

CC Chat

It has been amazing seeing the ingenious ways Scouting has continued across Oxfordshire over the last month! From virtual camps to parades, online meetings and so much more; it has been really inspiring to watch leaders take on the challenge of continuing from home and seeing Young People of all ages engaged, continuing to complete badge work and most importantly having fun!

Saying that it's equally okay if you are using the time to take a break, look after the family, home school and tackle all the other difficulties we currently face. These really are challenging times for everyone, and we will need to follow the right path for ourselves to make sure we can all return to face to face Scouting when the time comes.

Thank you to everyone that helped put the virtual Oxon Easter Camp together and to all those that took part, posting pictures and videos over the weekend of their camp sites, flag poles and activities. It was amazing to see everyone coming together despite the miles between us!

Ahead of returning to face to face meetings, I would urge you all to look at your training record. There is mounting pressure to ensure that everyone is training compliant, with mandatory training completed in a timely manner. As a County we have a long way to go – 47% of adults need to complete their ongoing safety training and 40% the safeguarding training. Both are vital to ensure the safety of everyone involved and uphold the quality of Scouting we deliver.

Thank you to those sending in your training certificates; although don't forget that the modules Essential Information & Toles for the Role need to be validated with a Training Advisor once you have completed the training. Details on how and all the support the training team can give you can be found on page 3.

During these trying times, don't forget that Headquarters are constantly updating their Covid-19 guidance with all the latest information found at <https://www.scouts.org.uk/coronavirus>. This includes information on The Great Indoors and other programme ideas, staying safe online, financial support, disclosures and much more. And keep checking Oxfordshire Scouting social media for all our updates and information.

I hope you all stay safe & well and take the time you need for yourself during these exceptional times.

Wendy

Safety and safeguarding training

Let's increase local compliance. The Scout Association has been sending email reminders directly to all members who have outstanding mandatory ongoing safety and safeguarding training on Compass.

Next week's email (and subsequent reminders) will contain a link to the online training to do at home and details of a central contact who can update Compass. It's really important that everyone is up to date as soon as possible.

To complete your [Safety training click here](#). To complete the [safeguarding training click here](#). You can also send your certificates to info@oxonscouting.org.uk for validation.

If you are a key worker and unable to complete the training at the moment just let HQ know and they will stop the reminder until after lockdown.

Welcome to the team!

Over the last 6 months we have welcomed the following volunteers to the county team - welcome!

Robert Spence - Deputy County Commissioner

Nick Davis - Deputy County Commissioner Marketing and Communications

Alex Gill - Deputy County Commissioner Marketing and Communications

Carl Hodgkiss - Assistant County Commissioner Events

Drew Kerr - Assistant County Commissioner Events

David Parry-Jones - Assistant County Commissioner Events

Graham Brewis - Assistant County Commissioner - Cubs

Lee Beasley - Assistant County Commissioner - Network

Adrian Soper - Assistant County Commissioner - Explorers

Penny Hannigan - Local Training Manager

Tim Scane - Local Training Manager

Andrew Orr - Supporter of the Nights Away Permit Scheme

Sarah Joyner - District Commissioner (Acting) West Oxon

Jack Talbot - Scout Active Support Coordinator

Sarah Strudley - Training Advisor

OSM

Get the latest news from OSM! Including information on their badge from home & programme at home updates

[Download it here.](#)

As a County in conjunction with your Districts we provide Gold membership for each section. Double check you are using it. If you need the code, please email: Info@oxonscouting.org.uk

Got a story?

We would love to hear stories on Scouting as it happens. Please email us your stories on: theox@oxonscouting.org.uk

Appointments continue!

Whilst we are in Lockdown our Appointments Committees have been busy getting themselves online and familiar with MS Teams to conduct appointments meetings for roles added before lockdown! Well done all!



