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Annual Parish Meeting Report - Saxilby Scout and Guide Association

It has been an extremely difficult year for all our sections, the first Lockdown in March 2020 resulted in all Scouting and Guiding Sections turning to Zoom for their weekly meetings. These were reasonably successful, but everyone was not happy with Zoom, so numbers were limited. In July 2020 Scouting and Guiding relaxed the Alert level to Amber which meant all sections could meet Face to Face but outdoors only. The Scouts manage 4 weeks of Canoeing on the Foss dyke Canal in August. With all other sections resuming limited F2F in September. After the October half term, the Alert Level relaxed a little more allowing limited numbers indoors, however this was short lived as on the 4th November 2020 the Second Lockdown struck, so Red Alert and back to Zoom!

Fortunately, the lockdown was eased in Early December which allowed the Scouts to do their Operation Goodwill for the Nomad Trust in Lincoln, which proved to be extremely successful with over 3,000 food Items collected and over 35 Shoe boxes filled, with a variety of 15-20 items in each box, as Christmas presents for the Homeless. Many thanks must go to the people of Saxilby for their amazing response to this appeal, it was really appreciated by the Nomad Trust. Also, a Big well done to the Scouts for getting the Risk Assessment approved to enable it to happen, in a Covid safe way.

Then with the new year the 3rd Lockdown was upon us, so back to the Red Alert and Zoom. It is amazing how the Leaders in all sections that's Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Rangers and Explorers managed to formulate their programmes to maintain the awards and Challenges for the children remotely, so many thanks to them for all their efforts.

Unfortunately, our bi-monthly Paper Collections have been severely affected during the year with only one possible, in September 2020, I am pleased to Report that the April collection went ahead this month, and it is hoped that bi-monthly Collections can be maintained this year. We are very appreciative of all the people who were able to store their papers for us during the pandemic, and hopefully the ones that could not will be willing to return to help us build the Collection back to its pre-Covid levels,

On 30th March 2021 Scouting and Guiding returned to Amber Alert allowing F2F outdoors, numbers are now growing, and we are getting back to weekly outdoor meetings but still using Covid safe Risk Assessments.

We are all hoping that by the end of the Summer we will be back to some sort of normal.

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