



State of readiness to return to face-to-face Scouting is currently AMBER

This means:

Digital programme delivery

Small group sessions of up to 15 including Leaders can take place out of doors provided you have got approved Risk Assessments from your District.

No residential activities



Cleveland County AGM 2020

This year's County Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 27th September with the top table in Synthonia HQ and France, yes France, and everybody else sat at home watching on You Tube. Difficult times call for innovative solutions and once again we've overcome the difficulties caused by the pandemic to continue Scouting. Electronic registration and voting was used by us for the first time.

What was very pleasing about it was that it may have been the smallest number of people meeting in person but the largest for some time 'attending' it with over 100 other members of Cleveland Scout Council present at home having their Sunday lunch in some cases!

We have had already some very positive comments about the AGM but we know there were some hiccups along the way and we talked about these after the meeting to put right for next year if we have to do it blended style again.

For those of you who missed the AGM and Andy's presentation on his vision for Cleveland Scouts, you can still watch it on You Tube by searching for 'Cleveland Scout Council AGM 2020'. Meetings to talk about Andy's presentation will be held for Districts between 6th-9th October.

Many thanks to Elliott Bradburn our ACC Digital Development for doing all the techy stuff to enable the AGM to take part and congratulations to Frank Rose, Andy Woolf's choice as Chair, which was approved at the AGM. Welcome to Rev. Paul Hargreaves, our County Chaplain, as a new member of the County Executive. Other positions will be filled in the coming months.

The minutes of last year's AGM at Ormesby Hall, the Annual Accounts and Report for 2019 and the Agenda for the meeting are all on the County website at www.clevelandscouts.org.uk

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County Commissioner's Corner



As we move into the autumn, more and more sections are slowly and carefully returning to Face 2 Face scouting. Scouting in the current climate produces immense challenges, managing risk, producing appropriate covid safe programmes and keeping it fun! It is also equally difficult to produce appropriate online programme when we've never done it before, all within an ever changing framework of government guidance. What I have been pleased to see, is the obvious joy of our young people who have missed their friends and the enjoyment Scouting clearly brings them.

Whether you have returned to F2F, are working towards it or are more comfortable remaining online, please remember support and advice is out there to help. HQ website is uploading online and covid safe programme ideas as fast as possible and look for support around the district and county too. As a teacher, the guide book for how and what to teach has been ripped up in the last few months and many are starting from scratch. It's the same with Scouting. How we've done things has had to change and that adds increased pressure. If you've had a successful section night, please share it with your DC's or ACC's who can pass it on to others to share the workload.

As I write this, large parts of the North East have been placed into local lockdown with enhanced restrictions. It seems inevitable that eventually the same will happen to our area. However, the positive news is that Scouting alongside other youth organisations, has been deemed as essential work to support young people and no change in Amber status was required. I am hoping that this would continue if restrictions are introduced in Cleveland.

Remember, if local restrictions are imposed, your group and district can take any decision you wish with regarding to continuing or halting F2F Scouting. You are the people delivering this and you need to be comfortable with your Scouting.

Good luck in these continuing difficult times.

Andy

County Commissioner.



Synthonia Cub Scouts Getting Back Together

Well it was certainly much cooler the morning Brown and Green sixes had there chance to attend an outdoor meeting and coats were needed.

Again the cubs threw tomahawks and played two teamwork games to help towards this terms challenge award.

We also had time to invest David as he became the newest member of the pack. A little different to how I normally invest cubs but these are different times.

Congratulations David I hope you enjoy your time in the pack.



Mutually Agreed Restrictions

HQ have introduced Mutually Agreed Restrictions as a restrictive measure that stops short of full suspension.

When might MAR be used?

Mainly if members are not compliant with POR around training.

If the adult has not completed any mandatory training that is required, despite reminders and offers of support, they may have their ability to Scout paused temporarily until the requirements are met.

Once the conditions are met, Scouting can be resumed.

