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Newsletter

As the blur of March 2020-21 becomes just a memory with blanks to fill we can reflect together and highlight the positives for our own personal development, mental health and togetherness as a Scout Group Family.

I call it the blur as some of our children were Beavers and are now technically Cubs and Cubs are almost ready to take the next steps in the movement, the pandemic has meant that face to face Scouting was impossible but the movement continued with 'scout from home badge opportunities' including "bug hotels" and Landmark Date activities including VE Day. With the Cubs 30 day challenge and the weekly zoom workshops from our leaders, 4th Rushden made it through the storm as a family.

Going forward we can follow the re-opening guidelines as they are released from the District

Following the latest Government announcement the National Youth Agency (NYA) have confirmed that we are expected to move to AMBER outdoors from 29th March (information below to aid with planning).



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4th Rushden (Whitefriars)

Readiness level: AMBER

This means: Limited group sessions can take place outdoors only. No visits/ trips or residential activities.

Maximum group size:

- Activities involving young people: 15 young people plus 5 leaders.
- Scout Network programmed activities (non social): 15 young people plus 5 leaders
- Note: members requiring the direct support of a carer may do so with the carer being counted as an addition to those number permitted above.
- Note: young leaders can be counted within the young person or leader numbers for activities with young people.
- Note: Activities should be in a single location and no trips/visits or residential are permitted. This includes hike based activities and those which move a group around a number of locations in one session.
- Note: In line with the government moving to Step 2 (no earlier than 12th April 2021) we are anticipating a move to AMBER indoors at this point. This allows for meetings indoor and trips and visits (overnight and residential experiences will remain prohibited) within amber. No expected change to the other limitations of Amber outlined above.

This is all positive steps forward and Parental assistance in the form of volunteers on occasional and a more frequent basis would be welcomed in all sections.

Key Dates for 2021

- Saturday June - Fire Station Carwash Fundraiser
- Saturday July - Picnic In The Park - Event

Stewards & Litterpick

- Sunday 8th August - Classics In The Park
- Saturday September - Outdoor Cinema Fundraiser
- Sunday October 3rd - Soap Box Derby 2021 12:00 - 17:00pm

Thanks for continuing to support our group, in years to come you may say...

Scouts made me a do-er and a give-it- a-go-er. Made me ignore the butterflies and go for it. Scouts made me get back up and try again. Made me think about what's next, and plan for it. Made me jump in, get muddy, give back and get set.

We're Scouts and everyone's welcome here. All genders, races and backgrounds. Every week scouts give almost half a million 6-25 year olds the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Nathan



How Can You Help?

Whilst out spotting ideas for Community within the group, I found this as a possible idea for our beavers and cubs

Simple and easy to do at home and a way of making donations towards the group too:-

1. Penny Drive

Find a penny pick it up, all year long you'll save enough! Host a penny drive throughout the year using large bottle (coca cola 2ltr) to hold the pennies.

Ask your family members to do the same and then donate them at the end of the year!

Maybe make them your own labels to go on them for family?

It's amazing how much your spare change can add up too!

2. Could we hold a book drive?

Could we ask friends and family to donate good condition books and then we could hold a drive and sell them for 50p-£1....

We could hold it in the summer in the walled garden or at the classic car show?

Let us know what you think?!

3. We now have an AMAZON WISH-LIST!

Please go to our 4th rushden Facebook group to find the link to Share with family and friends, all and any help is greatly appreciated!

You could even share our list with friends and family!

Or if you can donate any items on the list then that's fantastic too!

Tammy

Mice

During the winter months mice have found thier way into our store and sadly many items have had to be disposed of.

Thankfully most of the tents survived.

We are in need of hand towels and tea towels if anyone has any they could donate then we would be grateful.

We also need to replace:

- Tent pegs
 - First aid equipment
 - Folding camp chairs
 - Gas tubing for the cooking equipment
- again any new or used items would be gratefully recieved.

Paul

Recruitment

4th Rushden Scout Group Needs You!

We need volunteers to join our dedicated and enthusiastic leadership team and executive committee, to help us to continue to provide exciting programmes for your young people. We have a number of roles available to suit a range of commitment, available time and interests.

Vacancy Board

Scout Section Leader

Responsible for the weekly running of the Scout section. A weekly commitment but role can be supported by assistant section leaders to cover work/family if needed.

Scouts – 10 ½ to 14 years

Uniformed role

DBS Required

High level of training required – including first aid

Cub Section Leader

Responsible for the weekly running of the Cub section. A weekly commitment but role can be supported by assistant section leaders to cover work/family if needed.

