

### CC Chat

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a good Christmas and start of the New Year and have settled into the new term and looking forward to half term too!

So some exciting news for the coming months...

We have the GSL conference planned for the start of March and we are really looking forward to seeing GSL's, acting GSL's, and deputies/assistants on the day. It will be really good to see everyone (there is a virtual option for attendance too), and get to talk and find out more about how we can support you going forward. We have lots of the County Team and District Teams coming on the day so it will be a great opportunity to re-engage with one another. If you haven't already booked your place, you should have the details on how to book via email. If you don't have the email please contact

[Chris.Goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:Chris.Goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk)

We are also preparing for Awards Day across the weekend of 7 and 8 May - it will be a lovely way to start County events in celebrating the achievements of our young people over the last year. Please do get your nominations in as soon as possible - the deadline is as normal at the start of March, so there isn't much time left! More details later in this edition on how to nominate your young people.

Later in June we will also see the return of Aqua Camp (details later in this edition) and plans are under way for CPCW towards the end of the year too.

And of course, this year we have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to celebrate and as part of the celebrations a national Thank You Day on 5th June. You can find out how to [celebrate here](#).

We would love to hear about your plans for the Platinum Jubilee this year and any other celebrations you have planned. Please send details to [TheOx@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:TheOx@oxonscouting.org.uk)

It's really exciting to see the return of County events and the County Team are looking forward to seeing you over the coming year.

Over the coming month, look out for more details on the County Team in your inboxes, including who's who and how they can support you.

Wendy

County Commissioner

[cc@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:cc@oxonscouting.org.uk)

### Scout Hut Shout Out Competition

Does your meeting place shout that Scouting happens here?

Can a new young person or adult find out easily how to get involved from the outside?

If you answered no to either or both of these question's then we would like you to enter this competition to win new external signage and notice board to help improve the perception of Scouting locally. All you need to do is send us some photos showing how your meeting place doesn't shout Scouting at the moment along with the name of your group and we will look for the group where we feel the prize will have the biggest impact. please enter before the 1st March by sending your photos to [growth@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:growth@oxonscouting.org.uk)

## Expedition Challenge

You may remember some time ago before Covid there was a plan to run expedition training and expeditions scouts. Well now we are coming out of the other side and hopefully plan for a post Covid future. We are planning to resurrect the expedition and training and to assist in this we have three exciting positions available to help to support this event, Expedition Training Camp Craft Programme Lead, Expedition Training Navigation and Route Planning Lead and Expedition Training Administrator. For more information contact Carl on [expedition@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:expedition@oxonscouting.org.uk).

## Grow your group mentoring

As part of our drive to grow Scouting we would like to offer some individuals grow your group mentoring sessions. These will involve 2-3 meetings over the course of a year with members of your group and the growth team where we will work together to review current needs and put action plans in place to recruit and retain new volunteers. As new initiative spaces are limited while we develop the programme. if you would like to be involved, please contact the growth team [growth@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:growth@oxonscouting.org.uk)

## Advertise your recruitment vacancies direct to corporate partners.

We're looking to liaise with Team Oxford, to help place potential new volunteers into scout groups across Oxfordshire. Team Oxford have connections with corporate volunteers who are looking to do something either during the working day or in their spare time. If you've got a vacancy that you'd like to share and find new potential volunteers for, please send the details to Chris and she can then build a list of vacancies to share with Team Oxford. Think of roles slightly different from the norm e.g. Waiting list coordinator or help with gift aid as well as the usual trustee and leader roles. Please email Chris on [chris.goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:chris.goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk).

## Stamps!

New QR coded postage stamps are being introduced and the old non QR-coded stamps will be obsolete from Jan 2023, so run down your stocks. Apparently they can be exchanged old for new but no details yet. Article at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-60213179>

## 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hZJi6VxzCA5ZfY72gaq8RQwhwvd_rbhINjpjILpAXwc/edit)

## Aquacamp 2022

Subject to restrictions Aquacamp is back in June 2022

We have a new venue in Dorchester on Thames.

Aqua Camp is a County event open to all Scout Troops in Oxfordshire. It provides beginners and the more experienced Scouts the opportunity to:

- Take part in a wide range of water activities, which they may not otherwise have access to
- Experience a large Scout section event, with the chance to meet hundreds of other Scouts
- Enjoy a weekend camping with their Troop, that contributes towards their own badge work

This year we expect to be offering kayaking, open canoes, raft building, sailing, gig pulling and dragon boating, alongside some additional land activities and, of course, evening entertainment too

- Booking Applications are available from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Completed Bookings can be accepted from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- The closing date for all applications is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Further details for those Troops wishing to apply <https://sites.google.com/view/aquacamp-2022>.

As ever we are looking for as much support particularly from water permit holders as possible and if you are willing to assist please register using the same link as Troops above but the select the instructors page

For specific queries please email [aquacamp@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:aquacamp@oxonscouting.org.uk)

Hope to see you there

## Activity updates due to launch at the end of the month

HQ recently reviewed a number of activities and published the updated guidance on 31 January. They'll outline the changes on the safety and activity updates page.

