Welcome

Hi, thanks for watching.

This week

It’s been a crazy week again;

* DC meeting with the chairs which was excellent
* Cheltenham Exec
* Cotswold District GSL & Team meeting
* Spoken lots about restarting Scouting
* 1:1s with some of my team
* And listened to a very passionate ADC describe a brilliant event they want to run in the autumn.
* Thanks to everyone who continues to give up their time

Last weekend

Last weekend was the Great Indoors Weekender – did you get involved? I did and I had lots of fun with my family, we camped out (I decided I wanted to be outdoors, I made a whirly bird, and rocket. If you want to see my rocket, you can see it on our County Facebook page. We cooked on the fire, we had s’mores (you know how I like them!)

I had a lot of fun.

I know a number of groups made use of the resources and programme to help them run a Camp at home

Thanks to 45th Cheltenham, 1st Upton St Leonards, Deer Park Kemble and 1st Royal forest for sharing your journey with me. I know many more took part and it was great to see everything happening across social media.

I’ve put this short video together to share some of what was going on!

Restarting Scouting

Cranham is re-opening. This is great news! You can now book to use parts of the site (outdoors only) for your activities. Especially useful if you don’t have any safe outdoor space that you can use.

Make contact with the team and they will

We’ve learned a lot this week and I just want to share a few top tips if you are thinking about returning to face to face Scouting soon.

Please do read the guidance on Scouts.org.uk it will make your life easier, in particular look at the checklists.

It isn’t just as simple as doing a quick risk assessment and away we go. There are lots of things to think about which all go towards keeping young people and their families and just as importantly you, safe.

You’ll be needing to demonstrate your have considered People, Programme and Places in your plans and Risk Assessments, as well as making sure you have considered all the parts of the Covid Code.

Your mandatory training has to be complete before you can return, especially Safety and Safeguarding.

Please don’t be that person that prevents your group or unit from meeting.

Again it is all online, please do take a look.

We’ve also been adding more information to our website (IZZY) including the process part of last week’s video, a one page guide and much much more.

We can now complete DBS applications, so if your DBS expired or is due to expire, please speak to your line manager very soon. It is important we keep on top of these, otherwise we will not be allowed to make use of your enthusiasm, skills, time and talents. That would be a shame.

Coming up

This week’s blog from Carole is on Sleeping, and I know she has been struggling this week. Why not take a few minutes to have a read?

I want to take a brief moment to say thank you once again for all of you who have completed your mandatory training. Thank you.

Now, I want to talk to all of you who are Executive members. Many of you will not have noticed the change to our rules in POR that say that you now need to complete Safety and Safeguarding training. But the fact is that all Exec members now need to do this. Many of you have already done so, and I say thank you.

The training which is vital for all executive members is Module 1 for Executives. Over 40% of our Exec members across groups and districts need to complete this. You can complete the learning online and following a short conversation with a training advisor you can have it validated. In fact many of you wont need to complete the learning, because you will be well versed in your role as a trustee.

My big ask this week is to ask all of you who are Exec members, that have not completed Module 1 E yet, please do. Please speak to your GSL or your LTM, please let’s see what we can do to show that more of us can demonstrate that we understand the importance of these vital roles.

And finally…

Please continue to stay safe and again, thank you so much for all that you do.

Bye bye