[Scouting Magazine](#)

[Download it here!](#)

Brand a Bus competition result

As you may be aware, Oxfordshire Scouts submitted an entry to the "Brand a Bus" competition run by Oxford Bus Company back in November 2019. Despite being the last charity to enter, we were shortlisted to the final 10, meaning we must have received many, many votes! Unfortunately we did not go on to win but thank you to everyone who voted as it has increased our community perception massively, helping us to spread awareness of all the great work we do for the young people we deliver Scouting to. This was our main aim of entering the competition, which we gladly achieved! We would, of course, love to congratulate Home-Start Oxfordshire on their win! We hope they can grow and continue their great work as a result of this competition!

Branding

We have a fresh new look using the new branding - [Download your copy of the County brand guidelines here!](#)

Oxfordshire Adult Training

Wendy mentioned training compliance, particularly getting started modules, we have been working hard to ensure that we are offering alternative training opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire and have a full schedule of online courses that cover the learning for Getting Started modules (1,2,3,4,1E) and the chance to validate them. Online learning offers the advantage of live discussion, the chance to share knowledge with others and to ask questions.

As you will be aware, most of our training requires validation, learning only being needed when you feel there are gaps in your knowledge. If you wish to validate any of the Getting Started Modules (1,3,4,1E) we are running regular online validation sessions.

We have had over one hundred participants on our online courses in the last month. Here's some of the feedback that we've had:

"I found the training informative and useful. It was delivered in a relaxed style by trainers that were clearly experts". I am going to recommend that all our executive members book onto the next course"- Sue.

"Well presented, clear and informative. It was very useful" – Pat

"Heartily recommended"- Barney

"The training was informative, organised, clearly delivered and helpful"- Lynsey

You can see what courses are available, download useful information and book onto a session by following this link: [Book on a course](#)

If you are wondering what Getting Started training you need for your new role, this table might help.

If your role is:	Then you need these modules:
Working directly with young people	1, 2, 3 & General Data Protection Rules (GDPR)
Managing or supporting adults	1, 2, 4 & General Data Protection Rules (GDPR)
A member of on an executive committee	1E & General Data Protection Rules (GDPR)

Below are a number of useful links that will take you to training related support.

Local Training Managers:

District	Name	E mail
King Alfred (temporary)	Colin Davidson	ltmka@oxonscouting.org.uk
North Oxfordshire (temporary)	Colin Davidson	ltmno@oxonscouting.org.uk
Oxford Spires	Maria Chaundy	ltmos@oxonscouting.org.uk
Thames Chiltern	Colin Allum	ltmtc@oxonscouting.org.uk
Thames Chiltern	Penny Hannigan	penny.hannigan@oxonscouting.org.uk
Thames Ridge	Tim Scane	ltmtr@oxonscouting.org.uk
West Oxfordshire	Rose Ralphs	ltmwo@oxonscouting.org.uk
County		
LTM TAs – Manager & Supporters	Patrina Effer	ltmtams@oxonscouting.org.uk
County Training Manager	Colin Davidson	ctm@oxonscouting.org.uk
County Administrator	Michelle Cox	michelle.cox@oxonscouting.org.uk

Learning resources page

The following link takes you to whole range of useful information regarding training

[Scout Association Training resources page](#)

E-learning

The following links will take you directly to the associated e learning for the module shown. Don't forget that learning needs to be validated*.

[Module 1 Essential Information](#)

[Module 3 Tools for the Role - Sectional roles](#)

[Module 4 Tools for the role - Managers and Supporters](#)

[Module 1E Essential information for Executive members](#)

[General Data Protection Rules \(GDPR\)](#)

*GDPR is validated by completing the E learning and printing a certificate

First Aid

It goes without saying that we are not presently able to deliver first aid courses. This raises the question about people whose First Response certificate lapses during lockdown. There is not an official line on this yet, but I anticipate that there will be an extension to the lapse date of certificates, in line with the length of time that we have been unable to offer training.

In the meantime we are looking into the possibility of offering an online **First Aid Refresher** course. This is at an early stage and we will send out a communication if it does become a reality.