This is a last case scenario to ensure Scouting is run safely and should be preceded by conversations with line managers or training advisors to support individuals in their training needs.

These changes were introduced in the latest version of POR (Sept 2020)

North East Region's Summer of Scouting

Did you join in with the North East Region's Summer of Scouting in any way? Did you use the Staycation Road Trip resource? Did you join in with any of the County's events during the Summer?

We'd like to know what you thought about the whole idea. This was the first time the Region has joined together like this to deliver Scouting through the summer so the Regional meeting would welcome feedback. Do you want another Regional event next Summer or would you prefer just a County one or do you just want to take the time off? Please let me know.

Ian Railton



Communications

Cleveland Courier needs your help... please send articles for inclusion, particularly programme ideas for using on Zoom, outdoors up to 15 members and even blended meetings. Any ideas most gratefully received.

Face2FaceLIVE! – is still going strong on a Wednesday morning at 11am. Sometimes Ian has to change it because of work commitments or grandparent duties but he'll let you know and he'll try and fit it in later in the week. The good thing is you can always catch it later, if you can't when it's going out live. It is the most up to date form of communication the County uses as things that come out of HQ on a Tuesday will be included the next day.

Ian

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Middlesbrough SASU

Middlesbrough Scout Active Support Unit are continuing to meet every third Wednesday by Zoom. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to join us for a catch up and a few giggles get in touch.

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Scouting Wedding Bells

Congratulations to two couples who have announced their engagements since the last Courier! Best wishes to both couples from all in Cleveland Scouts.



How many more have met through Scouting? Let us know

Congratulations

Congratulations also go to Sam and Stuart for fantastic job they did on arranging an virtual campfire which had viewer's from all over the world. They created a badge for the event which raised £20,000.



At the County AGM they were awarded the Commissioners Commendation Award for their work.



Adult Training in Cleveland

Getting Started – Modules 1-4

Getting Started is now all online except for Module 2, the Personal Learning Plan, which in the current times, could be completed over a Zoom call, Face Time or even a good old-fashioned phone call! Alternatively, on scouts.org.uk there is a Module 2 workbook which new leaders can complete and send to their Training Advisor and subsequently recorded on Compass.

Section Essentials – Modules 5-19 excluding modules 6 and 10

Over the past 2-3 years we have been delivering these modules either over 2 or 3 days, but in the current times we don't want new Leaders on Zoom for 2 days solid and we're sure you wouldn't want to either.

Module 6, Changes in Scouting, has now been subsumed into Module 1 and module 10 is your First Response course. Phil Hobson is now looking at delivering the theory side of this in the County with the practical taking part when we can meet face to face again. Once Phill has finalised dates for these then we will release dates for delivering the remaining modules either at weekends or in the evenings.

With Ian Railton being available during the day time he is prepared to deliver modules during the day if that suits volunteers better.

Please let Andy, who is continuing as County Training Manager for the time being, know if this is viable or if you can suggest any other ways of delivery.

Join the NSGSO / NSGCB

Do you play an **orchestral** or **concert band** instrument to grade 4 or above?
Will you be aged between **12 and 25** by next August?
Are you a **Scout** or **Guide**?



Then we want to hear from you!

The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band meets every **summer** for a week of **professional** workshops and social **activities** alongside Scout and Guide leaders. The week culminates in **concerts** in the Birmingham area. Around 130 members join in this fabulous music week. **Applications are open from September each year.**



For more information including dates, costs and the application form go to:

nsgso-nsgcb.com

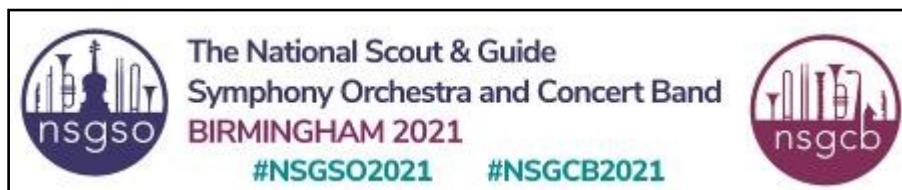
or email **info@nsgso-nsgcb.com**



Join us next year!

