

News

Sept/Oct 2020

COVID READY

- ✓ Review and understand the BB Framework and Guidance.
- ✓ Complete the Covid- Ready Risk Assessment for each section.
- ✓ Complete the Company Action Log.
- ✓ Complete the Local Approval process.



'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

John 10:10

*Advancing
Christ's
Kingdom*



PREPARING TO RESTART

'As we prepare for a return to face-to-face activities, there are specific things leaders will need to do ahead of being able to restart. We know that circumstances for all our volunteer leaders will be different, some may be key workers, others may be shielding, and we know that this could impact on the time-scales for returning to face-to-face activities.'

Companies should not automatically seek to return to face-to-face activities as soon as possible, as it may be in the short term the safest and most appropriate approach is to deliver the programme remotely through Virtual Sessions and/or #BBatHOME activities.'

The above is an extract from the Stronger | Safer | Together Framework for returning to face-to-face activities at BB this autumn. We encourage you all to read this document carefully. A summary of the Framework was posted to Company Captains, Correspondents, Leaders-in-Charge and Battalion Secretaries along with their recent Gazette.

RESOURCES TO HELP:

- ▶ www.zoom.us - set up your BB Company account today!
- ▶ Getting started on Zoom
<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/virtualsessions/>
- ▶ Ideas for Virtual Sessions
<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome/virtual-sessions/>
- ▶ For the Leaders' Webinar on Getting Back to BB and lots more workshops for leaders check out the Brigade Vimeo account here:
<https://vimeo.com/theboys-brigade>

'The Boys' Brigade has faith in young people and provides them with opportunities to learn, grow and discover in a safe, fun and caring environment which is rooted in the Christian faith.' We are their Church! Getting back to BB virtually or face-to-face is much more than getting out of the house for a few hours. Our young people need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ now more than ever. They have concerns at all ages and mental health issues are on the rise since the Covid-19 outbreak. They have worries about uncertain times; BB can provide a balance in their lives and a healthy, safe place to share how they are doing along with their fears, hopes and dreams. Please keep in touch with them and let them know BB cares about them. ♥

STRONGER | SAFER | TOGETHER

boys-brigade.org.uk/ourframework/



Stronger | Safer | Together

Key Messages...



At the time of printing NID is at Stage 2 of the Framework.

No face-to-face activities or residentials can take place. Groups can offer Virtual Sessions and #BBatHOME Activities. Leaders can meet together to plan and prepare following social distancing guidelines. To be reviewed by Brigade on 14 Sept 2020 pending further guidance from EA.

Check Local Government Guidance - All BB Companies registered with EA should have received a link to the **Youth Restart** Document here:

[<http://bit.ly/EAYouthRestart>]. Youth work in NI may not be permitted to restart to October 2020 - please check this document regularly for updates.

Check with your Church - denominational headquarters have produced guidance for youth and children's work and should be followed.

It's not a race and its not an instruction to restart face-to-face!

Every local situation will be different.

BB will be different for a while!

Every local situation will be different, but please start now to build confidence, re-connect and engage with your children, young people and parents/carers.

Get familiar with Zoom! It may be you will be meeting online with your members for a while, or a blend of online and face-to-face. Try Zoom out now with your leaders. There are lots of resources to help you do activities for all ages online here: [<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/virtualsessions/>]

All Leaders need to read and understand the Brigade Framework for getting back to BB. It's going to be a team effort.

A Risk Assessment must be done for every section. There is a template to follow here: [<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/ourframework/>]

Please check the Brigade website regularly to see what stage NID is at here: [<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/operating-stages/>]

Why we do BB...

'Our vision is that children and young people experience life to the full.' John 10:10



FAITH... CARING... INSPIRING... TRUSTING

MISSION 2021
Save the Dates:
02 October 2021
09 October 2021
16 October 2021
23 October 2021

mission 2021
THE BOYS' BRIGADE
Northern Ireland Chapter

**ADVANCING
CHRIST'S
KINGDOM**

Please note the new dates for 2021 for our Mission that had been planned for this autumn. We look forward in expectant faith to see what God will do in the lives of many children, young people and leaders through this event.

do it online!

**BB LEADER
REGISTRATION**
All BB Chaplains, Captains, Officers, and Helpers must be Registered with The Boys' Brigade UK Headquarters and complete an Access NI check.

Registering Leaders

It is important you keep the registration of leaders up to date. Registration and ID Check evidence can be scanned and e mailed to support@boys-brigade.org.uk or you can use this link to upload documents on the Brigade website: [<https://bit.ly/registeringleaders>]. Note Access NI can only be completed online.

Safeguarding and Good Practice for Running Zoom Activities.



