Welcome

Hi, thanks for watching. I really appreciate eyou clicking on the button.

This week

It’s been a really busy week again hasn’t it? Some of you have been taking part in S&E at home and I was loving seeing the photos being shared.

If you haven’t had a chance to take part yet look at their virtual map or take part, you and your young people still can.

One activity I though that was brilliant was Knolling which is taking an overhead picture of arranged items. Here is mine of all the equipment I use to make these videos.

This week there has been lots coming out from HQ about the process we will be following to safely restart scouting.

Your line manager will received an email with lots of information and the steps we are starting to consider to enable us to restart Scouting.

At the moment Face to Face Scouting still cannot take part, but there are plans now available to start looking at what we need to do when we can.

Please remember we cannot start Face to Face Scouting yet.

Please talk to your DC, GSL, DESC or Network Commissioner.

Next I want to tell you about Jake, a Beaver Scout at 1st Royal Forest in the Forest Of Dean. Jake has been really making a gentleman named Tom very happy by writing to him at his nursing home in Gloucester.

They have written to each other and Jake has written a story all about an Oak Tree which has made Tom very happy. Well done Jake, and thanks to Kerry for telling us all about it.

You and your young people can also get involved in this amazing opportunity to make a difference to people in the community, especially those that are more lonely. We are looking to join with Scouts all over the country to do 10,000 random acts of kindness whether that is swapping skills, sending video messages or exchanging letters like Jake is. You can find out more at this website.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/scouts-helping-others/care-for-care-homes/>

I learned recently that 41st Gloucester have been continuing to develop their skills for life by learning Sign Language via Zoom. Thanks to Sally from the Scout Active Support unit for helping them with that.

Also, Will from 45th Cheltenham wrote to me to tell me about the huge range of activities that they have been doing with their Beavers and Cubs. This has included several badges including Book reader, Digital Citizen, and Bike maintenance. They have played battleships and lego challenges, done escape rooms and quizzes. It sounds amazing.

Coming up

Over the lockdown period we have been looking to enable adults to continue to do some of their training. I’m pleased to say that we have recently added some dates to the training website for Module 12A, Module 7 & Safeguarding

If you are receiving emails about overdue Safety & Safeguarding training, can I please ask you once again just to grab a cuppa and complete the training? It’s really important we keep this training up to date and if we can continue to reduce the huge number of people who are overdue, I would really appreciate it.

On 11th & 12th July, as part of the Great Indoors, we can all take part in what looks like 24 hours of amazing fun.

The Great Indoors weekender has published their programme and it really does look brilliant. Look! Depending on your age you can do as much or as little as you like, all night long if you want to.

It really does look like 24 hours of brilliant activity, led by lots of guests and celebrities.

You don’t have to run the weekend, just send this website to your young people and parents and they can read all about it and take part.

[www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/the-great-indoors-weekender](http://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/the-great-indoors-weekender)

I mentioned briefly last week that in July we will be sharing with you a Land activities at home day. Well things have moved on and because the world is changing so much, we are going to do it over several weeks. We’ll be in touch very soon, but we will be sharing 12 brilliant activities that are related to Land Activities that normally you can do with Scouting. Whether that be bouldering, climbing or hill-walking.

Look out across social media and your emails as we share more with you next week.

Also this week, look out in your emails for the opportunity to sign up to our next all-county Camp At Home. We’ll be sending out details of how you can register to take part in GOOOSE which is in the weekend of the 18th – 20th September.

It’s possible by then that we may have some form of Scouting, but it is unlikely we will be able do nights away still, so why not start talking about the GOOOSE weekend with your groups and units…?

And finally…

We have been updating lots of things on our coronavirus website. There is more and more information, so do take a look.

Also on our home page, you will find that Carole has written another blog, it’s interesting read, so do grab a cuppa and take a read.

I haven’t had any neckers this week, but I do want to say a huge thank you for everyone that has sent one so far. I really feel honoured in being able to wear your neckers and sharing them with the County. If you send me one I will return them. If you want to send me your necker to wear and to talk about, drop me a line.

Finally, thank you so much for everything you are doing, its amazing.

Thank you is often forgotten but sometimes we are excellent at saying.

Gloucester Gang Show want to say thank you. They have performed together in this video with such talent to Gary Barlow’s Sing. I hope you enjoy it.

Thanks for watching, stay safe and again, thank you so much for all that you do.

Bye bye.