



Hampshire Scouts News

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'I didn't do it for me, I did it for everyone else.' What it takes to get to the South Pole

BY STEVEN OSBORN

The idea of skiing to the South Pole is so alien to us we can't easily imagine what it takes to do it.

Yet that is exactly what one Hampshire Scout completed last year. Recently, Scout adventurer and Hampshire Scouts ambassador Joe Doherty recounted his adventure as part of a webinar shared with our Scouts.

From convincing others that he could do it, fundraising along the way as well as preparing and training for the epic expedition it was quite the journey just to get to

the starting line. With an ambitious plan to ski to the South Pole and kite ski back it was a trek that extended Joe to the limits of his endurance both physically and mentally.

In the 40 minute webinar, now available on YouTube for all to see, Joe reflected on the key message he took away from it all.

Joe said: "The whole point of the expedition was that, even though having gone through a tough time during and after the expedition, I still retain that phrase that Dave said to me at the start

which is I didn't do this expedition to become famous or become popular.

"I didn't do it for me, I did it for everybody else to show to young people, adults, anybody that if you can put your mind to something and really try you can do anything and you really can do things even when it's up against you."

As well as watching his webinar, Joe is also giving talks to young people directly both in person before March and currently through virtual platforms.



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AS SCOUTS, we believe in preparing young people with skills for life.

We encourage young people to do more, learn more and be more. Each week, we help over 460,000 young people aged 6-25 enjoy fun and adventure while developing the skills they need to succeed, now and in the future. We're talking about teamwork, leadership and resilience – skills that have helped Scouts become everything from teachers and social workers to astronauts and Olympians. We help young people develop and improve key life skills. We believe in bringing people together. We celebrate diversity and stand against intolerance, always. We're part of a worldwide movement, creating stronger communities and inspiring positive futures.

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Our next deadline is Friday 20th November 2020.



Hate him? No! Hampshire Scouts love Marmite the Duck...

*Hampshire
Scouts in
Hospitals*



Our Scouts are used to getting into the great outdoors and having adventures so moving to online sessions has been a learning curve for many of us.

However there are some advantages including meeting larger than life characters that you wouldn't get to otherwise. And one of these is Marmite the Duck.

Marmite, a seven year old runner duck who is owned by Sara Sullivan a volunteer with Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals, has joined in with 13 Zoom meetings to date from across the county. From Cub packs to hospital patients, the reaction so far has been astonishing.

During the 40 minute sessions the Scouts learn about ducks, looking after them and what they eat.

Thanks to recent campaigns, lots knew that bread wasn't good for Marmite and her friend Coffee but a number of the Scouts were surprised to learn they do eat slugs and snails. Oh and only female ducks quack.

The sessions have been a big hit, especially with our younger Scouts. During one Beaver Scout session with our six and seven year old Scouts, one group were so enthusiastic they went and did their own research to answer their own questions - apparently runner ducks

can run at 8.2 miles per hour!

And for the patients at Southampton Children's Hospital, Marmite was loved so much she has been invited back in for a visit in person once normal visits resume.

Well done to Sara for bringing people together!



Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals includes all young patients, whether Scouts or not. All activities are pre-planned and our volunteers work in a group or paired with other leaders. For more information contact Sara Sullivan, sara.sullivan@hampshirescouts.org.uk

Recognising those who have made a special contribution to the Scouts



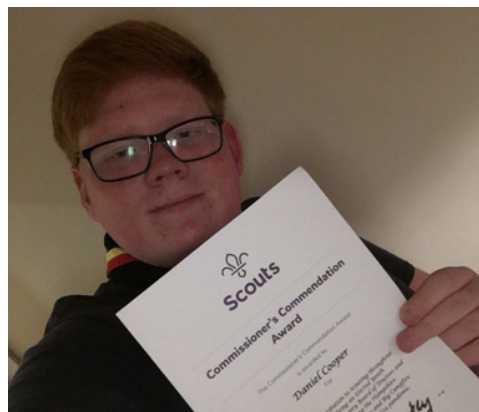
Welcome back from your Summer break. I hope, given all the current Covid-19 restrictions that are in place, you managed to find something enjoyable and relaxing to do.

It was great to see Ferry Crofts open up in August as well as a number of District sites.

As we progress towards more and more sections, groups and districts delivering face-to-face Scouting, I know that many more are planning to shift from a full online programme to a blend of both.

Whilst we continue to look forward, I'd like to dedicate this short article to our amazing adult volunteers who give so much of their time, energy and commitment to Scouting which means that more and more young people in Hampshire are given the opportunity to be part of the world's largest youth movement.

