

Scouts



September

South Berkshire District

We're Back!

At last we are at Green Status in England. Whilst still taking precautions to safely manage the risk of transmission of COVID, we can get back to some serious scouting.

Many sections and groups have already started this term with an active programme.

There is lots to come with the Scout's District Hike on 16th this month and the District Camp 6-8th May next year. So go out and enjoy your Scouting and let us know what you get up to.

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9th Bracknell Cubs and Scouts have started this term with a bang. Both entered teams in the County Dragon boat regatta on 12th with Cubs narrowly missing out on the final on their first ever go in a boat and the Scout team came second in the final. No mean feat with teams from across the County!

Friday 24th saw assorted Cubs and Scouts arrive at Bears Rail camp site for a fun filled weekend. The weather was kind but the rutting deer were rather noisy. Happy smiling faces all round showed us that they missed this as much as the leaders had done.



Bob Wilson

After many years of great service to the District, Bob has decided to step down as District Safety Advisor and as Nights Away Advisor. Many thanks to Bob for everything that he has done. However, he is still around as he is now part of the new Skills Based ASU continuing to make use of his experience and support Scouting.

Activity Approvals

When planning a Nights Away event or other Adventurous Activity that requires a permit, then approval from District is required. This will ensure that we can check you have everything you need and will be covered by the Scout Association if anything should go awry. You can apply for approvals via the County website: www.berkshirescouts.org

JOTA/JOTI Jamboree – On the Air / On the Internet



We will not be running a District JOTA/JOTI this year due to the challenges in managing lots different people in one place with the current COVID concerns. However, you can still participate in the Nationally organised event from 15-17th October.

This is the World's largest digital and radio Scout event promoting friendship and global citizenship. You can find out more information and register via this link:

[JotaJoti Info](#)

Scouts District Night Hike – Saturday 16th October

On Saturday 16 October is the Scout Section District Night Hike. The start and end point is 3rd Sandhurst Scout Hut (GU47 9BJ). Times; 16.00 for Adult briefing, 16:30 Scouts arrive and check in, finish by 23.00ish.

Help is required to man check points, check-in and check-out, cooking hot dogs and soup.

The route is out towards Broadmoor and the woods around. We will provide all the equipment you require for your base. If you have an OS Explorer map Bracknell and Windsor 160 please bring with you, so you will need to find your base.

Please can you contact graham.davies@me.com if you are able to assist. Thanks.



All activities can now resume. Residential activities and international travel may also 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.

Useful information can be found on the main Scout website at: [Information Hub](#)

First Aid – get it done

Leaders have until the end of the year to become compliant with their first aid training. County is providing the learning elements of first response training through online facilitated sessions followed by a short COVID safe face to face validation for the practical elements.

Follow this link: [First Response Training](#)

District Camp – 6-8 May

We have resumed planning for the District Camp set to be at Walton Firs next year. This will be a camp in Groups for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network Scouts.

Make sure you have informed your GSL that you are interested in attending. Bookings will be taken later this year.

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