



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

This means:

Digital programme delivery

Indoor and outdoor group sessions of up to 15 excluding Leaders can take place provided you have got approved Risk Assessments from your District but OUTDOOR is preferred.

No residential activities can take place at this stage

NB: The whole of Cleveland / Tees Valley have additional restrictions placed upon them by being in Tier 2 at present but this does not affect the overall state of readiness for Cleveland Scouts. However, the type of Scouting you choose to do is entirely up to you.

Ian Railton - Deputy County Commissioner – Sections dccsections@gmail.com

Remembrance Day

As we all know 11th November is Remembrance Day, we can't show our thanks in the usual way so why not colour in the attached poster and place it in your window to show your support. Its attached to the end of this months Courier

Uniform Poppy Badge are available from Scouts Shops to were on uniforms.



LEST WE FORGET

County Commissioner's Corner

County Survey

Thanks to all those who attended the online meetings earlier this month. For those who have not had a chance to complete the online survey yet, please can I remind you to have your say here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScd2JvLaT_a2-yZEuX4fXuljp-II1LxNPIUkF22OTRtX72RBQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The survey closes 30 November.



COMING SOON- Youth County Commissioner Role

Are you 18-25 and interested in helping to lead the County? Do you know someone who might be?

As a member of the County Leadership Team the County Youth Commissioner works in partnership with the County Commissioner and Chairperson of the County Executive Committee. The role is to ensure that young people from 6 – 25 years are involved and engaged in every decision that shapes their Scouting experience locally and to empower young people to share their ideas and have a meaningful voice in planning, implementing and reviewing their programme and opportunities.

Look out for the application/ nomination forms to be released shortly via the usual communication methods.

CONGRATULATIONS- 2020 Awards

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the following recipients have been confirmed from HQ. Thank you to all those who continue to support Scouting in Cleveland. If you would like to nominate a recipient, please contact your DC or Frank as County Chair.

The following people have been awarded the Medal for Merit
Shaun Jones, Andrea Sotheby Karen Askwith and Paul Elliott

Andy

County Commissioner.



Awards

Due to restrictions imposed on staff at Scout Association Headquarters from Coronavirus and the pressure of other work many Long Service Awards are currently overdue. These are slowly being updated and we have been informed that there are at least twenty six awards for Long Service being processed at present for members within Cleveland. Hopefully these will be confirmed and the certificates ready for presentation will be received by the County before the end of the year. In addition to these awards it has been announced that there are also several awards for Good Service that have been awarded to members within Cleveland. The badges and certificates for both these awards will be presented on a suitable occasion as soon as possible after they have been received from Headquarters.

Anyone can nominate a person for an award, all you have to do is to complete the nomination which is available at scouts.org.uk. If the person is working with a District or Group send it to the District Commissioner, if they are working with the County send it to the County Commissioner.

Lockdown Scouting at 27th Middlesbrough

By Lucy Richardson (Scout)



As with all scout groups, 27th Middlesbrough found lockdown a challenging time. However, we found ways to adjust and still come together to partake in scouting activities virtually.

The first activity that our group got involved with, was the virtual camp at the beginning of April. All sections got stuck in building dens inside their houses or putting tents up in back gardens. The Scout section held a competition to see which patrol could complete the most activities across the weekend. Some of these activities included taking part in JOTI, cooking a camp tea, completing a badge of our choice, and watching and taking part in the Virtual Campfire hosted by 7th Redcar Scouts. We also enjoyed doing the necker flip challenge too! The Eagles won the inter-patrol competition (not my patrol by the way!).

All sections also took part in Cleveland Scout's Indoor Challenge. From paper aeroplane competitions, family



games with a dice to Clapping for Carers, we had lots of fun. Our hopes that lockdown was to soon be over were short-lived and so we moved our meetings onto Zoom in mid-April. We tried many things on our Zoom meetings including scavenger hunts, new games like Copy Cats, Quizzes, Bingo, Battleships and The Generation Game. This went on for many months and our numbers on these meetings dwindled but don't worry, I stayed! The leaders decided to hold some group Zoom meetings where everyone from beavers to leaders could partake.

Finally, the leaders heard the news that we could start planning to meet face-to-face once again and they started to put plans into place. We were extremely excited when they told us since we had not seen other in so long.

Our last Zoom was held on 14th October where the scouts had a guest speaker who worked as a Crime Scene Investigator. She told us many stories and taught us about the skills needed to work in forensics. It was really interesting.

