

# Southport Scout News – No.339. 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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Dear All,

I write following Chris Scott's announcement at your AGM, this evening, that he has decided to retire from his role as District Commissioner following a four-year term.

Firstly, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to Chris for everything he has done during his time as your District Commissioner. His energy and enthusiasm has been a driving force behind four-years of success in Southport; he has been committed and dedicated and we have hugely valued his contribution. It is also great news that Chris will continue to be engaged in Scouting in Southport and will be taking up an appointment as an Assistant Scout Leader.

At this time, you will be aware that we are currently searching for our next County Commissioner and because of this, it would not be appropriate for me to run a search to appoint Chris's successor. I am therefore pleased to announce that Andy Denton and Andrew Tinsley have kindly agreed to cover as joint Acting District Commissioners over the coming months. I would like to thank both for agreeing to take on this responsibility. Once our new County Commissioner is in place, I am sure that one of their priorities will be to progress the appointment of your next District Commissioner. Andy and Andrew have asked that you please contact them both when you need support and I know that they will be working with you all, to continue the great work across Southport.

Please join me in thanking Chris and in welcoming Andy and Andrew.

Best wishes,

**Peter Oliver**  
Acting County Commissioner

## Postcode Community Trust – Closing August 2017 (England, Scotland and Wales)

Postcode Community Trust will re-open for applications to its grants programme on the 1st August 2017.

Through its grants programme, the Trust will provide grants of £500 – £20,000 (£10,000 in Wales) for projects that benefit communities through grass-roots sports, arts and recreation programmes and healthy living initiatives that improve a community's physical and mental health.

Funding is available to **registered charities, voluntary organisations**, community interest companies and social enterprises. Please note that only registered charities can apply for grants above £2,000.

<http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>

## Sport England to Launch New Families Fund – Closing August 2017 (England)

Sport England has announced that intends to launch a new £40 Families Fund on the 22nd June 2017.

The aim of the fund will be to offer new opportunities for families with children to do sport and physical activity together. A particular focus will be to support parents on low incomes with children aged 5-15 living in areas of high deprivation; and to make sure their children have positive experiences of sport and physical activity.

Sport England will be seeking applications from organisations, both sporting and non-sporting, who understand children and families and have a proven track record of working with them. Potential examples include housing associations, family-focused charities, parent support organisations and outdoor activity providers.

The closing date for applications will be 3pm on the 17th August 2017.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/families-fund/apply-to-our-families-fund/>



## Our Campaigns tool

Virgin Money Giving **Campaigns** is a new, flexible tool which lets you set up your fundraising campaign so you can bring fundraisers and donors together for a specific objective.

Whether that is through an event, Charity of the Year fundraising or a natural disaster appeal, **Campaigns** gives you more control over the charity pages you create.

### 3 steps to your perfect campaign

#### Step 1 Decide on your campaign

Choose the type of campaign you would like to run...

- ◆ Charity appeal
- ◆ Event
- ◆ Charity of the Year



#### Step 2 Create your campaign pages

Tell your charity's story through photos and videos, and show people how their donations will help.

Ask donors extra questions.

See your supporters on your campaign page.



#### Step 3 Promote your campaign

Share on Facebook and Twitter and link to your campaign from your website.

Create a press release.

Share it with your corporate partners.

Put up a poster in your local Virgin Money Store.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/>

**COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING** | **ACT** | ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

**IN THE RARE EVENT OF a firearms or weapons attack**

**RUN HIDE TELL**

**RUN** to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

**HIDE** It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

**TELL** the police by calling 999.

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### [Run Hide Tell A5 leaflet](#)

PDF, 80.7KB, 2 pages

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### Stay Safe Film

Attacks in the UK and abroad remind us all of the terrorist threat we face. Police and security agencies are working tirelessly to protect the public but it is also important that communities remain vigilant and aware of how to protect themselves if the need arises.

National Counter Terrorism policing is providing advice to the public on the steps they can take to keep themselves safe in the rare event of a firearms or weapons attack.

The police service has released the short public information film called 'Stay Safe: Firearms and Weapons Attack' which sets out the key options for keeping safe should the worst happen. You can watch the film on the [National Police Chiefs' Council YouTube account.](#)

The film advises those who get caught up in an incident to 'run, hide and tell' - guidance which can be applied to any place. We know that from case studies and

real life testimony based on the experiences of people who have survived attacks the advice given in the film has saved lives.