To make that all happen requires the extra special efforts of some to inspire and lead others, so



I would like to thank particularly those people who I recently awarded a County Commissioner's commendation to.

This award is a personal one given to those people who have made a special contribution at or above County level, and their efforts have impacted and inspired others beyond their District.

Those people who I have so far awarded this to in 2020 are **Daniel Cooper** for his contribution to Scouting throughout Hampshire by being an Elected Youth Representative on the County Board of Trustees and especially for presenting the Hampshire Scouts 2020 Saint George's Day and Big Campfire virtual events during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Chloe Foster for making history by being the first Young Person ever in Hampshire Scouts to achieve all the Top Awards, including the Scouts of the World Award, plus the DofE Gold, and for the amazingly outstanding support she gives to Young People at Group,



District and County level.

Victoria Edwards for making history by being the first Young Person in Hampshire Scouts to gain the Scouts of the World Award and also for her enthusiastic, inspirational and outstanding commitment to Hampshire Scouts in Hospitals.

Sam Poole for his outstanding service to Hampshire Scouts particularly his reinvigoration and leadership of the County Media and Communications team and the central role he has played in maintaining the profile of Scouting during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Steven Osborn for his outstanding service to Hampshire Scouts particularly his support to Scouts Speak Up and for his amazing delivery of online Young Leader training during the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in 150 young people from across the County being trained.

Tom Bell for his outstanding service to Hampshire Scouts particularly in the Covid-19



pandemic during which he set up and maintained the County's highly informative Coronavirus webpage.

Josh Rigby for his hard work over many years, supporting the development of Ferny Crofts as an activity centre of excellence for young people across the Scouting and educational sectors.

Andy Chatwin for his outstanding service to Hampshire Scouts particularly the amazing online programme and meeting support he gave to Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders as well his technical expertise that enabled hundreds of adult volunteers to continue their training virtually during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Mike Baxter for his outstanding service to Hampshire Scouts and particularly for his amazing delivery

of Scouting to Explorer Scouts, Network Scouts, Young Leaders and DofE participants across the County using fantastic online programmes and regular communication throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Sean Reeves For his outstanding and speedy efforts to create and then share nationally the first return to face-to-face Scouting Risk Assessment and action plan template saving other leaders thousands of valuable volunteer hours in the process. His Beaver Scout Section was the first in the country to meet face-to-face during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I wish everyone a successful, adventurous and exciting Autumn term and hope that we will be able to get more and more young people back together safely.





Effective leaders

- Think of ideas
- Plan ahead

Volunteers lead the way with weekly online training sessions for the leaders of tomorrow...

BY STEVEN OSBORN

Held weekly from mid-May to mid-June, the online training sessions were each attended by around 100 Explorer Scouts ranging from members who are new to the adventure of Scouts to those who have learned many skills already with us.

So what does a leader of tomorrow need?

With sessions covering, among others, running games, teaching skills and making all they do youth shaped we reckon they're prepared.

Each session was carefully prepared and mixed the skills to make

the most of Zoom including polls and break out rooms to talk in smaller groups and share ideas.

The sessions were run by members of Hampshire Scouts Top Awards team, Mike Baxter and Steven Osborn and helped by other adult volunteers from across the county and the country.

"I thought the sessions were good, the right length of time and the breakout rooms were good to talk to people" said one Explorer Scout who took part.

Another commented that it was a "great experience, really informative

and worth doing."

The Explorer Scout Young Leaders, all between 14 and 18 years of age, take part in the scheme for a number of reasons: some to give back to the community, some to work on top awards such as the Queen's Scout and Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

By completing the missions, these young leaders are one step closer to completing the scheme and being inspirational leaders in their community.

Explorer Scouts are the penultimate section for young people aged 14 to 18 years old. Explorers create their own programme, choosing their activities and are prepared for their future, wherever it may take them. Go to hampshirescouts.org.uk/explorers for more!



Volunteers recognised for their heroic efforts to support our communities during coronavirus pandemic

There are hundreds of volunteers across Hampshire who help make a great Scout programme happen each week.

But a number of our volunteers took on roles of extra significance during the Coronavirus pandemic.

To celebrate our volunteers who were key workers in their day jobs, the Hampshire Scouts programme team devised the Hampshire Key Heroes award.

Volunteers from across Hampshire could nominate their fellow leaders who made a difference as a key worker and they would receive their own certificate. Many took pictures of

their day jobs to share with their scouts and celebrate the role they play.