Our first face-to-face meetings finally happened, at a social distance, on 14th October (for cubs) and 21st October (for beavers and scouts). It was just a games night but it was great way to get us all back together again. Leaders are now planning different activities for each section which will include achieving badges and learning new skills once again. We will continue to meet fortnightly for the time being. Lots of badges were achieved during lockdown and some young people needed a truck to carry all their badges home! Two scouts even managed to finish off their Chief Scout Gold awards during lockdown. Lockdown was a time of highs and lows but certainly a time we won't forget.



On behalf of all of the 27th Middlesbrough youth members, I would like to thank the leaders for all the activities and challenges they gave us to complete during lockdown which helped us keep busy and in touch with each other. I'm glad to be back.





**This year we are supporting the local community,
but we need **YOUR** help in doing so**

We need donations of:

Food (in Tins, Jars or Bags), Toiletries and Pet Food

All donations will be sent to Middlesbrough Foodbank to be distributed across the community to help those in need



Our drop off point is located at:

Middlesbrough Scout HQ, 48 Tollesby Road, TS5 7PJ

On the following days:

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday 7pm till 9pm
3rd November until 10th December

Or, if your unable to make it to our drop off location, contact
the following email to organise a pick up:

deputy@middlesbroughscouts.org.uk



COVID-19 is the biggest crisis we've faced in a generation

Now, over 500 Scout groups – many of them based in communities that were already made vulnerable before the virus hit – are struggling to make ends meet.

If they close their doors, thousands of young people will miss out on all the life-changing skills and experiences being a Scout can bring, precisely when they need us most.

That's why we're calling on all Scouts – and the people who care about them – to join us in a sponsored #RaceRoundTheWorld, to raise vital funds at this vital moment in our history.

The rules are simple

On 29 October, we're asking everyone – including young people and their families, volunteers, and former Scouts keen to pass the baton on to future generations – to sign up and join one of four teams:

Four teams will race each other to see who can clock up the most miles and be the first to travel the 43,000 miles to get round our route of the world at least once, learning about the countries they visit along the way.

Our target is to raise over £300,000 for the 500+ Groups at risk of closing. Once you're all signed up and raring to go, go, go, simply:

1. Travel a mile or more
2. Get sponsored
3. Log your miles (and help your team get all the way round the world!)
4. Tag us with #RaceRoundTheWorld on social media to show us how you're doing (and help spread the word far and wide!)

The race is on until 11 December, so there's time to really challenge yourself and get sponsored for as many miles as you can manage. You can take part however you like and wherever you are. You don't have to physically complete your miles – have a look at other fun activities you could try.

For more information visit scouts.org

However you travel, we've developed some great new resources to help bring the race to life – with plenty of safe, international-themed programme ideas that'll help young people to learn about different cultures as they travel.

Track your team round the world

When the race begins, you'll be able to see your route round the world on a digital map on the #RaceRoundTheWorld homepage.

Then, as the miles mount up, you'll be able to track your team's progress and see which countries you've got to. The programme ideas will relate to the countries you're passing through.

Young people can take part at home with their families, as well as doing a #RaceRoundTheWorld activity at their section night.

Local sections can choose to fundraise together, or young people and volunteers can fundraise individually. Whichever's easiest.

Either way, everyone will have the chance to learn some new skills and earn some shiny new badges along the way. And, when we look back on this year, we'll know we played our part when it mattered most.

Because, whatever the weather, Scouts stick together.

Even when we're (two metres) apart.

We'll see you at the starting line...



Indoor Challenge

Here is a list of groups who have taken part in the Indoor Challenge.

If you would like an individual certificate to go with the badge these are available from the Cleveland County web site.



Prizes from scouting do come North!

For those of you who are doubtful of the promise to enter a free draw if you complete a HQ questionnaire read on.

I completed the questionnaire following the Gilwell Reunion, was entered into the draw and won a prize.

It is a Scout Store organic cotton bag, a bit like a duffle bag for those of you who remember them, and a Gilwell Reunion t-shirt.

Well chuffed! Janet Merrick

Middlesbrough District Secretary and SASU Member

Raven Gill

The work goes on

During the lock down Raven Gill is having a face lift to be ready for the re-opening.

The pictures below show the new windows going in at Jubilee Centre. Even the Wardens Quarters has had a lick of paint .

Thanks go to all concerned



NEW Training Courses for 2020

Thursday 22nd October	First Response Theory	Via Zoom 6-8pm
Monday 9th November	First response Theory	Via Zoom, 6-8pm
Sunday 15th November	Adjustments to Scouting	Via Zoom, 10am – 12.15pm
Wednesday 18th November	First Response Theory	Via Zoom 6-8pm
Thursday 3rd December	First Response Theory	Via Zoom 6-8pm
Tuesday 15th December	First Response Theory	Via Zoom 6-8pm

To register for a course

Either: Go to 'Cleveland County Scout Leaders' Facebook page and register via the Eventbrite link pinned to the top of the page.

