

Welcome from Team Northumberland



Welcome to our brand new Northumberland Scouts Newsletter. In our newsletters we would like to share the highlights of what is going on in our amazing County.

I would like to say a huge [thank you](#) to every Volunteer in Northumberland Scouts, your amazing dedication and resilience is keeping Scouting going since we entered lockdown has been phenomenal.

If we look back to when face-to-face scouting was halted back on 17th March and we look at the journey we have been on, together, we have made huge

steps in moving forward with the times. We have created new methods to continuing Scouting from our own homes whether by video calling, using badge booklets, Online Scout Manager and a myriad of other creative methods, it has been truly amazing to see the cooperation throughout our County to keep flying the Scouting Flag.

I would like to say keep on doing what you can to support each other.

Please get in touch with me directly if you feel I can help.

Michael Wood-Williams
County Commissioner
cc@northumberlandscouts.org.uk

New Appointments

Team Northumberland have been hard at work with new appointments to continue to strengthen the team. We have had two new appointments to the County Team along with a new District Commissioner being appointed.

Please join us in welcoming Kelly Dodds to the role of Assistant County Commissioner for Cub Scouts along with Sean Mulligan to the role of County Media Manager. We would also like to welcome Kathryn Fuller to the role of District Commissioner for Benton Scouts.

We would like to wish all three members all the very best in their new roles.



The Great Indoors

We would like to welcome you to the Great Indoors. The Scouts have pulled together over 100 activities which exist in the programme planner that are perfect for parents and carers to do with their children whilst they are stuck at home. These can be [found here](#).

If you need any further support please visit our [‘Meet The Team’](#) part of our website to contact a member of the team. Alternatively please contact media@northumberlandscount.org.uk



Badges At Home

Online Scout Manager has just enabled their new Badges from Home feature!

To enable it leaders need to go to:

Settings > Parent Portal Settings > Badges > Enable 'Badges At Home' > Enable for any badge or Selected Badges.

Once enabled, parents can log onto the parent portal and upload evidence of their young person completing various badge requirements as well as leaving a message/comment. Leaders can then review the evidence and award the badge or leave a comment or some words of encouragement!

Leaders can also record intro videos for each badge (if they want to) to make the experience more personal. If you require any support in this please email

david.smith@northumberlandscouts.org.uk

May Challenges you...

During the month of May different challenges have been created for each youth section chosen by members of the County Team. Each section has created a fun activity to have a go at and complete during the month of May.

Beavers:

The County Beaver Team have created an A-Z challenge activity for the month. Each week day has a letter of the alphabet and a challenge for the Beavers to complete if they wish to join.

The poster can be found [here](#).

The County Beaver Team have also shared lots of resources to use too. They can be accessed [here](#).

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Cubs:

Cubs have been challenged to complete the Artist Activity Badge. To complete this Badge Cubs need to complete three activities to do.

Here are our top three activities: 1) Draw or paint a picture of still life or a landscape. 2) Make a video on a subject that interests you. 3) Make a poster advertising Scouting.

You can see the full list [here](#).

cubs@northumberlandscouts.org.uk

Scouts:

Scouts have been set to complete the **Astronautics Activity Badge**. Sky is your limit with this challenge as you have 21 activities to choose from to gain points to reach the target of 13 points to achieve your Astronautics badge. [Find out more information here](#) scouts@northumberlandscouts.org.uk

Explorers:

Calling all Explorer Scouts to put down your pencils and controllers and put on your apron as The Great Northumberland Explorer Scout Bake off is underway!

Paul and Prue (Ok, sorry, Joanne) challenges you to make something Savoury, something sweet then the all-important Showstopper!

Judging will take place through the medium of photos. 3 photos per challenge. [Find out more information here](#). On your marks, get set, BAKE!

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We would like to wish you all the best of luck in your quest for your sectional May challenges!

Keep an eye out on our Leaders Facebook Group for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/38588749299/>

Office 365

The Digital Team have been working hard to deliver the Digital Strategy to all our hardworking adult volunteers. In the process we have created an Office 365 account for all volunteers.

This gives you access to all Microsoft products including Word and Excel for free. It also gives you access to Microsoft Teams. This is a product in which we will be using as a county for all our meetings. It gives you free storage space for documents too.

If you have any issues in accessing this please email

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