## Dementia Oxfordshire

As part of our engagement with the Community, Dementia Oxfordshire are promoting "movement" throughout the month of March. The idea is to run, walk, skip, scoot or wheel 26.2 miles throughout March whilst raising awareness and funds for Dementia Oxfordshire. This marathon can be broken down into daily or weekly miles, or as a marathon in one go!

Although dementia is thought of a disease that only affects the elderly, this is not entirely accurate. Currently in the UK, 52% of the population know someone with a dementia diagnosis, meaning people's children and grandchildren are also affected, and may even be the carers themselves. Dementia Oxfordshire are currently raising awareness and funds for their befriending phonline services and support workers in the community.

See [Dementia UK Fundraising](#) or contact [Marcus Goodwin](#), DCC Programme, for more information



## Awards Day 2022

We are really excited to let you know that Awards Day 2022 will be taking place over 2 days. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at Youlbury Scout Adventure. We will release dates for each District after the nomination deadline.

The deadline for nominations is 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the deadline to accept invites is 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Details about how Awards day works and the links to nominate or download the multiple nomination form can be found by downloading our useful FAQ [here](#).

## Attention Scout and Explorer Scout Leaders,

3 places are available on yet another international scouting opportunity! Introducing NOSKA2022 !

North Oxfordshire Scouts' Kandersteg Adventure was originally planned for this year's summer but like so many similar scouting adventures, the COVID pandemic forced a delay.

A contingent of 20 scouts and explorers and 6 leaders will be heading to Kandersteg in Switzerland from 5th to 13th August 2022.

For those of you unfamiliar with this high altitude resort village in the Bernese Oberland region of Switzerland, Kandersteg just happens to be the home of the Kandersteg International Scouting Centre (KISC). This is the venue for a permanent mini jamboree for all scouts in the world, an idea first put forward by our founder Robert Baden Powell during the first world jamboree in 1920. Three years later KISC was officially opened and since then had become one of the most popular scout campsites in the world.

If you have any young people over the age of 12 who might be interested and you want further information, then please contact Jill Elliot via email [jillyelliot42@gmail.com](mailto:jillyelliot42@gmail.com) ASAP



## Event Support – Event Fairies Scout Active Support Unit

Have you been to an event and seen the dedicated team helping out? Oxon Scouts has a team of volunteers supporting events and so much more. Members were even recognised for prescriptions deliveries in the height of the pandemic.

Would you or someone you know be interested in joining that team and enable our county events to run effectively?

This could be you, a parent, carer or someone you know from work or socially. For more details please contact [events@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:events@oxonscouting.org.uk)

The event fairies are also looking for a new coordinator so if you would be willing to be considered for that please also contact Val Butcher SAS Coordinator or David Parry-Jones DDC Events ([events@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:events@oxonscouting.org.uk)) for a discussion and more details of the role.

## Recovery Fund applications open

The HQ Recovery Fund's open for applications from any Groups and Units that are struggling to afford the costs of keeping Scouts running locally, or any Groups and Units that've been set up since the 2020 Census. Find more details about the application, approval and payment process at [scouts.org.uk/recoveryfund](https://scouts.org.uk/recoveryfund)

## Share your thoughts on new POR updates.

HQ continue to review our rules and guidance to make sure they're easy for volunteers to understand and follow. This year, they're creating a new 'Chapter 16 – Managing Adults' and 'Definitions' chapter within POR which draws together the appointments process chapter and several other related rules across POR. We're proposing to make these updates as part of POR in April 2022. You can [view the proposed chapter and supporting documents here](#) and have your say by [completing the pre-publication check survey](#).

## 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) and Module 10B (Practical)

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

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](#).

Once you have completed First Aid Module 10A, we now have First Aid Module B courses available, these can be booked [here](#).

## County Safety Advisor

Hello County Safety Advisor (aka Ian Broome) here for all your Safety related queries;

POR, Activity Risk Assessment advice, Premises, and all other safety related issues Contact me at [safety@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:safety@oxonscouting.org.uk)

## 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](mailto:inclusion@oxonscouting.org.uk)

Dates:

19<sup>TH</sup> February 2022

26th March 2022

Times: 10am – 12pm



## County Local Training Manager

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Can you support and manager adults?

We are looking to appoint Local Training Managers (LTM) in various areas around the County.

If you are interested or know someone who you feel could fulfil this role, please fill in the form attached to the [role description](#) and email to [ltmwo@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:ltmwo@oxonscouting.org.uk)

## Manager & Supporter Training

Dates for Manager and Supporter training are now available via Eventbrite here: [The Scouts, South East England Region Events | Eventbrite](#)

## 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!

## Oxfordshire Scouts Minecraft Server is Back!

Although in England Scouting is moving to Green Readiness Level from 27<sup>th</sup> January there will, no doubt, be Sections that are still wanting to use a Blended Programme for their Section for the time being.

