



District Commissioners Report 2020

I joined the District back in November last year and feel extremely proud to be the DC. When I took on the role, we were not to know how scouting would have to adapt to be able to continue. I have been amazed by the fantastic response of our leaders over the last six months, many providing incredible balanced and exciting programmes via zoom, Facebook live as well as delivering packages to the young people and emailing them ideas to fill their time during lockdown. As a District we ran our first ever camp at home and photographic competition and many of us took part in both the County and head quarters camps. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all our leaders for the time they have invested in the young people of Southern Norwich, especially over the last six months. The evidence is there to see, I quote one of many comments on Facebook "You gave us all something to look forward to at the start of lockdown and gave us some fab weekends doing new things we wouldn't have done otherwise. Harry has always looked forward to the zoom sessions as much as he used to look forward to the face to face meetings" Thank you.

I am pleased to report that the census showed the District grew in numbers, both young people and adults last year and now with the return to face to face scouting we hope to be able to get our numbers back up and start looking at opening more sections so more young people can learn skills for life.

Also, my thanks go to Colin Hawes and his team who have been working hard on improving our District campsite, Cooper Lane. Hopefully it won't be long before we can start camping again and the improvements made at Cooper lane can be enjoyed by all.

Finally, for now I would like to thank the District Executive committee for their support and welcoming me into the District and especially to Jane our chair who is stepping down tonight, thank you.

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