost people's wellbeing. If you'd like to try this then please follow this link to the Scout's website:

[Wellbeing Champions](#)