

## North Leeds

# Challenge 20+1



Due to COVID-19 the Challenge20 Management Team and the County Executive Committee have taken the difficult decision to postpone Challenge 20.

The good news is Challenge20 is now Challenge 20+1 at Bramham Park from **9th-11th July 2021**.

Do not fear, the County are working hard to plan Challenge20 virtually during the original even dates **10th-12th July 2020**. Keep your eyes peeled for updates on the County website; <https://www.cycscouts.org.uk/>

The Challenge20 Management Team needs your help!

Open to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network Members there is a badge competition.

The badge is for those who are going to take part in the event and needs to have the following things:

The camp name: Virtual Challenge 20.  
Include no more than 5 colours (excluding white).

Email a picture of your entry to: [Cathryn.atkinson@cycscouts.org.uk](mailto:Cathryn.atkinson@cycscouts.org.uk)  
Entries close 19th June 2020.

### District Leadership Team

We hope that all members, younger and older, are safe and well in these unusual times.

It's a pleasure to see and hear about everything that's happening in the Scout Groups and Units throughout the District. What you can see in this update is just a snapshot of your responses to the changed circumstances in which we are living.

In our conversations with Young People and Leaders, we are encouraged time after time by the stories we hear. Not just of the energy and ingenuity of Virtual Scouting and other ways of keeping in touch with and supporting Young People and their families but also of community action.

Together we have created a new pattern for Scouting which may need to be in place for a while yet but don't be daunted. Remember our Scout Values, By doing our best and supporting each other we are making positive contributions in our communities. Be encouraged!



Ted, Max, Shamine, Stacy and Joe

## Leeds Half Marathon

Many Scout Groups are involved in manning the water stations for the Leeds Half Marathon each year, something which we are very proud of. The usual date has been postponed until: **Sunday 22nd November**. Put it in your diaries as we will need as much help as possible.



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# North Leeds District at Challenge17



## The Great Indoors Badge is here!

The Scout Association has adapted as it always has since 1907 and designed a 3-stage badge for EVERYONE over the age of 6 to earn (first time ever!).

The badge has 9 different activity types from practical and outdoor skills to community engagement and International activities. All across the 3 stages that's 27 different activities to complete.

Are you up for the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-greatindoors/> to find out more and to sign up.

## Scouting continues within the District

### #Clap for Carers

On 23rd April St. George's Day Central Yorkshire Scouts supported the NHS at 8pm and stood outside their homes and clapped, bashed their pans, held their flags and even played their instruments. Amongst this North Leeds were out in force showing their support too wearing their Neckers. Below shows a small selection of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and even our very own Acting DC showing their support.



### Virtual All District Meeting

On the same evening 23rd April the District held its first virtual All Leader District meeting. It included the update of the projects at Wike showing the renovated kitchen and toilet block and



The meeting also included updates from Headquarters, DC, Training and Safety.

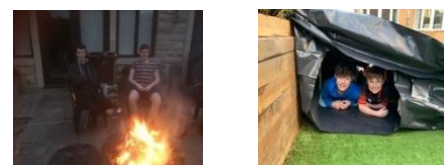
Virtual Awards were announced including 17 Queen's Scout Awards and District Commissioner's Commendation Awards just to name a couple. Congratulations to all Award Winners.

To view the presentation see below - this also includes a link to resources gathered across the district. [https://nlscouts-my.sharepoint.com/:b:g/personal/stacy-wilshaw\\_nlscouts\\_org\\_uk/ERVjdYOiYcBCu\\_dg7va3OAMBfim-17SUFCMk0eiKIOHouQ?e=4F30uA](https://nlscouts-my.sharepoint.com/:b:g/personal/stacy-wilshaw_nlscouts_org_uk/ERVjdYOiYcBCu_dg7va3OAMBfim-17SUFCMk0eiKIOHouQ?e=4F30uA)

## 10th The Grammar School at Leeds

GSAL Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and their families joined in with #HikeToTheMoon walking 640 miles altogether. Special mention to Josh who walked a marathon over a week raising £127.

GSAL have also taken part in Central Yorkshire Scouts virtual campfire on 26th April singing popular campfire songs such as Alice the Camel and building their own campfires. Followed by camping on the 30th April with Northumberland Scouts #CampatHome. Building shelters and even camping on Trampolines.





## 22nd Hillel

The Leeds Jewish Scout Group held their Summer Camp virtually. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all took part in the challenges set, from pitching tents to serving breakfast to their families. The Beavers especially enjoyed Bingo and creating self-portraits from items in the garden. Cubs held their camp teddy bear competition with virtual backgrounds and the Scouts created their own virtual survival kit and some wood craft.

A Havdalah ceremony was led by Chazan Alby and camp was finished off with a campfire sing along.

Philip Goldberg (GSL) said that this camp is one which none of us will ever forget but during this difficult time it was amazing to see all the children enjoying traditional Scouting activities and sharing that enjoyment with their families.

## 19th St. Chad's

All sections have been meeting virtually every Thursday with the Beavers and Cubs using the Badges at Home option on OSM to deliver the Summer Term programme. Games are played virtually each week including Dingbats and Scavenger Hunts. The Scouts recently built dens and then enjoyed their Scout meeting from within them.

Across the Group many got involved with the #Hike to the Moon challenge, walking over 112 miles.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have all had virtual Camps, camping in various places and activities including learning knots and campfire sing alongs. The Scouts also cooked for their families and made camp gadgets.



## 43rd Phoenix St. Mary's

The 43rd have been busy sending weekly newsletters including activities to their group. Activities including making a Bug Hotel, baking carrot cake and scones and growing a carrot top.

It doesn't just stop there they have also learnt to juggle, made space helmets all while being awarded badges.

