

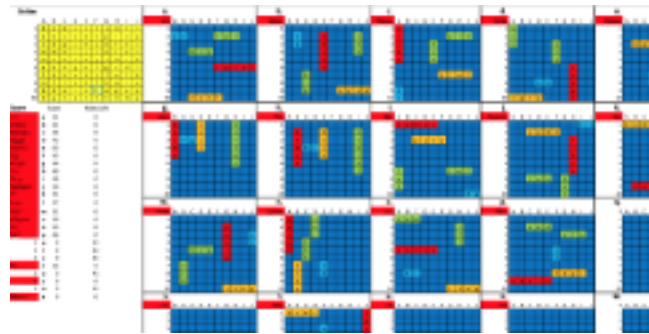


When face to face meetings had to stop, Scouting in Stocksfield continued. All three sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continued to meet online.

The leaders and young people quickly learnt how to make the best of Zoom and adapt the programme to work in an online format.

We began by playing some online games. All the Scouts successfully avoided Darth Vader in the icy wastes of Echo Base in a Star Wars-themed escape room.

They had great fun in a huge multiplayer version of Battleships which demonstrated their skills with spreadsheets and co-ordinate systems.

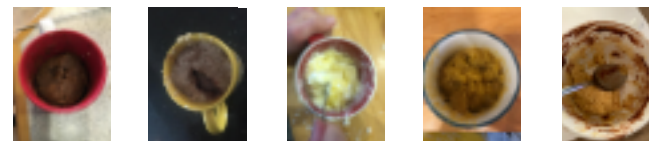


Hands-on activities were the most popular, some with parents hovering nervously in the background.

Our Scouts turned coke cans into mini barbecues, popped their own popcorn using night-lights and made festive lanterns out of old baked bean cans.

For Remembrance Day, we spelled out personal messages online using red torches.

Cooking online can be a challenge, but the group rose to it. Highlights include armpit fudge, ice-cream made with salt and ice, and cakes in a mug cooked in a microwave.



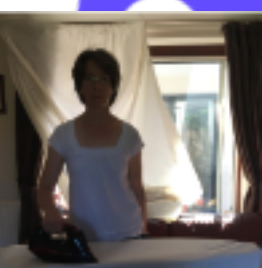
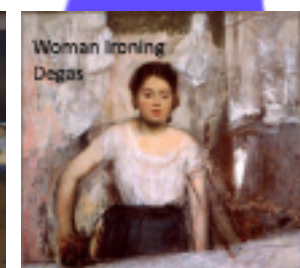
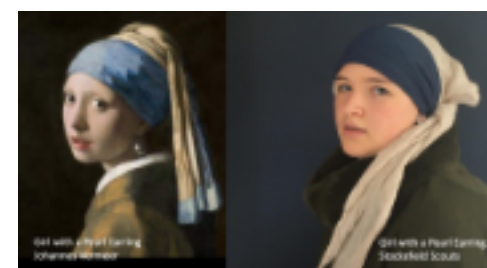
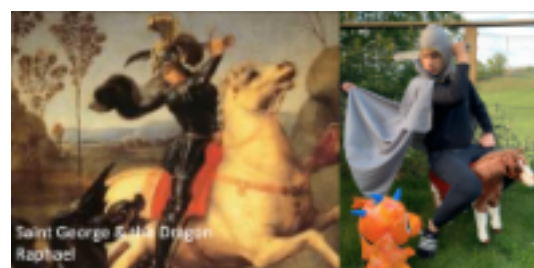
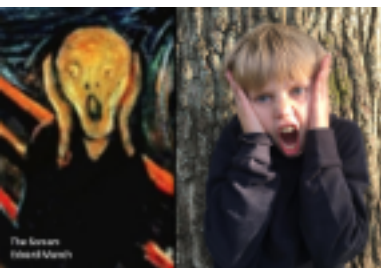
At Christmas they were tasked with creating festive pizza designs. The results showed their imagination - Christmas trees, Rudolph the Reindeer (with chocolate eyes) and a sweet snowman pizza. Their family were called in to judge the taste of the pizza, whilst the leaders looked on jealously!

Covid didn't mean the end of camping. With campsites closed, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in the world record breaking Camp at Home organised by Northumberland County. Young people from all over the world camped in their house or garden. Some of our Scouts camped for the whole month and enjoyed it so much they did it again in December!



For a brief period we were able to meet in person, opting for outside activities wherever possible. The Scouts honed their knife and knotting skills, put to the test when they had to build a sedan chair to carry their patrol leader down the lane. That helped focus the PL's mind and ensure that every Scout really knew their knots!

It is important to retain an element of fun and provide the Scouts with opportunities to display their creativity. This was most clearly seen in our online scavenger hunts, where the Scouts demonstrated their own interpretation of balancing a spoon on their nose and taking a selfie where you can't be seen!



Life imitates art - the Scouts (and a leader)

try and recreate famous works of art.