

## Programme support for leaders

### On-line Scouting



With face to face Scouting once again suspended, this aide memoire is designed to summarise the support that is available to leaders to help deliver on-line/remote Scouting.

- A free Zoom account is available for all Groups. [Zoom account sign up](#)
- The national [Scouts.org.uk](#) website contains a large range of on-line programme ideas [Scouts at home](#). In particular leaders might like to consider using the six week [Press-play-and-go](#) programme or the [Activities](#) section. Whilst the annual Wintercamp is not happening face to face this year, sections can still join in with a wide range of activities at home [Wintercamp 2021](#)
- The [Steps towards a Safe Return](#) section of the Berkshire Scouts website provides a wide range of support materials including a series of programmes on a plate.
- The Berkshire Scouts [@home Challenge](#) was set in September 2020 and to date circa 400 young people have achieved the award.
- The Berkshire Scouts [International Join In Award](#) and [Project Africa global awareness programme](#) have a range of activities suitable for on-line programmes.
- Social media is a good source of information and programme ideas, in particular the [1st Virtual Scout Group Facebook page](#) has a large following. For a more local set of ideas, leaders should join the County Facebook forums. [Beaver Leaders in Berkshire](#), [Cub Leaders in Berkshire](#), [Scout Leaders in Berkshire](#), [Explorer Scout Leaders in Berkshire](#)
- For those leaders wanting to share the load, why not buddy up with other local sections. If you are not confident delivering a session on-line, consider approaching other sections who are active and ask to join them. If you want some tips on keeping a good buzz around your on-line meetings this is a useful read [Creating a buzz around your online meetings](#)
- There are plenty of external organisations happy to help run sessions for you. Berkshire Scouts have set up a partnership with Age UK, for example, and they will run 'dementia friends' sessions on-line. Similarly, you could ask a 'STEM' ambassador to run a science evening for you. Details of both ideas are on the [Steps towards a Safe Return](#) section of the Berkshire Scouts website.
- Flexibility is the name of the game. [Adapting the programme during coronavirus crisis](#)

Staying safe Don't forget that usual Scouting rules apply to on-line activities and it is important to consider the safety of our young people at all times [Staying safe online](#)

Need more help? For further support/guidance, your Group Scout Leader or District team will be able to help. Support is also available from the County Programme Team, contact details below:

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