The Group has also taken part in a virtual camp and Clapped for Carers on the 23rd April. To raise money for the NHS and for the Food Bank on the Hawksworth Wood Estate the Group has been raising money completing sponsored activities. A huge well done to all those who have completed their sponsored activities!

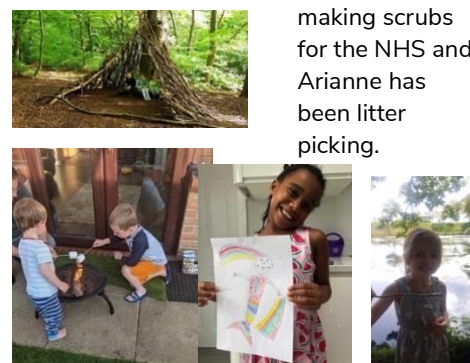


## Scotland Wood

The Beavers at Scotland Wood have enjoyed camping and toasting marshmallows. Other Beavers have also build dens and been pond dipping. The Leaders have been providing fortnightly challenges including 'design a new superhero' and the Beavers and Cubs have sent photos of what they've done. Georgina designed 'Rainbow' the flying mermaid whose superpower is shooting out a web of rainbows to make people kind.

They have also been creating new games such as 'Bottle Smash' and 'Hoop Heads'.

Random Acts of Kindness has also been a feature of their Scouting. Tom has been making scrubs for the NHS and Arianne has been litter picking.



## 10<sup>th</sup> St. Edmund's

Cubs in Blue Pack at 10<sup>th</sup> have been busy with many events; they have Hiked to the Moon, Clapped for Cares, attended the County virtual Campfire even toasting marshmallows and camped outside.

Each week they have Zoom meetings including Grand Howl, Flag Break and badge work. Problem solving, knots and lashing and the Digital Citizen badge are to name but a few. One Cub even made a YouTube video on how to make a cup which the other Cubs could follow.

<https://youtu.be/wjZeeOonhIA>

Gold Pack Cubs have also been identifying wildlife, trees and birds. Cubs have made slow motion videos, gardened and learnt how to care for small animals as well as helping around the house!

The Scouts in Green Troop start their Zoom meetings with a quiz or game organised by one of the Scouts using Kahoot. One favourite is a scavenger hunt.

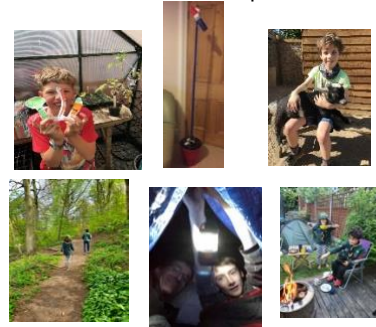
They have also invested a Scout by hiding their Necker in the garden. They have also produced a route map and camped outside with one Scout camping out all month (trying to beat his brother who holds the record for the highest number of Nights Away).

Over 20 Scouts have tested out their methods of keeping an egg safe in a box by dropping them out of windows.

Red Troop Scouts led the way with the use of Zoom in the Group, starting on 24<sup>th</sup> March. They too have had Cubs move up and are looking to invest them.

A highlight is cooking at home using instruction videos made by Leaders. The Electronics Badge is also being done in the same way – see link <https://bit.ly/2XIKVhe> But be prepared to see some exciting desert driving as well!

Camping has also being a main feature for Scouts camping in tree houses or under plastic sheets over washing lines. One Patrol Leader even slept on the shed roof!



## 8<sup>th</sup> Staenwald

On their 12<sup>th</sup> meeting this week the Group has been using Discord both for live meetings and for the video feature. The Scouts have learned how to jack up a motorbike and change the wheels, headlights and the engine oil. The Scouts have also learnt about the different parts of a computer seeing it being put back together.

They have also played games such as Which Folded Celebrity Is This and used GeoGuessr and Skribbl.io. They are going to write to a Canadian Scout Group to compare lockdown Scouting and are also going to be doing a cook-along.

## Salam

Scouting at home started almost immediately for the Salam Scouts. The Scouts have been working towards a variety of challenge award badges such as Teamwork, Personal Challenge, Skills Challenge and the DIY activity badge.

Each week Leaders have used OSM to upload weekly tasks and the badge criteria. The Scouts have also completed exercise circuits, solved riddles, puzzles or conundrums and mended and customised clothing.

Scouting Values of Fun, Belief, Integrity and Co-operation have been at the forefront of everything they do.

Scouting at home: Week 3

DIY challenge

- Complete an indoor DIY project such as:
  - Sew a cushion cover
  - Make a paper airplane
  - Make a paper boat
  - Make a paper plane
  - Make a paper airplane
  - Make a paper boat
  - Make a paper plane

co operation  
• Listen to parents first time without arguing to get things done quicker  
• Work together with my sister to do good deed without being asked to make my parents happy.



## Goonies Explorers

The Goonies have been up to a long list of activities over lockdown including: Bingo (designed by Oliver) making pizza's together on Zoom, scavenger hunts, and escape rooms. As Explorer's aim to complete their DofE they have also discussed how they can still complete it even during these unprecedented times. They have also been doing quizzes with other Explorer Units in the District as well as playing game shows such as Would Lie to You.



## 7<sup>th</sup> St. Matthew's

The Scouts at 7<sup>th</sup> have been busy in their kitchens as they made cheesecakes during the evening Zoom meeting, showing off their master bakes. They have also been on camp and Clapped for Carers.



## Six Dales Walk

Keep an eye out for further information about the Sixth Dales! 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – watch this space!

<https://sixdales.co.uk>



## Red Kite ESU



The Red Kites have taken part in a cook along making wild garlic pesto linguine with celebrity chef James Key using locally foraged wild garlic,