



Essential Service So Be Prepared

Despite the latest pandemic restrictions, Scouting is recognised as an essential service. So we are being allowed to continue to deliver face to face scouting as per the latest Scouting guidelines. This is great news as it shows that what we do is so valued and appreciated.

Many people across the District are taking this current time as a chance to prepare for getting back to Scouting in whatever timescale they are comfortable with. This can include completing their training, getting risk assessments done, planning some activities or even renovating their scout hut!

It is also the AGM season, so it's a great time for the District Team to re-connect with the Groups to see what can be done to provide more support.

We also continue to hear about great stories of young people applying their scouting skills for the benefit of others. See the items about a Young Leader called Connor.

So please persevere and keep up the tremendous work you all do. Thank you.

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Renovating the Hut



Some Groups have been busy with their HQs. 2nd Crowthorne have repainted and laid down new flooring, including some line markings to help the young people maintain their social distancing. 1st Sandhurst is another Group that has been applying the paint brush to spruce up their Hut.

This gives a much needed lift to leaders, parents and young people alike.

First Aid Hero

One of our Young Leaders came to the aid of a fellow scouter recently. Joshua took a tumble at the local skate boarding park in Bracknell and broke his arm. Connor immediately stepped up to help by phoning for an ambulance, made sure that Joshua was comfortable, cared and re-assured him until further help could arrive. He also ran to get a sling from the nearby McDonalds and helped to transport him to the hospital after being advised of a 2 hour wait for the ambulance. A big well done to Connor. It shows how invaluable the skills are that we learn in scouting and the positive can do attitude we generate.

Earleywood is Open Again and Even Better

Our local Camping and Activity Centre, Earleywood in South Ascot, is back open again after getting approval for its Covid 19 Risk Assessment. Camping and use of the buildings are not possible but there is a great range of outdoor activities available in a beautiful wooded setting. The newest activities are round the site orienteering challenges and coming soon.....a 9 hole mini golf course! Bookings can be made using the new OSM Booking system to be found on the Earleywood website – www.earleywood.org.uk

JOTI on 16-18 October & Remembrance Day

If you, your family or your section would like to take part in Jamboree of the Internet then please register your interest in the link above.

Also, given that our usual remembrance weekend services and activities are not able to take place this year, it is our plan to be able to provide you with the option to watch the Easthampstead memorial service outside at 10.50 am on YouTube (search for St Michael's Easthampstead the link will be up during the preceding week) and also to provide a **short youth focused pre-recorded remembrance service** for you to share with your own groups either after the morning ceremony OR at a time to suit you that afternoon. That way you know who is there from you group / colony and it would count towards their attending a service element of the badgework. **If you would like a copy of this please let the District Team know ASAP.** – Kirsty Aldridge, ADC



Activity Approvals

For your information POR Rule 9.1 states that the District Commissioner must now approve all activities taking place away from the usual meeting place. The approval request form can be found on the County website – www.berkshirescouts.org.uk under Activity Approvals. The DC has nominated the various sectional ADCs to approve these requests on his behalf.

Please give 7 days notice where possible and ensure you have an activity risk assessment in place.

Register Interest for Berkshire JOTI activities!

Meet scouts from around the world and join the World's largest gathering of Scouts in 2020

16-18 OCTOBER / OCTOBER 16-18

Jamboree
ON THE AIR - ON THE INTERNET

JOTI will be different this year but that doesn't stop you joining in from home. Berkshire Scouts are running activities and a competition over the weekend please use the form linked below to register your interest and watch out for more information as it comes. [Register Interest for Berkshire JOTI activities](https://forms.gle/EhE7v9LRLRF2pfbL9)

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