Events update

Unfortunately the current Covid-19 outbreak and associated social distancing measures have meant that the Trustees have taken the difficult decision to cancel or postpone all County events until 31st August 2020. This means that CESA, Aqua Camp, Gilwell 24 and County Awards Day have all sadly been cancelled for this year. We are hopeful that all young people who had been nominated to attend the County Awards Day will still be offered the chance to attend a replacement celebration at a later date, and exact details of what format this will take will be circulated to both nominees and to adult leaders once we have finalised arrangements.

At this stage, we are very much hoping that events will be able to resume running as normal in September; we are in the process of planning a fantastic Beaver activity day, as well as CPCW and RaidOx. Full details of these and all other County events will be available via the County website very soon, and we look forward to seeing many of you and your young people at these events.

As ever, if you have any questions then please feel free to contact the relevant event manager (emails usually take the format of: eventname@oxonscouting.org.uk) or with Becky, DCC Events, via events@oxonscouting.org.uk

Awards Day & Jack Hill Trophy 2021

Nominations for 2021 Awards Day and The Jack Hill Trophy for courage are now open! So you can nominate your top award achievers all year round! [For more information and to nominate them is available here.](#)

Youth Commissioner vacancies

#YouShape

Currently, we have vacancies for the following roles:

[County Youth Commissioner](#)

[Deputy County Youth Commissioner](#)

[District Youth Commissioner \(West Oxfordshire\)](#)

[District Youth Commissioner \(Thames Chilton\)](#)

These roles can be shaped around the person or people who would like to take them on. We understand that Scouting is an ever-changing movement and welcome feedback on how we can improve or change what we are doing. We are really keen to add to our existing team and bring in new skills and ideas into the County Youth management team, so why not be part of it?

If you are interested in any of these roles, or know someone you think would be great, then please email cyc-hv@oxonscouting.org.uk for a role description or just more information.

Video Conferencing

Want to get online with virtual Scouting but not sure where to start? [Take a look at the Scout Association blog on this here.](#)



Did you hike to the moon? We would love to hear how you did it! Send your story and picture to: theo@oxonscouting.org.uk

Delivering a flexible programme

To help you decide on any programme changes so that young people can keep learning and stay safe, HQ have developed some new guidance. [Take a look here for details](#) about nights away at home, badges, the Duke of Edinburgh's award, Top Awards and more...

The Great Indoors

Take a look at scouts.org.uk/thegreatindoors and feel free to share the activities with your team, friends and family. We'll be posting activities to do in #TheGreatIndoors on social media over the coming days, weeks and months.

If you own your Scout Hut there's money waiting for you to claim!

Under the Governments Covid-19 business support charities and businesses in the business rates system are eligible for a grant. Scout Groups with property should have been contacted by their local authority providing the details of the grant and how it can be claimed. Eligible recipients will receive one grant per property.

If you haven't heard anything please contact your local authority and claim the money that is available. Even if you don't need it right now, it could be invaluable for the future whether its repair works on the property or to help fund the group over the coming months. [Download the detailed guidance here.](#)

A little extra help

If you are Group or unit who need extra funding to support Virtual Scouting, then I think the link through Alpkit should apply. We meet the criteria of 'Bringing adventure indoors and overcoming the obstacles that prevent us benefiting from going outdoors'. [Download information here.](#)

Vacancies

Looking for a new challenge? Check out or [volunteer opportunities here.](#)

A friendly check in...

Here are three tips to look after your team while we're not meeting face-to-face:

1. Get the team together

A friendly check-in with the team can go a long way, ideally using video conferencing. It shows you're there for them if they have any concerns or questions. You might not be able to answer everything, but showing that you're listening and thanking them for their continued support is sure to be really welcome. It'll also help to keep up team spirits!