Or: Go to www.clevelandscouts.org.uk and register by completing a registration form (PDF or Word) under the training tab and either email, post or hand deliver to:

Ian Railton

E: ian.railton@ntlworld.com

P/HD: 1 Surbiton Road, Hartburn, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 5PZ

Zoom Links

Zoom links will be sent out the day before the Course.

Other Training News

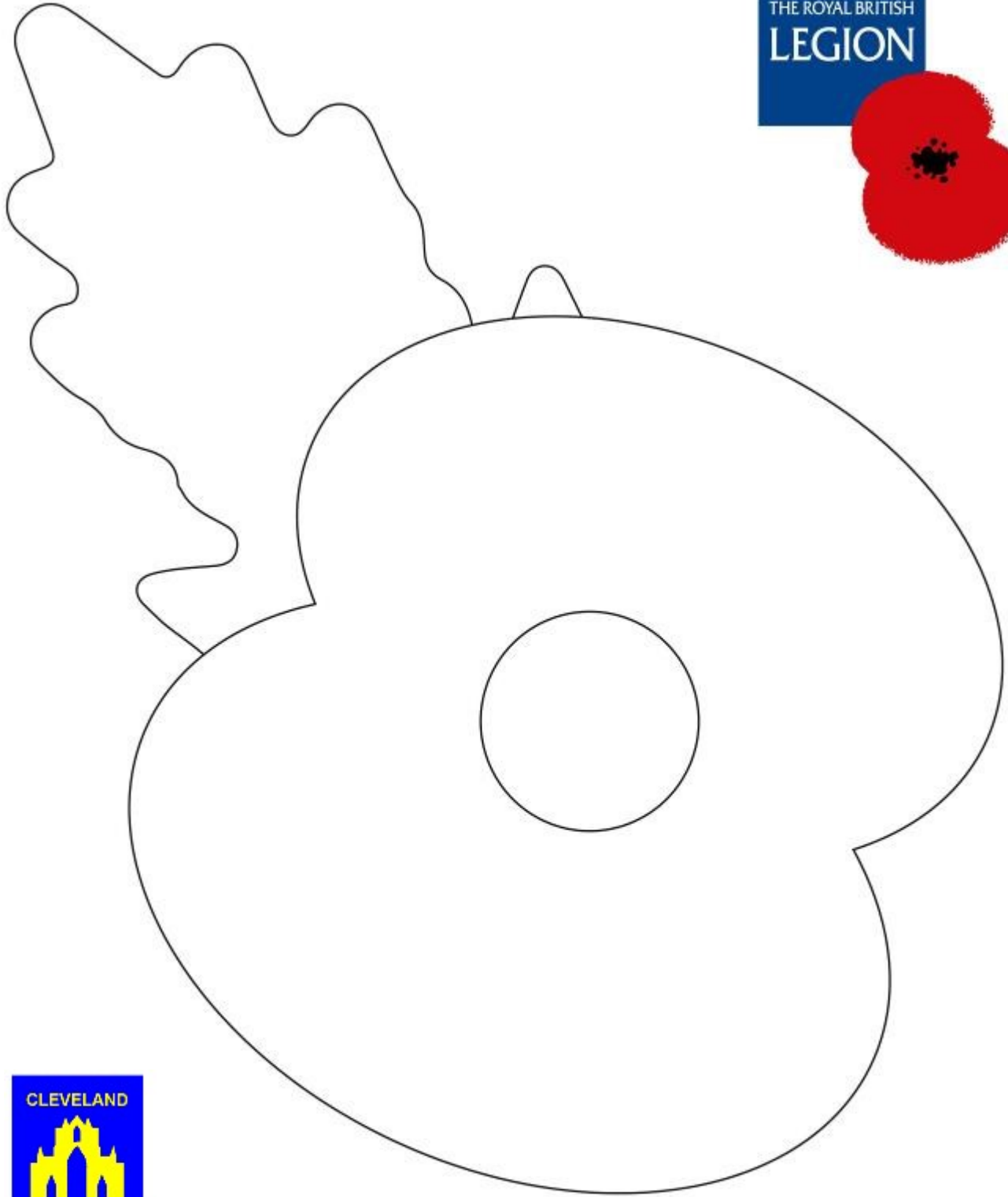
Section Essentials Modules 5-19 (excluding 6 and 10)

More information, dates and times coming soon.

Getting Started Modules 1-4. These are now all online

Executive Committee Trustee Module is now online.

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