



State of readiness to return to face-to-face Scouting is currently AMBER

This means:

Digital programme delivery

Small group sessions of up to 15 including Leaders can take place out of doors provided you have got approved Risk Assessments from your District.

No residential activities

NB: This is likely to change from Thursday 3rd September

Hello Everyone!

Our new County Commissioner Andy Woolf took up his new position from Tuesday 1st September. In the month preceding this Andy was putting together his team which so far comprises of:

Frank Rose – Chair of Cleveland Scouts subject to approval at the County Annual General Meeting later this month.

Karen Askwith – Deputy County Commissioner (Developments)

Ian Railton – Deputy County Commissioner (Sections)



Andy organised Welcome Meetings for the 5 Districts which took place during the last week in August and over 90 volunteers took the opportunity to meet him and hear him say a bit about which direction he hopes Cleveland Scouts will take in the future beginning with us all thinking along the lines of 'professional volunteers' which many of the public see us as anyway. More details about our future direction will be revealed in a presentation at the County Annual General Meeting.

Andy also attended the Regional County Commissioner's Meeting via Zoom last week and started to get to know the other CCs and the items on the Regional and national agendas.

Finally, he also attended his first County event, #ClevelandChristmas' Campfire and Carols down at South Gare on a wet and blustery Saturday night and met some of the team who had put the weekend together.

All in all a busy first month – all the best Andy for the next 5 months!

Best wishes and stay safe to you all,

Ian

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Why we're stronger together as times change

Change is part of who we are. It challenges us to think differently, to learn and grow. But change is easier when we remember our values and support each other. We've all had to accept a huge amount of change during this crisis – but I've been so impressed by the way you've adapted, stayed positive and remained strong. An incredible 80% of groups are meeting online. That's what I call never giving up.

I'm also really proud to announce that I will be renewing my own commitment to Scouts too – pledging to carry on as Chief Scout for at least the next three years. I've never been so proud to be your Chief Scout than during this tough time.

The world is changing around us. We've had to accept a new reality and an uncertain future. But one thing's for certain: if our communities are to remain strong, we'll need to listen better, work harder and be kinder than ever. The goal is a humbler, kinder, more unified world. Events in the UK and US this summer have been a stark reminder of the need for that.

We'll have to change too. We'll refocus our work to make sure Scouts continues in the places where it's needed most. We'll support groups to recover. We'll also need to make tough decisions.

Thank you for your incredible resilience, generosity and spirit in the face of adversity. You're all so amazing and remain such an inspiration to me – and it's that Scouts spirit that makes our global family such an unstoppable force for good. Your friend,

Bear Grylls OBE, Chief Scout

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bear".

Operation Escape 2020

In a year of cancelled events and postponed plans we are pleased to bring you Operation Escape 2020; the online edition. Obviously, with current goings on we could not proceed with Escape in its usual form, however we have put our heads together to bring you something that will still challenge you and put you in competition with your fellow Explorers; pending final risk assessment approval we also hope to get you out onto the moors.

Details

Although, as with normal, the majority of the details will be saved until on the day please see below a brief outline of what you'll need and can expect:-

Escape will run over two separate dates, a Friday evening (25/09/20) and a full day Saturday (03/10/20)

You will need internet access as the event will be partially held over zoom call

You will still require a basic knowledge of how to write a route card, read a map and other scouting skills (specifically those associated with hiking)

Teams must have between 4 & 7 these are for you to choose but we would recommend choosing from your unit.

We are working on issuing any other equipment you may need but do not have, so don't worry if you are missing things

Please note that if you have any queries regarding the event or have issues in taking part (such as wanting to but not having a team), please contact Robbie (07710 670842 // rquinn124@gmail.com).

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please get your team together and either ask your explorer leader to get in touch with us via the contact info supplied in this letter or do so yourself so we can keep you updated and send you more details as appropriate.

We hope to meet you on Friday 25th September.

Yours in Scouting

Robbie Quinn and the Operation Escape Team



One of last years teams
Come and Join the fun



Christmas Came early to Cleveland this year



Staycation Road Trip

Did You join in Cleveland's Christmas celebrations ? 1st Norton did.

Santa dropped in and carols were sang around the campfire, thanks go to all who helped in any to organise the weekend.



16th World Scout Moot 2022 Ireland



We are delighted to share that applications to join the UK Contingent have reopened for a limited time. For anyone who didn't manage to submit an application first time round, can now attend due to the new dates in 2022 or have had a change in circumstance, we are delighted to be able to provide an opportunity to submit an application as either a Participant or IST member.

The second round of applications will then be entered along with the first round into the ballot which will be drawn using our Scouting Criteria. We then intend to then confirm places no later than the end of October 2020.

Submitting an application is super easy! There's three simple steps to let us know you'd like to come to Ireland in July 2022. They are:

1. Completing a contingent application form
2. Filling out an anonymous equal opportunities monitoring form
3. Visiting the grants section of our website and considering completing an application for our Inclusion Fund.