Cubs – 8 to 10 ½ years

Uniformed role

DBS Required

High level of training required – including first aid

Sectional Assistants

All Sections

Assisting the section leader and assistant section leaders with weekly running of the section. Ideally a weekly commitment but can be flexible to suit other commitments.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts – 6 to 14 years

Uniformed role

DBS Required

Minimal level of training required

Occasional Helpers

All Sections

Helping the section leader, assistant section leaders and sectional assistants with weekly running of the section. Ideally a weekly commitment but can be flexible and more adhoc.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts – 6 to 14 years

Uniform optional

DBS Required

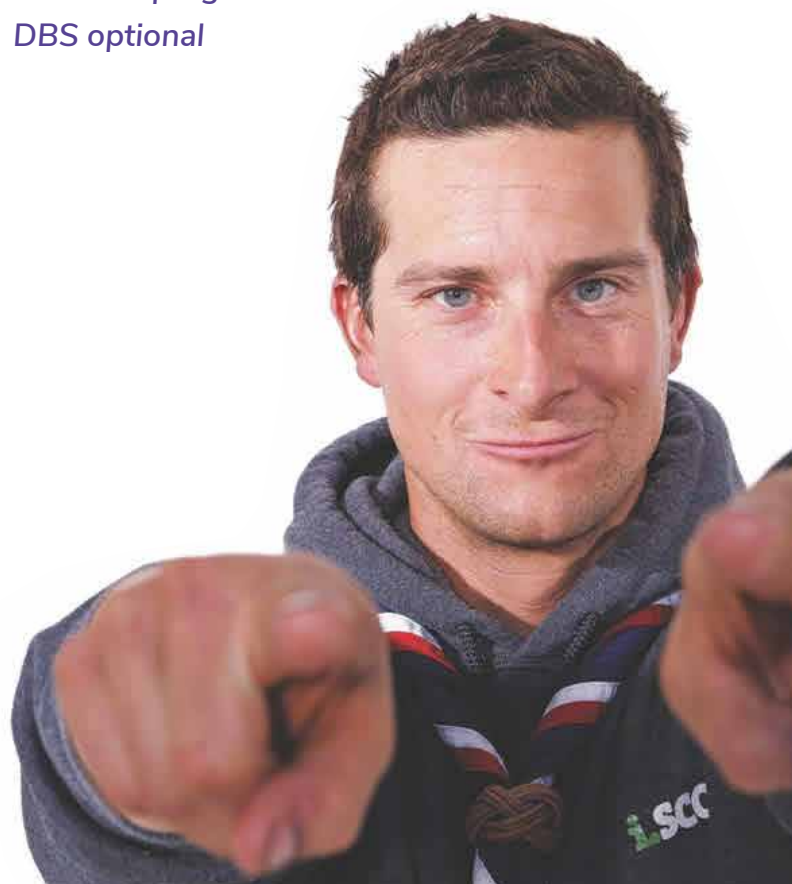
Minimal level of training required

Executive Committee

Parent Members

To attend executive committee meetings held approximately 6 times a year. Committee members responsible for the running of the Group including finances and ensuring the young people are receiving an exciting and balanced programme.

DBS optional



Got an interesting hobby of skill?

If none of the above appeals to you but you have a particular hobby or skill that you would like to pass on to the next generation, then please get in touch. We can then see how best to link into badge work and programmes for the young people to get the most out of it. Anything from cooking to DIY, astronomy to bicycle maintenance, amateur radio to model making, gardening to drones, photography to fitness.

Please share with family, friends, neighbours.

Lee

Fundraising

This year has certainly been different without our usual yearly events, with the cancellation of the fireworks display/ Xmas lights switch on and our family bingo and quiz nights we did not have the opportunity to fundraiser for the group as we normally would.

Thankfully we have had fantastic support in the form of donations. We would like to say a big thankyou to Maureen horsley of Steve horsley motors for the £250 pound donation and The Swivel club charity for there £1000 donation to enable us to cove the subs from sept to April.

One of the new additions to the group is the Amazon wish list hopefully a great tool to share what equipment the group needs and to share with you what we are raising and saving money for please have a look if you get the chance at donations@4thrushdenscouts.org even the smallest donations make a big

difference from tea towels to tent pegs every little helps.

We have some great events lined up for the summer including litter picks, car washes, picnics and find a penny challenge more details to follow on the group page soon as always

Thankyou for your continued support all at 4th.

Rebecca

Subs

This past year, we have been fortunate to receive some donations which have enabled us to not have to charge subs. However, after Easter, we are asking that parents pay a reduced fee of £20 subs for each child. For those who are not aware, subs money is used to pay for the census which includes insurance for your child while they take part in Scouting activities.

