

CC Chat

Well, we are at the end of another challenging year - thank you to everyone for all you have done to keep Scouting throughout 2021! I really hope everyone stays safe and takes a well-deserved break over the festive period.

Looking ahead to 2022 we have plans for events to come back with a GSL conference in March, Awards Day in May and Aquacamp in June plus CPCW later in the year.

At the start of next year, we will be re-introducing the County team to you all and making sure everyone is aware of the support that the County Team can provide and who to contact. We will also share the County development plan with you all and details on how you can help us achieve our goals.

The training dates for the first half of 2022 are online and can be booked [here](#). The courses are a mixture of virtual and face to face; with courses moving around the County and more face to face courses being available as the year progresses. We are currently looking for venues for face to face courses - so if you have any ideas or your meeting place is suitable and available, please do let us know - ctm@oxonscouting.org.uk

Don't forget, anyone can book a validation session for any training module online via [Bookwhen](#); this includes manager and supporter training modules. So if you don't know who your training adviser is, or you are having difficulty arranging a date why not reach out and book an online session.

In 2022 we will be looking to arrange more Module A & B First Aid training dates, young leader first aid training and mental health training. If there are any new courses that you would like to see, please do let us know on CTM@oxonscouting.org.uk and we can see what can be arranged.

We will also be looking to grow and expand our training team in the new year; so whether you are interested in helping with first aid or becoming a training adviser please do make contact.

2022 will hopefully see our first Squirrel Dreys opening too, which will be a fantastic addition to the County family! I'm looking forward to the new year and everything we can achieve together. It should be an amazing year, which will allow us all to see more of each other.

Headquarters are currently looking for feedback on their proposals on changes to make our volunteering experience even better - you can have your say on the proposals at scouts.org.uk/testing. Please do take a look and provide your feedback to help shape the changes.

After another challenging year, please do make sure all your teams take a well-deserved break over the coming weeks, we can then all head into 2022 refreshed and ready for the new year! Let's make 2022 a year to remember!

Stay safe & have a fantastic festive break!

Wendy

County Commissioner

cc@oxonscouting.org.uk

December Growth hints and tips

Each month we are going to share a small hint or tip to help grow Scouting in your area. For more support please contact the growth team growth@oxonscouting.org.uk. Have you tried something recently that has helped your group or section, we would love to hear about it to share with others.

What better time of the year to make your volunteers feel appreciated. Recruiting great volunteers is one thing but keeping them is another. You can use the Scout brand centre for thank you cards and certificates, or why not organise a volunteer social with some mince pies to make everyone from a parent helper through to the group chairperson feel valued.

Aquacamp 2022 Registrations support

Could you or someone you know join the Aquacamp team to deal with the registrations and admin support? We need someone to help update current documents, manage applications and run the paperwork for those attending, including the on site booking in process over the weekend in June 2022. The role also involves general admin support with the event. Please consider if you could help or suggest someone you know we can speak to. Perhaps take it on with a friend. Please email aquacamp@oxonscouting.org.uk for further information or to arrange a discussion.

Mental Health Training

Oxfordshire Inclusion are organising a Mental Health Training LV2 & Introduction to Autism Course. For further information email Anne on inclusion@oxonscouting.org.uk

Badges – done it!

Scarlet Webb is not unknown to you as she has been recognised by District before for joining in with so many activities. Well she has done it again!

Scarlet moved up to 7th Abingdon scouts in September as she was 10.5 but really wanted to finish all the cub badges before the end of the year and so she has spent the summer until now busy completing the final 6. Yes, she has completed ALL the cub badges that are available to earn!!

Well done Scarlet!

50th anniversary of the Stuart Rae Challenge

This year is the 50th anniversary of King Alfred Scout District's Stuart Rae Challenge.

Download the full story of the legacy event that lives on annually in King Alfred District [here](#).

Jack Hill Trophy for courage

Jack Hill was an Oxfordshire Scout, Leader and Commissioner in Oxfordshire. Unfortunately, he lived his whole life suffering with a severe heart condition. Jack was determined to develop and enjoy his life, his family and friends and trying to live up to his Scout Promise. After his death, his family donated a memorial trophy to be awarded annually to a member of the 6-25 section who has shown the courage to remain positively active in scouting whilst suffering from physical, emotional or social difficulties.

You are asked to recommend a young person (or people), from the Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer Scout and Scout Network Sections, who you believe has shown during last year, the quality of courage in the face of difficulty. In the past recipients have been young people who have faced physical or mental difficulties in their lives and who have coped with social or emotional difficulties, i.e., family deaths or illnesses.

We are not looking for people who have achieved high levels of badge work but for those who have truly enjoyed Scouting, through their attendance, willingness to help and their interaction with their fellow members.

To give us time to consider the nominations please complete the online form by 6th March 2022. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hZJi6VxzCA5ZfY72gaq8RQwhwvd_rbhINjpjILpAXwc/edit

Nathalie Soanes
나탈리

Unit Leader
1st Wheatley & Acquisition ESU
Oxford Spires



Elbert Loubser
엘버트

Deputy Unit Leader
3rd Bicester
North Oxfordshire

Adam Whittaker-Robins
아담

Assistant Unit Leader
4th Oxford
Oxford Spires



Jackie Ward
재키

Assistant Unit Leader
Didcot ESU
Thames Ridge



Congratulations and good luck on your journey to the 25th World Scout Jamboree

제25회 세계스카우트잼버리 참가를 축하하고 행운을 빕니다.