2. Set up some one-to-ones

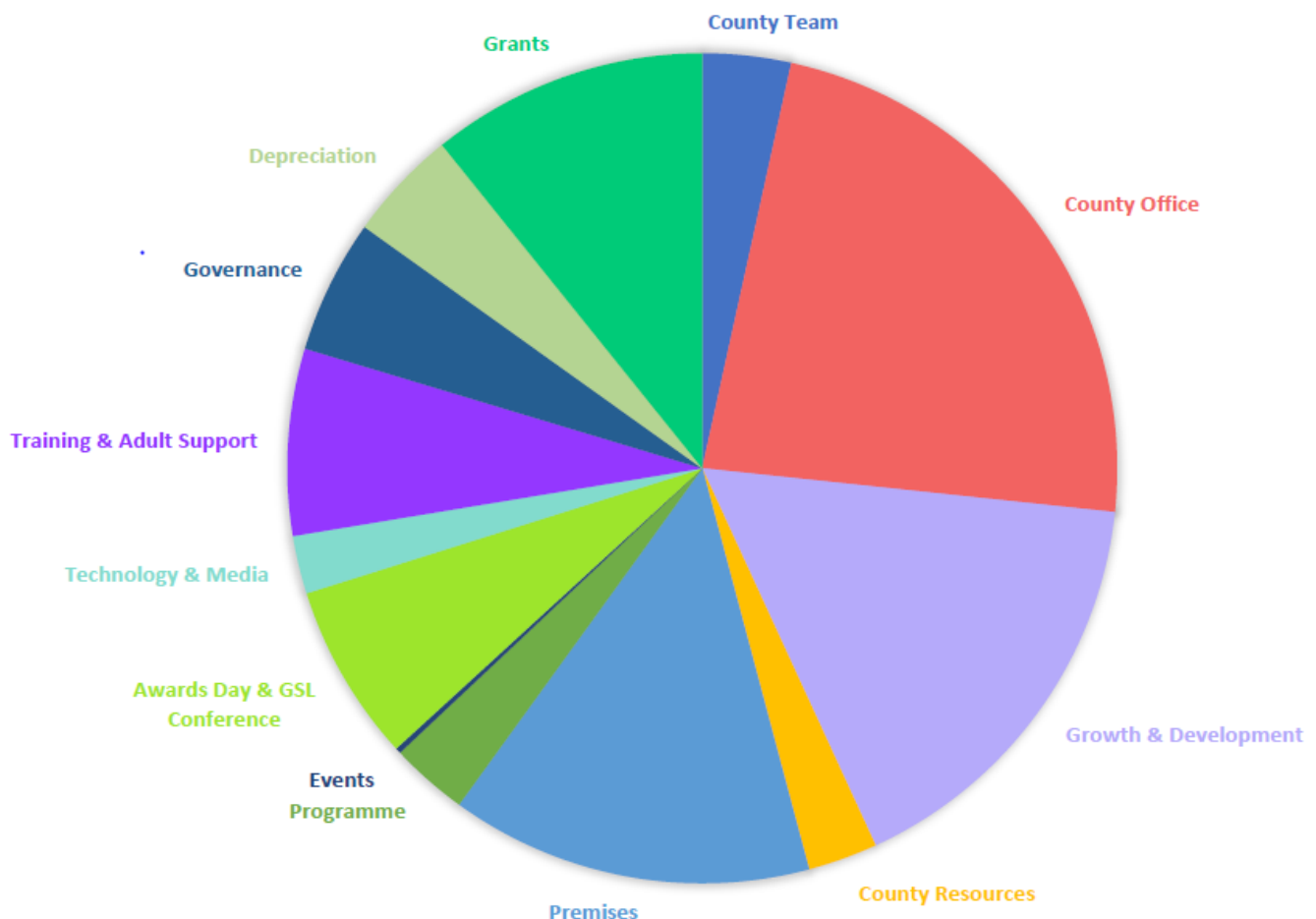
Some members of your team might only raise their concerns on a one-to-one basis. So, if you have time, offer to speak personally with them so they can chat through any issues.

3. Offer support

There are a number of things we can get on with as volunteers while we're not meeting face-to-face. This could be a good opportunity to catch up on our essential training. You could support your team by signposting the support available or offering your help.