We also use this money to purchase badges and materials required for activities as well as renting the school.

We are hoping to return to the school premises for meetings on Wednesday 8th June, provided there are no more COVID-19 restrictions in place. Although, to begin with, we will be meeting outside.

Liz

Zoom

As you know not being able to meet face to face has been challenging for scouts all over the country but I'm pleased to say with fantastic support from parents we have managed to have successful zoom meetings throughout the past year we've made cakes and pizzas to work on our chefs badge, we had a Christmas party, done treasure hunts, Lego evenings and a family keep fit night to name a few.

The Beavers Cubs and scouts have adapted so well to working online it's been great to see such a good turn out each week hopefully we are into our last few weeks of online and back to face to face meetings soon.

If any parents or yp have any ideas for our virtual meetings please get in touch we always welcome new ideas.

Becky

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HRH The Duchess of Cambridge marks start of Joint Presidency by thanking Scouts volunteers

We're so pleased to announce that HRH The Duchess of Cambridge recently became Joint President of the Scouts, working alongside HRH The Duke of Kent to champion the power of Scouting and oversee the council – our governing body.

Her first move was to thank every volunteer across the UK for their brilliant work supporting families and communities during this challenging year. HRH The Duchess of Cambridge, who has helped Scouts in so many ways over the last eight years, kindly agreed to

take on this historic role and is the first woman to hold the post in the movement's 113-year history.

Thanking volunteers

The Duchess' first engagement as Joint President was a visit to 12th Northolt Scouts – based in London – to thank them and all Scouts volunteers for supporting young people during lockdown. Making whirly bird helicopters with Cubs, she also encouraged Beaver Scouts as they made cards to send to a local care home. Both were activities Scouts have created as part of #TheGreatIndoors and #CareForCareHomes to support those made vulnerable by the pandemic.

Championing young people

Beginning her support for Scouts as a volunteer while living on Anglesey, The Duchess has been a great friend of the movement and a constant champion for young people. A great believer in the power of volunteering, she has a particular interest and expertise in early years' education and talks frequently on the positive impact gaining life skills at an early age can have on a young person's wellbeing and development. In 2019, she visited a pilot of early years Scouts for four and five year olds at Gilwell Park, our UK Headquarters.



The Duchess of Cambridge said: 'For many children and young people, The Scout Association plays a key role as they build relationships and develop the skills they need to succeed in later life. When I volunteered with the Scouts on Anglesey eight years ago, I was struck by the huge impact the organisation has on inspiring young people to support their communities and achieve their goals. I am delighted to be joining The Duke of Kent as Joint President of the Association and look forward to working with Scouts across the country as they strive to make a positive difference to our society.'

Matt Hyde, CEO of the Scouts said: 'We're really pleased that HRH The Duchess of Cambridge is meeting Scout volunteers that have done so much to support young people during the pandemic. Scouting is more important than ever before, giving young people life skills, a sense of connection and belonging, while supporting communities in areas of deprivation disproportionately affected by COVID-19.'

HRH The Duke of Kent was appointed President of the Scouts in 1975. Since then, he's been a steadfast supporter of our movement, overseeing many major changes including welcoming girls into the movement, updates to our programme and training scheme, as well as our strong membership growth. Scouts membership has risen by 100,000 in the last ten years alone.

Famous footsteps

The Duchess follows in the footsteps of three royal Presidents, including HRH Prince Arthur, The Duke of Connaught (third son of Queen Victoria and President from 1913 to 1942). The

Duke attended Scout events including the Scout Exhibition and Rally (1913) and opened the 1929 World Scout Jamboree.

HRH Prince Henry, The Duke of Gloucester took over as President in 1942 and made his address to the Movement in December of that year, acknowledging the crucial role of Scouts in the Home Front during the Second World War.

HRH Prince Edward, The Duke of Kent (President from 1975 to present day), has attended numerous Scouts events, including visits to Baden-Powell House and Gilwell Park. In 2007, he opened the centenary World Scout Jamboree in Hylands Park, Chelmsford, accompanied by HRH Prince William, now Duke of Cambridge. His most recent visit to Gilwell Park formed part of the Gilwell100 celebrations, marking the 100th anniversary of the first Scout volunteer Wood Badge training course at Scout Headquarters.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent said: 'As The Scout Association's President since 1975, it has been my privilege to watch as they evolve with the times, while honouring their proud history. The Scouts' ethos of dedication, inclusivity, and lending a helping hand wherever one is needed resonates across the generations, and as such I am delighted to welcome The Duchess of Cambridge as Joint President, and to work together to continue that legacy.'