All the information on submitting an application and more is available on Scout website. Applications close at midnight on **Sunday 20th September**, so don't leave it too late!

A reminder that if you've already applied - you don't need to do anything! Please don't submit a second application, but check your emails for the latest update around your next steps.

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These Scouts from South London have now camped out for over 100 nights!
Any of our Scouts still camping out every night?

Scouts of the World Award Programme

Who is it for?

The SW Award is designed for you, if you are between the age of 15 and 26, regardless of whether or not you are a Scout. This is the age range in which you are preparing to carry out adult roles and find your place in society. The programme offers you the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, and values needed to become a world citizen: someone who can play an active role in making the world a better place, starting with your local community.



What are the aims of the SW Award Programme? •

To encourage your stronger involvement in the development of society by giving you the knowledge, skills, motivation, and opportunities to face today's global challenges. • To recognise and promote your voluntary service project in the fields of development, peace, and the environment. These take the form of long-term development projects (with a long-term vision) run individually or by a team. • To encourage National Scout Organizations (NSOs) to develop more educational opportunities to become world citizens. These initiatives will open up new fields of action and provide genuine responsibility, through partnerships with other key players in civil society. They will reinforce community service and international cooperation.



How does it work?

The SW Award Programme is simple and flexible with a clear educational process.

1. First, you need to contact your NSO SW Award National Coordinator who will help you start to explore one or more of the global challenges facing today's world. These challenges relate to one or more of the fields for action: development, peace, and/or the environment. This initial phase of exploration – SW Award Discovery – lasts for a few days. It will usually be conducted on an SW Award Base or another appropriate site with a team of other young people. At the end of the SW Discovery, you will have begun to explore the challenges and will have started to draft your project to tackle the issue(s) at stake in your chosen community.
2. After completing the SW Discovery, you will be given an SW Award Passport to keep track of the work you are doing. You will then further plan and run the SW Award Voluntary Service you started planning during the SW Discovery. Your project may evolve and change over its planning process, so the first draft you made during your Discovery is not binding. This project usually lasts around two weeks (a minimum of 80 working hours).
3. Once your project is done, you will first evaluate it alone (or as part of a team) and then with the SW Award Tutor (a member of the SW Award Team who followed your project from the beginning).
4. If your experience fits the criteria set for the SW Award, the SW Award National Coordinator will grant you membership of the SW Award Network. You will need to submit a brief report on your project to the SW Award Network on scout.org
5. Finally, on joining the Network, you will now be awarded the SW Award. You will receive the SW Award badge and/or pin and the SW Award certificate. You can also continue to contribute further to the development of the SW Award Programme and its causes. Congrats!



**Have you ever thought
about going to the
Gilwell Reunion ?
This year
Gilwell Reunion is
coming to you**

The Gilwell Reunion takes place every year and is aimed at adults in the movement and this year due to the situation the Gilwell Reunion is going to be a virtual event so it does not matter what the weather is like you can sit in your own front room and join in all the fun.

Below is the basic agenda for the weekend but there are lots of other activities to join in.

Saturday Main Stage

12:00 - Scout Radio are broadcasting throughout Reunion. Listen in online from 12pm.

13:00 - Virtual tour of Gilwell Park (Facebook Live broadcast)

13:30 - Reunion opening ceremony (Facebook Live broadcast)

14:00 - Choose a session to attend or watch from the nine zones

16:00 - A thank you message (Facebook Live broadcast)

17:00 - Networking and Q&A sessions gather online around roles or topics from the nine zones (Live networking)

19:00 - Campfire (Facebook Live broadcast)

20:00 - Quiz, Disney bingo and disco (Facebook Live broadcast) 09:00 - Bushcraft with Ed Stafford and Steve Hanton
Join world leading bush craft experts, Ed and Steve, to find out more about the core principles of making, maintaining, and using fires safely. They'll also give you a (virtual) taste of delicious, easy wilderness cooking (presentation).

Sunday

10:00 - Choose a session to attend or watch from the nine zones (various session types)

11:30 - Scouts Own: closing ceremony (Facebook Live broadcast)

Interactive workshop:

Interactive workshops are live streamed, topic-based sessions. Audiences can interact by answering polls, asking questions to the presenter, or being split into breakout groups. Live sessions start at 2pm on Saturday or 10am on Sunday and are capped to 300 attendees, so keep an eye on the timetable to decide which sessions you'll join.

Networking:

Networking sessions are live streamed, providing a space for volunteers to get together with people in the same role. Join to hear updates about your role or simply join in a discussion with peers. Networking sessions start at 5pm on Saturday.

Broadcast:

The Scouts will be broadcasting our headline activities on Facebook Live, so join the video feed and comment below.

Scout Radio:

Scout Radio are broadcasting throughout Gilwell Reunion

For more information Gilwell Reunion Facebook page or [scouts.org](https://www.scouts.org)