



SCOUTING EXPERIENCES DURING LOCKDOWN



GROUP REPORTS

1st Warlingham

1st Warlingham has donated 24 chairs to an African charity, who will use them for schools, Scout groups and charities in Gambia and other African nations.

If any other groups have spare chairs or educational items for the cause, they can email me on kyle.lyward@gmail.com and I will get you in contact with the charity. They

are always looking for tables, chairs and other educational items.

1st Warlingham Scout Troop has joined forces with 1st Whyteleafe, 3rd Caterham and Chaldon Scouts to run Group-wide Zoom meetings every Friday at 8.00 pm. An average of 10–15 Scouts have been attending regularly.



We joined forces so that we could still keep active in the Scouting community in the lockdown, and give the Scouts some sort of routine. We are also staying open during the summer holidays so the Scouts can see their friends each week, as it's probably the only time they see some of them.

The activities we have tried with the Scouts include Kahoot! quizzes, the Global Issues badge, night under the stars and weekly challenges.

1st Warlingham Cubs has also been really busy during the lockdown. We have been

using Zoom for our meetings, and used the platform to learn about dementia, where we worked through the Alzheimer's Society resources to become dementia friends.



The Cub leaders have also personally sent out activity boxes to each of the Cubs, which gave us an opportunity to make sure they were all ok and enjoying our Zoom meetings.

Kyle Lyward, ACSL and ASL

12th Caterham



Although we have not been able to meet at our HQ, we have taken the opportunity to make some improvements, which should make our meetings and activities more enjoyable and fun in our improved grounds.

The boundary has been tidied up and in the process an old horseshoe was found. This will be put up in a prominent position in the HQ. A new shed has been installed for outside equipment and redundant equipment removed.

We've also cleared around the rear of the canopy area and to the back of the containers, which will become a gas bottle storage area.

We've reduced the undergrowth to the rear of the grounds and cleared a lot of weeds, pruning the trees around the climbing wall as well as clearing around its base.

We've manged to claim back around eight to ten metres at the back, so we've

constructed a new campfire circle with some seating (to be completed), erected a flag pole and planted grass seed so hopefully we will have a larger grass area to carry out activities.



To the front of the HQ, we've finally completed the works associated with the drive and entrance, and we've managed to level the lovely hardcore and put the stones across the top for easier access. We also have a few concrete paths to construct to the right of the building and to the front of the building, which will run to the containers and to the fence. We will also in the future be constructing a new access gate between the containers.

We also decided to install a flagpole to the front of our HQ and we have installed a hi-definition CCTV system around the HQ, which will now give us a better level of security.

Neil Turner, GSL

4th Caterham

The Scouts have been sharing their experiences of Scouting during lockdown. I hope you enjoy reading them.

Susan Dobson, SL



During lockdown we have been doing Zoom meetings including fun games and challenges. We have also camped outside in the garden for a night to later receive a badge. My favourite game in the meetings are the scavenger hunts because I like going around the house looking for the object said.

Anya P

Whilst we were in lockdown, we have been doing tasks from Scouts such as making tripods out of household items to a small zip wire. Every Monday we have been doing Zoom calls where we play games and do quizzes similar to what we would do before the virus. We were always excited to see what things we would be doing each week and what badges we were completing.

Maya P

Scouts was fun we got to go camping in the garden it was exciting but scary because there were lots of owls and birds. We got to put up hammocks and roast marshmallows on the fire. Night was cold. It was different doing Scout stuff in quarantine but it was still exciting.

We made a marble run, which was challenging because you had to get stuff that could support the marbles. But still I had fun. I made the run out of hosepipe.

The zip wire was easy because you just needed a rope long enough to go outside your window. My toy made it all the way down. I also used a hosepipe and a bungee cord to clip on to the toy Minion.

The parachute was the hardest because you needed a material to support a toy. But luckily I found the right material and toy. The material I used was polythene and a toy soldier. It was successful.

Piers W



During lockdown at home we camped in our garden or inside. I chose to build a den out of mattresses and blankets suspended on string. It was very fun but I would prefer to go on an actual Scout camp.

Oliver T

Recently in lockdown Scouts has moved to Zoom. Luckily we have been kept busy with many activities to do at home working towards various badges. We have had to do things such as planning camp meals for a weekend and cooking one of them, making parachutes out of household items, a tripod which had to hold something and we also had to make a tower out of spaghetti, this one was very tricky.

We have played many games, I enjoyed The Generation Game, Scavenger Hunt and digital Hide and Seek. I have really enjoyed Scouts online but it's not as good as meeting up in person.

Lauren T



Even though we were in lockdown, we have still been doing Scouts. We have had online Zoom meetings along with fun challenges to do at home. The weekend of my birthday, we had a challenge where we had to sleep somewhere other than our bed. Me, my Mum, my Dad and two brothers camped outside and it was so fun.

We have also been doing weekly challenges like zip wires, marble runs, marshmallow towers and lots more fun things. I have had a great time doing Scouts in lockdown!

Matilda O

At Scouts we were challenged to make a zip wire for our toys! It was extremely fun. My zipwire was pretty long and to film it we put a phone on it! To make it we used a clothes hanger and some string! It was so fun and I felt really proud showing it to my friends.

Katie W

I have enjoyed doing treasure hunts, the challenges that have been set like the marshmallow and pasta tower, cooking a meal and the zip wire. I have enjoyed these because it was something to do in the lockdown and was fun.

Rosie G

My Scouting experience in lockdown has been delightful! We managed to meet each other every week despite lockdown ... even though the meeting was only virtual!

Talking to the other Scouts was an absolute thrill and I am glad that I have this opportunity.

In our sessions, I enjoyed answering the camping questions and the scavenger hunt. Both were very fun to do! Also, I enjoyed the weekly tasks (including this one) as it gave us something fun to do at home.

My favourite task would have to be creating a zip line. We had a nice time designing it! Plus, all of this boosted my sense of creativity. Thank you for the opportunity to interact with others through lockdown!

Maya R

DISTRICT NEWS

Headquarters has given advance notice that the census this year will take place as at 15 October 2020. More details as and when they are received.

The District AGM has been postponed, more details to follow once known.

Gwen Hoare, District Secretary

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2020 EDITION DEADLINE

Now that summer is upon us, the newsletter is having its annual break. We will return again in September, so please submit your articles for the September edition to Susan Dobson at Editor@Caterham-Scouts.org.uk by Wednesday 26th August. Photographs are welcomed, although we cannot guarantee to include everything.

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