



Barnet Scouts Bulletin

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Making a return

After months away from our Groups, face-to-face Scouting is slowly returning to Barnet. Back in July we moved into a readiness level of amber and have been able to meet in groups of up to 15 outdoors. Now, as schools re-open, the amber level is being eased. As of September 3rd, The Scout Association guidance is as follows:

We can confirm the following changes to the rules for Amber readiness in England:

- Indoor activities are now allowed, but outdoor activities are preferred and should be encouraged
- Numbers change to 15 young people and up to five leaders (carers can be in addition and will not be counted in these numbers) – this applies both indoors and outdoors. Leaders can also include Young Leaders.
- Young people must stay in their limited group size but adults will now be able to move between these groups, i.e. across the 25m spacing if outdoors or to a section meeting at a different time on the same day.
- Leaders don't need to wear a face covering when delivering activities – however, it's recommended to wear one in all other circumstances while indoors.
- Scouts and Explorers must now wear face coverings indoors. Exceptions as per national guidelines are permitted.

For now, all young people in all sections must continue to social distance by 2m from each other where possible and from adult volunteers at all times.

For anyone who has already had a risk assessment accepted, you will not need to start again, but simply amend the risk assessment. If you need help to understand these possible changes, please contact your local management team. We hope to provide further updates to the Nations soon.

You can read the full update [here](#).

Summer Scouting

Since moving to the amber level, some of our Groups were quick to plan and run something socially distanced over Summer. Here are how two returned outdoors...

The 6th Friern Barnet met up for some orienteering...

With our Amber Risk Assessment approved, and hand sanitiser and face coverings ready, on 23 August we held our first in person Scout meeting since March, with 11 Scouts and 3 Leaders meeting at Trent Park. We split into two groups initially to complete an orienteering trail and map reading quiz, then moved on to a nature walk before burning off a bit more energy in the woods. It was great to see everyone.

Whilst the 20th Finchley have been keeping active...

Our group were very excited to have our first face to face activity morning - a group of 12 Cubs and Scouts went to Paccar Scout Camp and did archery and zip wire. The children loved it. We were really pleased that as a group we could start to offer face to face activities which the children have really missed. We look forward to repeating this again in September with another group of our Cubs and Scouts.

Prior to this we had a virtual camp at the beginning of August - where we welcomed a member of the magic circle, Ben Levy, who did magic for our group as well as teaching all the children a magic trick. As part of the camp we also made bread (without yeast) and camp fudge, along with other more traditional camp activities.



What's your Group up to?

We want to hear from you! If you have any stories, achievements or photos worth sharing, send them in! Or if you prefer, you can email us permission to share posts from your Group social media pages/website and we can pick some of the best stuff for the bulletin.

Civic Award for Frank Phillip

Next, I have been passed on a story about a Barnet Scouter who has received a special award from the Mayor of Barnet.

Frank Phillip, recently retired GSL of the 15th Finchley, was greatly honoured to receive from the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Caroline Stock, a Lifetime Achievement Civic Award for his work in Scouting. Frank joined the 15th Finchley in October 1960 and so has nearly 60 Years in Scouting. After being the last Senior Scout in the District to gain a Queen's Scout Badge under what was then the old system he went on to become Assistant Venture Scout Leader and then VSL with the 15th. In the late '80's he did a stint as Scout Leader and ASL before becoming GSL in 1995.

He says that it has always been a two way deal in that Scouting has also been very rewarding for him whilst he has as well, hopefully, put in some effort to help Scouting. When asked what were the best moments, he says that some of the big occasions, such as helping at the launch of the first sponsored

Scout Badge (the Athlete's Badge to which ceremony Margaret Thatcher came as Prime Minister), the Windsor march for Queen's Scouts, the 15th Finchley's Centenary celebrations last year were great, but there are others such as when a Scout suddenly clicks and can tie a Sheepshank properly, or when they say spontaneously: "That was Well Wicked" which we understand means Great!

A well deserved award! You can see the full list of Barnet's Civil Award winners [here](#).



Chiltern 20 Update

Next, an update from GLN about this year's Chiltern 20.

This year's Chiltern 20 Challenge Hike is ready to go, but with a difference as we need to fit within the framework of the restrictions currently in place. We have made some changes to make it safe for everybody. This event won't be a competition against other teams and there will be no trophies awarded.

We have created twenty separate routes across GLN and beyond. You select a route from this list. If you have more than one team of Scouts, you may enter more than one route and on more than one day. The choice of dates is:

- Saturday 17th October
- Sunday 18th October
- Saturday 24th October
- Sunday 25th October
- Saturday 31st October
- Sunday 1st November

- Saturday 14th November
- Sunday 15th November
- Saturday 21st November
- Sunday 22nd November.

All the routes will be 10km-12km in total distance. Each team must consist of between 3-5 participants of Scout age, and be accompanied by two adult members of Scouting. Up to two teams will be allowed to walk their chosen route on each of the ten days to comply with staying safe, with either a 09:00 or 11:00 starting time.

Each team and every team member including adults walking with teams will be awarded a completion certificate and presented with a special Chiltern 20 – 2020 badge.

Drop an email to Chris Feakes, our registrar and this year's route manager on C20C2020@mail.com to register your interest in taking part and further information will be sent to you.

Eurojam Update

Another County update - there's still time to sign up to be a part of the GLN European Jamboree Unit!

It is truly set to be an amazing international experience, there's a lot of focus on water and beach activities and time in the local area to explore the culture. There will also be over 10,000 Scouts and Guides from around Europe, and further, which always makes for a lot of fun. We're also planning to do a pre and post event too, hopefully Warsaw and Lithuania. Summer 2021 will be full of sun, activities, travelling and exploring with friends, apply now to be a part of it and have some epic stories to share when you get back.

Check out [this video](#) for a glimpse of what the Jamboree will be like.

Participants must be born between 1 August 2003 and 31 December 2007 and we also have space for a new Assistant Unit Leader too.

If cost is a concern then please get in contact, this shouldn't stop anyone from applying. We know the current circumstances may cause some concerns, we will not be spending out any large sums until the event is confirmed and we will have insurance in place.

Applications for both participant and leader places will close on the 18th September.

Participants: please [fill in this application](#), 2 selection events will take place on the 22nd and 25th September via Zoom. The selection events will be really informal, really fun and a chance to meet the Leaders and some unit members too.

Adults: If you would like to be considered for either an Assistant Unit Leader or IST member then please drop us an email at eurojamleaders@gln-scouts.org.uk answering: In 500 words, please explain why you would like to become an assistant Unit leader or IST at European Jamboree 2021. We will arrange informal interviews as we receive expressions of interest.

Please click [here](#) to download flyers.

Any questions then please get in touch.

We would also really appreciate it if you could visit and favourite our Etsy shop by following [this link](#). Even just 'favouriting' the shop or an item will make sure that more people see our items! Christmas isn't that far away either...

Thank you,
Emma (Unit Leader)

Jack Petchey nominations

Lastly a call for more Jack Petchey nominations! This is a great chance to recognise any achievements or hard work your Scouts or Explorers have shown this year, including some of the things that impressed you during lockdown. You can email Tracey for more details.

Back together again

Time to stock up on hand sanitizer and get those risk assessments written! For many we're through the most difficult part, the long wait to see our Scouting friends is over and we can start the new term together. See you soon...

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