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We are very pleased to be able to announce that **applications for the 2021 NSGSO and NSGCB course are now open**. We are accepting applications for both the Symphony Orchestra and the Concert Band. The residential course is held in Stourbridge, West Midlands, with concerts held at prestigious venues in the Birmingham area, as well as our first ever completely joint concert between the NSGSO and NSGCB at Coventry Cathedral. The course runs from **Sunday 1st August - Sunday 8th August 2021** and the closing date for applications is **midnight on Saturday 12th December 2020**.



The course is hosted by Birmingham Scout County in conjunction with Girlguiding Birmingham but is open to applicants from across the UK who meet the selection criteria.

With this application period we are proud to share our **brand new website** with a new domain name - nsgso-nsgcb.com. Do take a look to find out more about the NSGSO and NSGCB, and how to get involved.

The NSGSO and NSGCB Course

The NSGSO and NSGCB meets every year for a fantastic week's course of music and social activities, culminating in two concerts in the community for the Concert Band, and multiple concerts for both the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th August at prestigious venues in the Birmingham area. This year we are particularly excited to introduce a completely joint concert between the Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra at Coventry Cathedral to coincide with Coventry being UK City of Culture 2021. To see for yourself what the course involves, watch our [short promotional film](#).

The NSGSO and NSGCB Ensembles

The 2021 course will be the 46th year of the Symphony Orchestra, with the Concert Band having been reformed in its current format five years ago, running alongside the Orchestra course. The NSGSO and NSGCB have separate identities but are managed together, so whilst they have separate rehearsals and concerts, participants from both groups come together for accommodation and social activities, and this year they will be completely sharing the concert in Coventry Cathedral for the first time! Applicants therefore have the choice of the two ensembles to apply for, though there are slightly different criteria and instrument choices for each. Please [visit our website](#) for more detailed information.

COVID-19

We were very disappointed to have to cancel our 2020 course and we are acutely aware of the fact that COVID-19 still poses a risk to us being able to hold the 2021 course. At the current time we are planning on being able to deliver the course as planned for 2021, but please feel assured that we will be monitoring the situation at every stage in our process, with our first priority being to keep all of our participants, tutors and staff members safe. Please do still send your applications in during our application period, and feel free to contact us on info@nsgso-nsgcb.com with any concerns. We will be updating these questions as further information is given to us by The Scout Association, Girlguiding and the government.

To apply for the 2021 NSGSO or NSGCB course and to find out more details, please visit nsgso-nsgcb.com.

For anyone wishing to use this course for their DofE, QSA or QGA residential then this year must be the first time that they have attended.

You will hear before 31st December 2020 if your application has been successful or not.

Please email me at alice@nsgso-nsgcb.com with any queries that you have.

The closing date for all applications is midnight on Saturday 12th December 2020.

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All Members Online HQ meeting

Tuesday 6th October 2020

Join Team UK and the Senior Leadership Team for our online meeting on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm, giving you the key updates and help to support you in your role.

If you are a:

- Helper
- Section Leader
- Group Scout Leader
- District Commissioner
- County Commissioner
- Youth Commissioner
- Executive Committee member



... in fact, anyone and everyone can join in. At the 6th October meeting the following topics will be covered:

- How you can restart your Group / section
- The programme resources to support socially distanced Scouting
- Training and how you can get up to date
- Resources to help retain and recruit adults.

18th Hartlepool

This weekend saw 18th. Hartlepool have their first face2face meeting. It was a litter picking session at North Gare as part of the Great British Beach Clean. It was very windy. We collected 6 bags of rubbish, they did very well considering the weather. I would like to thank the parents for their help. we had a social distancing presentation of certificates and badges gained during zoom meetings. We then had a swimming up ceremony for a beaver to cubs. It was great to see them face to face rather than on a computer screen. Well done to everyone