Do you want to know where the County funds are spent?

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY 2019-20 ACTUAL COSTS



Network check in

Network is the section of the scouting movement for 18-25 year-olds. Network is mostly peer run within each unit, allowing for a great program based on what the unit members want to do. Given the current situation it may be hard to run activities, but there are still many options to run a full program. [Check out what they have been doing here.](#)

Roll of Honour

Adult awards are an important part of recognising individuals who go over and beyond their role on a regular basis.

[Check out 2020's roll of honour here.](#) Congratulations to all.

Do you know a leader who you think deserves recognition for what they do? [Nominate them here.](#)

St George's Day 2020

Every year scouts across Oxfordshire would take part in activities or parades and renew their promises on or near to the 23rd April, St George's Day. However, this year things had to be done a little differently. [Read](#)

[more here.](#)



COVID 19 Update from Tim & Matt

Missed last weeks all member webinar?

[Check out Tim and Matt's blog here to recap.](#)

Cross Country Cubs!

Over 30 Cubs took part in this years Cub cross country event.

[Read more about it here.](#)



Prescription service

West Oxfordshire District Scout leaders are providing a local prescription delivery service to in Witney and the surrounding villages in partnership with Windrush Surgery. The service is open to everyone but is especially important for helping those most in need of essential medication when self-isolating and unable to travel to pharmacies.

[Read more of this inspiring storey here.](#)



Easter at Home Camp



Two weeks before Easter while reading through the Scout Association's excellent programme ideas within the Great Indoors Adventure, it suddenly occurred to me that something was missing. A scouting activity outdoors! [Read more about how the County came together for a weekend under canvas or blanket!](#)

Growth in the County

Opening new Scout groups and sections in Oxfordshire is always a fabulous thing to do as

once we open the doors to young people and their parents their delight and excitement shines through.

[Read more about growth in the County here.](#)



Programme Planning Made Quicker, Easier & more Enjoyable...

As you may be aware, on the Scout Association Beta site they have been developing a Programme Planning Tool to support Leaders. Progress has been good, and they have now completed both the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts Programme Tools and the Scouts version is well under way with an Explorer one to follow, too.

[Read more about the Programme planning tool here.](#)

“virtual” wide-game (and other activities)

Whilst Apps like Zoom, Teams and the like have allowed Scouting, in these unprecedented times, to continue I am sure that many of us, and in particular the Young People, are lamenting that they cannot get together and do a team game, such as a Wide Game, with their friends. [Read more here.](#)

Compass

Not sure how to register? [Check out a handy video here.](#)

Need support navigating round Compass? [Click here.](#)

Keeping up to date with the latest news

You may have noticed a change to our County social media platforms lately and we wanted to give you some information about how they are best used.

The Facebook Group, which is called Oxfordshire Scouting Forum is now a private group for adults involved in Scouting in the county. The group is designed for discussion and sharing of ideas between leaders, sections, districts, and anyone who holds an adult appointment in Oxfordshire. It is also a great way for the County Team to share information with leaders. The Facebook group's main focus is for internal information and discussion for adults in Scouting.

Facebook Page - The Facebook page is called 'Oxfordshire Scouts' and is a place for anyone and everyone who is interested in the activity of what Scouts in Oxfordshire are doing. It's a place for the media team to share fantastic stories of what's happening in the county and for people to stay connected to Scouting in Oxfordshire if they do not hold an appointment.

Instagram and Twitter - Much like the Facebook page, the County Instagram and Twitter feeds are also designed for anyone to follow the activity of Scouting in Oxfordshire and a place you can keep up to date on what's happening, follow @oxonscouts

We do have a YouTube channel which people can subscribe to. It supports programme and media topics/events. Subscribe to Oxon Scouting.

If you have anything you would like shout about or have us include in the county social media then ping us a message at media@oxonscouting.org.uk

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Stay in the loop with all the latest news!