The scheme was co-ordinated by Daniel Cooper, an elected youth member of the programme team meaning that this great award was shaped by young people in partnership with adults.

In total, the team recognised the contribution of 235 volunteers. Martin Mackey, our lead volunteer the County Commissioner, said about the project:

On behalf of us all, may I say a big thank you to everyone who has been involved in this fantastic project.

To have so many people recognised in Hampshire Scouts

in this is amazing.

I know these things take time and effort to organise and run, but they also take awesome leadership and teamwork which has been shown in abundance by Daniel and the team. Thank you and well done.

Paul Bell, the chair of Hampshire Scouts' trustee board said: "Well done and many thanks to Daniel for coordinating this, he has achieved a great deal with this initiative.

"I have been very impressed with the attitude and professionalism that you all display.

"You are a credit to the County and I am glad to be working with you."



Explorer Scout Phoebe is making a real difference sewing face masks

An Explorer Scout from Waterlooville says she will keep making face masks for as long as people need them in her community.

Phoebe, 15, started to make the masks for those most at risk but has decided to sew more for anyone who would like one.

Those who receive a colourful mask are encouraged to donate £5 to UNICEF, where for every donation 50 children from across the world are provided with a mask.

The story began when Phoebe acquired some scrubs and scrub bags that were no longer required by the NHS, so she turned these

into face masks for her family.

She then put her creative skills to the test and started sewing more masks for the elderly and vulnerable people in her local neighbourhood.

As she was starting to enjoy the sewing, she realised that she could use this skill to complete part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Unicef state that the impact of a large-scale outbreak of a Coronavirus on children, especially poor and vulnerable children, has been immense.

Coronavirus threatens children around the world who are already weakened by war, disease, hunger and poverty.

Their aim is to prevent the spread of the virus by mobilising medical supplies, which include face masks, and Explorer Scout Phoebe is making a real difference



Peter Knott, an adult volunteer, wears a mask made by Phoebe.



Scouts have been having a Zoomin' brilliant time through the adventures of Scout online activities

Scouts Online has provided a new opportunity for young people and adult volunteers to try something new - camping at home.

The 1st Aldershot Scout group enjoyed their virtual camp which was held on Facebook and Zoom whereby members of the group met to take part in fun activities throughout the weekend.

Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and leaders set up camp bases from the comfort of their own home - inside and outdoors.

Most participants were able to pitch tents in their garden, but those who were unable to do so camped in unusual places such as on a trampoline or Guinea Pig den.

Even though face-to-face Scout activities have been suspended, due to Coronavirus and the UK lockdown, this activity allowed the youngsters to gain a night away for

their camping at home badge.

On Saturday morning, the volunteer manager, Captain Keeo, set up a flagpole in her back-garden and everyone gathered round their laptops and phones in their neckerchiefs to attend the flag-break and open camp.

Everyone was excited and the young people discussed where they would be sleeping. Full kit-bags were also packed.

Some tasks were set for them to compete throughout the day, which including a list with a number of items to take photos of for a selfie challenge.

They were also given some Scout tracking signs to make a trail with - either whilst going out for a walk or in their garden.

On Saturday night, everyone partook in an online campfire. Members were shown on

Zoom how to safely build and light a fire and then invited to sing along with the leaders to some traditional camp-fire songs.

Lots of giggles were shared and everyone did their best to follow the actions and sing along.

On Sunday, the group were tasked with making breakfast before partaking in more activities.

The next meet-up began with a work-out involving rolling a dice to decide upon various exercises.

The young people were also challenged to design a badge for the camp and to complete a virtual escape room, where the fastest time would win a prize.

To see the young people and adult volunteers together on one screen resulted into a very special weekend for the group.

Hampshire Scouts ambassador, Alastair Bruce, awards Peter Moody with his Silver Wolf Award at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre in August 2020.

Hampshire Scouts Vice President honored with Silver Wolf at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre

BY STEVEN OSBORN

In Hampshire we are very lucky to have thousands of volunteers at every level of the organisation who dedicate a huge amount of time to giving young people skills for life where they live.

All important but some often go unnoticed behind the scenes.

Peter Moody is one such volunteer.

Currently a Vice-President of Hampshire Scouts, Peter was our County Chair for ten years and jointly responsible for helping Hampshire Scouts thrive.

Keeping a charity as big as us

well run may not be the easiest, but Peter did it very well and now forms part of Team UK as a Governance Advisor to help spread his expertise.