To support this the County Programme Team have re-activated their Minecraft Server which, rather than open at specific times, we are looking to provide on a more ad-hoc/on-demand service for when Sections want to organize a meeting. Also, taking learnings from what's been fed back

previously, we now have a small number of Minecraft Accounts, owned by the County, which could be used by Leaders or Young People who don't have their own account at home.

The Server can support a programme in numerous ways from individual and team games to creative activities and even virtually visiting places of interest from around the world. Let us know your programme need and we will see if we can help?

We're also happy to run "Introduction to Minecraft" Sessions for any Leaders who would like to deliver this activity for their Young People, but don't what it entails or what they'll need to do.

Finally, please also let your Young People know that the Server will be open for anyone to use on 19th & 20th February. If you would like to book a virtual meeting on the Server or would like to find out more information for accessing the Server, please email [minecraft@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:minecraft@oxonscouting.org.uk)



## Digital Maker and Digital Citizen Staged Activity

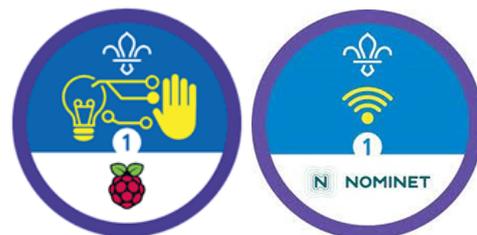
### Badges Sessions

Are you a Section Leader looking for a further badge that your young people could earn or to add to your programme for this term?

On Sunday 27th February "Code Ninjas" in Central Oxford Code Ninjas (Oxford, OXF) (<https://www.codeninjas.co.uk/oxford-oxf-uk>) will be offering two sessions for up to 15 Young People each to complete their Digital Maker or Digital Citizen Staged Activity Badges. The first session will run from 10.00-13.00 and the second from 13.30-16.30. Depending on YP experience level Digital Citizen up to level 3 and Digital Maker up level 4 could be achieved. The sessions are open to any section from Beavers through to Explorers. Code Ninjas will be providing the expert instructors for these sessions, together with all the equipment and resources required, to support the completion of the relevant badge. There will be a cost of £10 per YP to attend.

Code Ninjas offers an immersive environment for kids to explore and develop new skills, gain confidence, and have fun with friends. From coding and game building to STEM and robotics.

The morning session has already been booked, but if you are interested in the afternoon one, please email [dcc-programme@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:dcc-programme@oxonscouting.org.uk)



## Woodbadges

Congratulations to the following adult volunteers who achieved their Woodbadges in December 2021 and January 2022 (according to Compass):

David Eyles - Deputy District Commissioner

Tim Scane - Local Training Manager

Nicholas Tappin - Section Leader

John Dymock - Group Scout Leader

Archie Archer - Section Leader

Kiana Dhanjal - Section Leader

Ashley Taylor - Section Leader

Linda Cole - Section Leader

David North - Section Leader

Rebecca Thomas - Section Leader

Chris Brock - Section Leader



## Welcome to Oxfordshire Scouts

We would like to welcome the following new adult volunteers who joined the Oxfordshire Scouting family or taken on a new role in December 21 and January 22

Michael Hutson

Jill McGarrity

Andrew Innes

Simon Thompson

Martin Richards

Stephen Rainsbury

Anne Mogridge

Stephen White

Tom Plant

Keith Baty

David Parry-Jones

Sarah Buxton

Paul Stokes

Daniel Wood

Ian Griffiths

Jim Rowland

Tracy Rampton

Giles Puleston

Sumaira Noman

Caroline Manders

Thomas Leonard

Jon Poulton

David Batt-Rawden

Gillian Wilson

Zoe McGarrity

Craig Sibson

Fiona Sutherland

Anthony Allsopp

Paul Potter

Andrea Joubert

Sarah Beardsley

George Ryall

Sarah Strudley

Dan Gravil

Marie Sutton

Lindsay Cloughley

Michael Forshaw

Lucy Theobald

Seb Grebot

Sara Carter

Eb Tetsi

Nicola Robinson

Rhiannon Sharman

Ana Bento

Lesley McClory

Paul Baker

Katie Spindloe

Christina Cox

Charlie Nash

Simon Abbott

Paul Wilmott

Richard Hogan

Harvey Dyson

Simon Hatley

Thom Maloney

Serena Cooke

Tina Bull

Peter Gane

Emily Furse

Donna Butler

Lisa Tomkins

Trevor Dugan

Gareth Old

Sue Hawkins

Sam Smith

Jess Rickard

Rosemary Taylor

Claire Chettiar

Tom Addison

Darren Blake

Robert Gleave

Lucie Zeale

Thomas Ward

Gordon Henderson

David Hick

Kristina Bull

Lindsey Hughes

Jake Woodward

Ellie Middleton

Ben Greshon

Anna Wesnes

Fay Clarke

Fiona Macdonald

Mathilda Amesbury

Heather Holt

Christopher Simms

Lisa Brown

Paulina King Bravo

Anthony Sutch

Luke Diesel

Rory Kerr

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