

# Scouts

## South Berkshire District June Newsletter 2020



### Keep Calm & Carry On Scouting

Welcome to this first new edition of the District Newsletter. Given these highly unusual times we thought that it would be good to improve communications across the District to keep us all connected and help share all the good things that everyone is doing.

Apart from some useful information and handy tips, it would be great to find out what other Scouters are doing in all our Sections and Groups. I have seen and heard of some super things that Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers have been doing; from completing badges at home, holding online meetings and even virtual escape rooms!

There is already lots of good stuff coming out from the Scout Association and County (look out for their regular newsletters). So we wanted this to be more focussed on us locally. Therefore, if you've got some good news to share or an interesting event/activity you've done then please send a few words, and even a photo, to me at my email below.

In these challenging times we can still provide great fun and development opportunities for our young people. So please 'do your best' and carry on Scouting. Many thanks and enjoy.

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### Remote Camping at 1<sup>st</sup> St Sebastians

Camping for Beavers and Cubs took place at St Sebastian's in May when everyone in the Group was invited to camp in their back garden. A welcome chat and camp flag break was conducted excitedly online via Zoom, and then everyone spent a night under canvas before gathering again the next morning back online to recount their mini adventure.

### All go virtual at 1<sup>st</sup> Crowthorne

All 1<sup>st</sup> Crowthorne sections are now meeting virtually using Zoom to be as "near normal" as possible although the programme may look a little different. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all spend some time interacting and talking with each other which is proving to be so important for their mental health as well.

They are also using the OSM features to keep scouting from home – Badges@Home and Programmes@Home are very popular. They've now completed 48 badges and some CSA awards and are even planning their first investitures on Zoom!

### Chief Scout Awards

Congratulations to those Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who have completed their CSA during this lockdown period. Special Lockdown CSA certificates have been delivered to Beavers from 3rd S, 2nd C, 1st E (Fri) and 9<sup>th</sup> B who have earned their Bronze award, Cubs from 1st St Sebs and 9th B (Merlins) for their Silver award, and Scouts from 9th B and 1st C who have completed their Gold award.

Well done everyone and thank you to the leaders who have supported them.



### First Aid Training

The Scout Association are giving volunteers an extension to their existing first aid training expiry date. It will be extended for six months from when face-to-face Scouting resumes.

### Zoom Pro is Available

The Scout Association has now secured access to Zoom Pro for everyone to use for free until 21<sup>st</sup> November. There is one license available per Group. So decide locally who will sign up and act as the contact. Complete the access request form via this link: <https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-11L4L-7BFFWC-NIA0E-1/c.aspx>

Feel free to make the most of this for online meetings....it does work well.