### **RUN**

Escape if you can  
Consider the safest options  
Is there a safe route? RUN if not HIDE  
Can you get there without exposing yourself to greater danger?  
Insist others leave with you  
Leave belongings behind

### **HIDE**

If you cannot RUN, HIDE  
Find cover from gunfire  
If you can see the attacker, they may be able to see you  
Cover from view does not mean you are safe, bullets go through glass, brick, wood and metal  
Find cover from gunfire e.g. substantial brickwork / heavy reinforced walls  
Be aware of your exits  
Try not to get trapped  
Be quiet, silence your phone and turn off vibrate  
Lock / barricade yourself in  
Move away from the door

### **TELL**

Call 999 - What do the police need to know? If you cannot speak or make a noise listen to the instructions given to you by the call taker

**Location** - Where are the suspects?

**Direction** - Where did you last see the suspects?

**Descriptions** – Describe the attacker, numbers, features, clothing, weapons etc.

**Further information** – Casualties, type of injury, building information, entrances, exits, hostages etc.

Stop other people entering the building if it is safe to do so

### **ARMED POLICE RESPONSE**

Follow officers' instructions  
Remain calm  
Can you move to a safer area?  
Avoid sudden movements that may be considered a threat  
Keep your hands in view

### **OFFICERS MAY**

Point guns at you  
Treat you firmly  
Question you  
Be unable to distinguish you from the attacker  
Officers will evacuate you when it is safe to do so  
You must **STAY SAFE**  
What are your plans if there were an incident?  
What are the local plans? e.g. personal emergency evacuation plan

The film has already been delivered and widely used across industry as part of police-led counter terrorism security advice sessions for their own staff. In the same way people plan how to respond to a fire it also makes sense to plan the response to a firearms or weapons attack. These are emotive subjects but experience shows by becoming more alert to surroundings and plan and think ahead people have far greater chance of surviving.

The intention of the film is not to unnecessarily scare the public but to ensure that they know what steps to take in the unlikely event of being involved in a firearms or weapons attack.

It is only responsible that the police issue this public safety guidance as they would do with any other personal safety issue.

We urge the public to be alert but not alarmed by the threat, and reassure them that the police service carries out daily activities to help maintain the protection and security of our citizens, public institutions, critical national infrastructure, and businesses and places, including those who are potential terrorist targets.

Our security measures and activities are constantly reviewed to reflect where the threats exist and the level of threat we are facing.

The level of threat is complex and ranges from lone actors intent on carrying out crude and violent attacks to sophisticated networks pursuing ambitious and coordinated plots - as we saw starkly demonstrated in France and other parts of the world.

**- And now in the U.K. as well! – Ed.**

This increased level of activity is matched by increased action by the police and security services, who are working on hundreds of active investigations and making an arrest a day.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu, speaking on behalf of National Counter Terrorism policing said:

The police service is working tirelessly to confront the terrorist threat we all face. To do this we need the help of the public. We need them to be alert, but not alarmed. We need them to be vigilant and to report any suspicious behaviour or activity to the confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321 or in an emergency dial 999.

We are releasing this film which we hope will provide practical steps to take in the extremely rare event of a terrorist attack.

Communities defeat terrorism, which is why we must maintain the strong relationship between the public and police. We depend on information from the public, who can be our eyes and ears, in our efforts to keep us all safe. We must also give information to the public to help them stay safe.

#### **Further Advice**

[citizenAID](#) is a simple, clear teaching aid for immediate actions and first aid for a stabbing, bomb incident or mass shooting. Building on Run, Hide Tell, this helps people understand what to do in the event of an attack.

#### **Document information**

Published: 18 December 2015

#### **From:**

[National Counter Terrorism Security Office](#)

#### **Part of:**

[Counter-terrorism](#)

## **TOP ROPE CLIMBING PERMIT TRAINING**

This course is designed to teach specific skills in leading a group in single pitch top rope climbing and managing up to two belay systems at once.

**How much?** £75 per person.

#### **Where and when?**

Gilwell Park (ARTIFICIAL) 10 - 12 November 2017 [Book here.](#)

Great Tower (NATURAL) 8 - 10 September 2017 [Book here.](#)

Youlbury (ARTIFICIAL) 13 - 15 October 2017 [Book here.](#)

Yr Hafod (NATURAL) 7 - 9 July, 8 - 10 September or 22 - 24 September 2017. Call centre direct.

## **HILLWALKING TERRAIN 2 SUMMER PERMIT ASSESSMENT**

This course is designed to assess the specific skills required to lead a group in Terrain 2 conditions, typically steep mountainous terrain over 800 metres. See POR 9.30 for full definition.

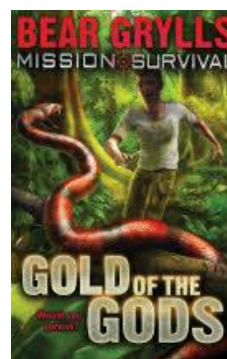
**How much?** Assessment £85 per person. DGB funding may be available.

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Great Tower 25 - 27 August or 15 - 17 September 2017. [Book here.](#)

Yr Hafod 7 - 9 July, 8 - 10 September, 22 - 24 September, 13 - 15 October or 17 - 19 November 2017. Call centre direct.

## **Children's Books by Bear Grylls**



### **Bear Grylls 'Adventure Series' for young survival experts..**

“Each book in this fun series from Bear Grylls follows a different child from an outdoor activity camp.

Once they are given a mysterious compass, they meet an inspirational adventurer in an amazing place.

He helps them to learn new skills and facts they can take back with them to their real life!”

#### **Titles include:**

**The Blizzard Challenge**

**The Desert Challenge**

**The Jungle Challenge**

**The Sea Challenge**

*..... and others...*