#DreamWild #UK25WSJ



@OxonJamboUnit

Know a Scout born between 22nd July 2005 and 31st July 2009?

Oxfordshire Scouting will be taking 36 Scouts to the next World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in Summer 2023.

Applications are now open –

www.cognitoforms.com/OxfordshireScouts3/OXFORDSHIRESCOUTSWSJ25KOREA

Want to know more? Join us at one of our Roadshows

North Oxfordshire
Monday 29th November '21
Fritwell Village Hall
7.00pm

Thames Chiltern
Tuesday 30th November '21
Wallingford Scout Hut
8.15pm

King Alfred
Thursday 2nd December '21
Wantage DHQ
7.45pm

Oxford Spires
Monday 6th December '21
Wytham Village Hall
7.00pm

Thames Ridge
Wednesday 8th December '21
Didcot Civic Hall
Time TBC

West Oxfordshire
Monday 13th December '21
Eynsham Village Hall
Time TBC

Virtual Roadshows

Two virtual roadshows will take place on 10th and 12th December 2021 – Times and meeting link to be confirmed

If you can't attend a Roadshow in your district then please feel free to join us at another.

Applications will close at 23:59 on 14th January 2022.

All applicants will need to attend the selection weekend on 12th-13th February.

Follow us on our Socials @OxonJamboUnit

First Aid Courses

It's important that we have members trained in first aid, it's best practice to have at least one valid first aider at face-to-face activities. Residential experiences require at least one valid first aider to be on site throughout.

You are only valid if:

- Your First aid module is still valid from before the pandemic
- You've completed Module 10A (online theory)

You have a relevant first aid certificate from other sources (e.g. work) and have provided it to us so Compass can be updated

As a result of the pandemic, members have until January 2022 to become compliant with their first aid training however this is not an extension of your current certificate if it has expired and you will not count as a valid first aider unless one of the above applies.

To complete Module 10A and be compliant, you can book onto our virtual course [here](#) - don't forget to complete the E-Learning element prior to booking, which can be found [here](#).

Time is running out, so please book as soon as possible!

First Aid Module 10B

If you have completed First Aid Module 10A, We now have First Aid Module B courses available before Christmas, these can be booked [here](#). More dates will be published in the new year.

Adult training dates

We have the training dates for the first half of 2022, download the list [here](#).

Inclusion surgeries

Do you need advice on any aspects of inclusion adults or young people? Are you struggling to make your programme inclusive? If so, we are here to help you? Why not make an appointment at one of our online surgeries and speak with a member of our inclusion team?



Email:

inclusion@oxonscouting.org.uk

Dates:

18th December 2021

29th January 2022

19th February 2022

Times: 10am – 12pm

To all DofE Leaders

The current eDofE mapping platform is being closed in January since it's based on Ordnance Survey's mapping platform which OS will retire in January 2022. Therefore any maps you currently have on this platform that you want to keep need to be downloaded or printed as soon as possible.

The DofE is currently looking at how mapping capability for Leaders and participants will be accommodated in the future and will communicate more detail on this once they have completed this work.

To download your maps see this help article <https://help.edofe.org/hc/en-gb/articles/115004906773-How-do-I-send-receive-a-GPX-file->

Got a story?

We love to publish real scouting stories, do you have something you would love for us to publish? Get in touch by emailing us [here](#) with your story!

Welcome to Oxfordshire Scouts

We would like to welcome the following new adult volunteers who joined the Oxfordshire Scouting family in November 2021!

Carol Diffenthal	Edward Bliss	Jade Stone
Andy Heath	Graham Jenkins	Rebecca Roberts
Philip Wilson	Victoria Martin	Bill Mclachlan
Louisa Bennett	Clarissa Rizzo	Emily Furse
Hannah Holland	Michael Eastman	Joanne Kane
Paul Williams	David Ensor	Donna Butler
Gwen Harris	Rebecca Sadler	Rebecca Bordas
Sarah King	Jackie Smith	Matt Astley

We would also like to congratulate the following adult volunteers on starting their new role in Scouting in November, we wish you luck in your new role.

Joanna Churchyard	Christian Fitzmaurice	Sarah Cashman
Ian Shortman	Owen Clarke	Andrew Taylor
Stephen Radford	Mark Pickford	Charlene Keogh
Nathalie Soanes	Gwenda Hulse	Amy Jackson
Adam Whittaker-Robins	David Hirons	Sarah Stuart
Christine Mason	Mary Lucas	Jackie Ward
Andy Mainprize	Kyle Jackson	Elizabeth Parham
Richy Irwin	Pat Vine	Cameron Booker
Amanda Morbey	Tina Drayton	Pearl Givinch
Elbert Loubser	Rachel Aldred	

Woodbadges

Congratulations to the following adult volunteers who achieved their Woodbadges in November 2021 (according to Compass):

David Hamer Jim Rowland



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Stay in the loop with all the latest news!