Zoom is the recommended site by Brigade for online video calls. Please check out the Brigade guidance here to help you protect and keep everyone safe online.

[<https://bit.ly/stayingconnected2020>]

If you are new to Zoom check out this helpful video to get you started: [<https://vimeo.com/431472768>]



PRAYER POINTS

Lord Save Us

Lord Heal us

Lord Lead Us

Lord Guide Us

Lord Guard Us

Lord Inspire Us

Lord Develop Us

Lord Challenge Us

Lord Discipline Us

Lord Comfort Us

Lord Be With Us

Lord Grant Us Peace

Amen.

Find Brigade Key Policies here:

[<https://boys-brigade.org.uk/who-we-are/policies-and-regulations/>]



- ▶ Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- ▶ Equal Opportunities Policy
- ▶ Safety Policy (*within the Safety Handbook*)
- ▶ Intellectual Property Notice
- ▶ Data Protection Policy & Privacy Notice
- ▶ Recruitment of Ex Offenders Policy
- ▶ Complaints Policy
- ▶ Leaders Code of Conduct

PROGRAMME NEWS

six in six challenge

SIX IN SIX CHALLENGE!

- ▶ 6 Challenges over 6 months
- ▶ October 2020 – March 2021
- ▶ Themed around our 6 programme areas
- ▶ For Anchors, Juniors and Company/Seniors - unique challenges for each section.
- ▶ Each challenge will be released monthly in our e news and Facebook/Instagram
- ▶ Six in Six certificates available for those who complete.
- ▶ Share your 6in6 Challenges on social media using

#6IN6CHALLENGEBBNI

PROGRAMME UPDATE

Over the last 6 months the Training and Programme Officer and the Chairpersons of our NID Sectional Committees have been meeting regularly via Zoom. We have journeyed together from the start of lock-down; thinking, planning and praying for what the 20/21 session entails for our Anchors, Juniors, Company & Senior sections within the NI District. From these discussions we have pressed pause on some of the usual activities that we know and love from the yearly calendar and we have been creatively thinking of a different and exciting programme to challenge, entertain and engage with our children and young people.

NEW! For the 20/21 session we are excited to announce various new and creative competitions and challenges including the Six in Six Challenge (details above) which has been developed for all sections and can be enjoyed BB at Home style or socially distanced at your company night depending on your local circumstances.

We have collectively decided to not hold any Northern Ireland District face-to-face competitions during the 20/21 session. We firmly believe the focus right now is getting BB restarted at a local level. There will be no National Competitions for Company Section/Seniors this session and we will not be running our annual conferences in 20/21. We really look forward to seeing you engage in the activities planned for this year and pray for you as you plan and prepare to return to BB in these strange times.

David Penney, Training & Programme Officer
Anne Houston, Anchor Boy Committee Chairperson
Sharon Mackey, Junior Section Committee Chairperson
Stanley Alexander, Company Section Committee Chairperson

*'See I am
doing a new
thing'*

Isaiah 43:19

Bringing you a
range of new
competitions
for 20/21 for all
sections that
can be done
at home or in
your hall.

PROGRAMME NEWS

COMPANY & SENIOR SECTION

New Virtual Competitions for 20/21!



Watch out for full details of both these virtual competitions which will be released in the NID monthly e news and on our social media sites.

ENCOUNTER.

LIVES CHANGED BY JESUS

Lessons include:

1. I thought I knew what love is, but Jesus ...
2. I thought I was strong, but Jesus ...
3. I thought I loved God, but Jesus ...
4. I thought I may be wasteful, but Jesus ...
5. I thought it was too good to be true, but Jesus ...
6. I thought stuff would satisfy, but Jesus...
7. I thought I needed to do things, but Jesus...
8. I thought I understood who God was, but Jesus...
9. I thought I knew what I needed, but Jesus ...
10. I thought I was rejected, but Jesus accepted me.

Leaders can work through the studies with groups either virtually or in person. Leader's guide is now available to order. **Price £5 each or £10 for 3 copies** (prices include p&p) Currently available by post only.

Order online here: <https://bit.ly/CEOrder20>

or call NIHQ on 028 92688444

HOPE365
ETHIOPIA

NEW CHARITY PROJECT FOR COMPANY & SENIORS FOR 20/21

'BB the change that you wish to see in the world!'

Hope365 Ethiopia rescue street children in Ethiopia. The Company Section Committee have agreed to partner with this charity this year to help raise funds and awareness of their vital work in one of the poorest and most challenging places in the world, for children and young people.



