



## **Lochearnhead Scout Station - 2020 Season**

Enabling our users to deliver their outdoor and adventurous experiences in the safest possible way is at the heart of Hertfordshire Scouts Activity Centres strategy. As we move towards the next phase of tackling the challenges posed by this pandemic, we have begun to consider the adaptations that we will have to make to re-open our Centres.

We have reviewed the Government Guidance around the easing of restrictions and re-opening of various sectors of the economy. These place particular emphasis on demonstrating that social distancing measures can be demonstrated and the highest standards of hygiene can be maintained. As an older Centre, Lochearnhead presents us with its own unique set of challenges in this regard.

We also have to be mindful of the devolved nature and approach of Scottish government, as amply illustrated by their decision not to follow England's easing of restrictions, and that any adaptations that we make meet local requirements and are approved through the appropriate authorities.

After careful consideration, and in order to provide our users with some certainty around our approach, we have taken the difficult decision to remain closed for the balance of 2020.

We do not plan to be idle at the Station during this time, in fact quite the opposite, it is our intention to commence the refurbishment works already planned for early 2021 as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Our planning for the refurbishments had to be put on hold as non-essential activity, once we have clear details as to the revised layout and capacity of the Station, we will re-commence with new bookings for mid-April 2021 onwards. In the meantime, we will return all deposits currently held. Should you wish to express interest in a particular weekend before bookings open, you will be able to do so\*.

Should you have any specific questions or queries, please contact our bookings team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mark Jefferson

Activity Centres Management Committee Chair.

\*This will not constitute a booking until a deposit has been paid and booking conditions have been signed. You will be notified when bookings re-open and be given 14 days to confirm as per our usual provisional booking policy.