In a short ceremony, in the heart of Hampshire Scouts at Ferny Crofts, Peter was awarded his Silver Wolf by ambassador Alastair Bruce and County Commissioner Martin Mackey, surrounded by family and joined online by volunteers from across the country.

"Hampshire Scouts owes a great deal to Peter Moody" said

Martin Mackey, the lead volunteer for Hampshire Scouts.

"The fact that our County's heritage is now on prominent display at Ferny Crofts is testament to his efforts and will be his lasting legacy to the County. He thoroughly deserves his Silver Wolf and I was especially pleased to be part of the award ceremony."



Whispers on the web...



23rd Itchen North Scout Group

10 June · 🌐

Beavers, cubs and Scouts too... have a look at this construction idea. Creating a maze will count towards part of your 'Great Indoor Challenge' badge. Show them off on your zoom meeting night (week commencing Monday 15/6) 👍



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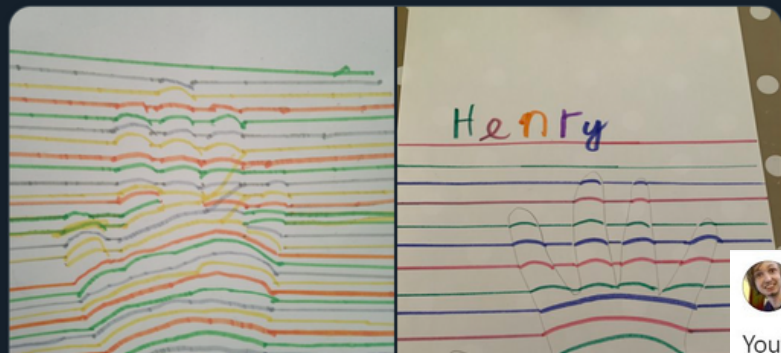
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[hampshirescoutsinhospitals](#) Fish portholes - a great way to look at perspective and working in 3D whilst having fun. Made by young patients @sotonchildhosp working with leaders via Zoom #scoutinginhospitals #hospitalscouts #underthesea #paperportholes



3rd Alton Scout Group @3rdAltonScouts · Jul 12

This week, Beavers tried making an optical illusion of their hand - really effective don't you think? This goes towards the Experiment badge #HampshireScouts #SkillsForLife #Scouts @hantsbeavers #opticalillusions



Portsmouth Scouts DC @Kieron31729341 · 29 Aug

Photo from last nights scouts just loving this @PortsmouthScout @HampshireScouts @UKScouting

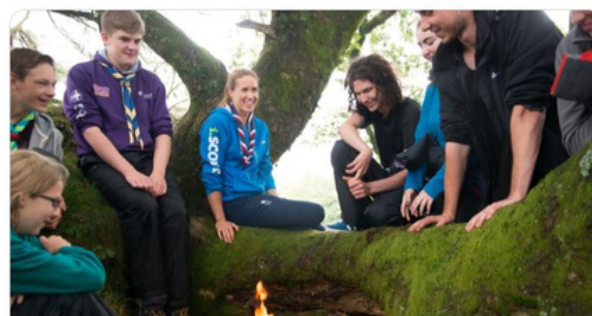


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Peter Marcus
@theitkid

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Thank you to the
hundreds of
Scouts and their
families for
supporting Ferny
Crofts during
challenging times

Due to popular demand - Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre has extended it's Summer Camping season to the October half term.

For Summer 2020 only, Ferny Crofts is has opened its facilities for Scout Leaders and their families to attend the centre for a camping holiday in the New Forest.

This is a unique opportunity whilst overnight Scouting bookings were not possible throughout the pandemic to enjoy

the site as a family, check out our facilities for future Scouting trips, or just relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the New Forest National Park!

On Facebook, the centre said: "We just wanted to thank everyone that has stayed at Ferny Crofts so far this summer.

"It has been great seeing people using the site again and welcoming many to site who have never been before.

"We hope to see you all again in the near future."

The site capacity has been limited to 35% of usual bookings, with enhanced cleaning regimes, social distancing measures and greater toilet and shower block cleaning put in place for the safety of those visiting the centre.

For more information about Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre go to: fernycrofts.org.uk/



You Look like a role model

**There's an adventure that
never stops, and it's right
on your doorstep!**



We're looking for people to help kick-start Scout activities within your community! Whether you're more hands-on, have management skills, or like to support events on an occasional basis, there's something for everyone here at the Scouts.

Interested?

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