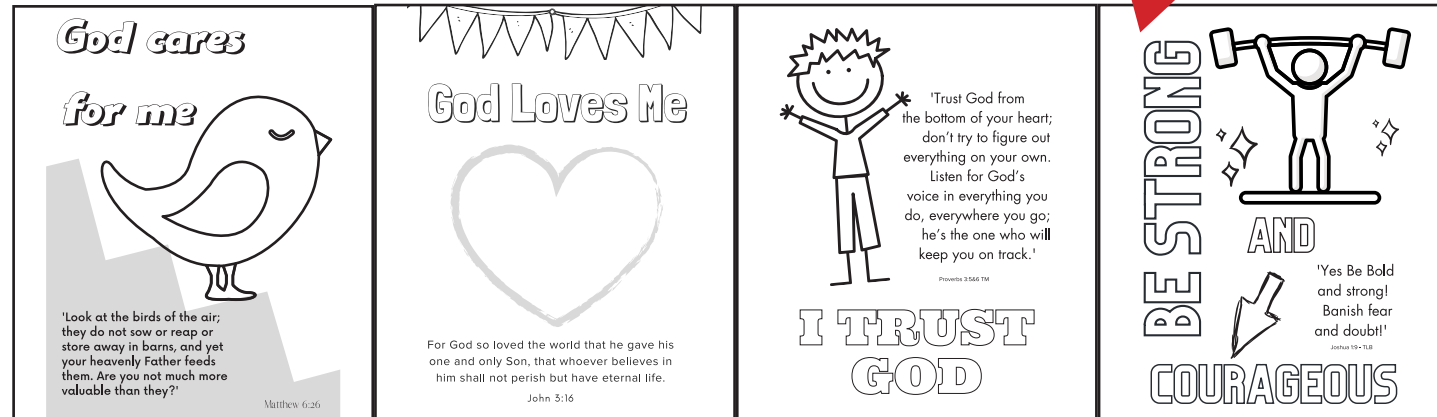
A Resource pack is enclosed for the Company Section Leader in Charge with programme activities which will inform and challenge your boys on the work of Hope365 in Ethiopia. We hope you will use this material and support this charity along the way.



PROGRAMME NEWS

ANCHOR BOYS

We will be running the usual colouring competition for the 20/21 session. Templates will be available for P1 - P4, A4 Size and can be completed at home or in your hall, if back to face-to-face sessions. Full details will be in the next newsletter for completion in the new year.



The colouring templates are themed on God's promises for feeling good, loved, cared for, safe and not afraid. An important message for good emotional well being in our youngest members post Covid-19.

Anchor Praise Competition NEW for 20/21!

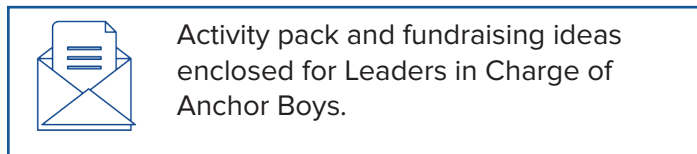
We are delighted to announce this exciting new competition for Anchors - a virtual competition where individual boys will record a Children's Praise item at home. Full details will be released in the next newsletter regarding how to record and submit entries.



Habitat for Humanity Anchor Boys Charity 20/21

'All of us at Habitat, are delighted to have been chosen as the Anchor Boys Project for 2020/2021. We are thankful for the connections we have already with Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland and are looking forward to working with you this year.

Habitat seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. We believe in a world where everyone, everywhere has a safe place to live. COVID-19 means



that all of us have spent more time at home, school at home and work at home! Sometimes that has been fun and maybe other times it was challenging but we have been safe at home and we could wash our hands. Nearly one in 4 people in our world don't have a home where they can stay safe and they don't have water to wash their hands.'

Jenny Williams
Chief Executive, Habitat for Humanity NI

PROGRAMME NEWS

JUNIOR SECTION



We are delighted to say that will be holding the annual JS Musician of the Year during 2021 and this year it will be virtual! The competition as usual will be for individual boys playing an instrument or singing. We hope there may be even more entries this session, including boys who may not feel confident playing in front of an audience. This will be a great opportunity for them to play from the comfort of their own home. It may also be possible (depending on regulations in place at the time) for recordings to be made in church halls.

Further details along with the rules and entry details will be provided in the next NID Newsletter, on the weekly e-news and will be available in the downloads section of our NID website. Please tell your boys who play instruments or sing about this and encourage them to... **KEEP PRACTISING!**



Creative/Arts Competition NEW for 20/21!

A new Creative/Arts Competition will be held for Junior Section Boys during February 2021. This can be completed at home, or in your hall if you are back to face-to-face sessions. More details will be announced in the next NID newsletter.

HINT! An ANCHOR will be involved.



Check them out! Brigade Programme Resources for Virtual and Face-to-Face meetings.

Please check out the wide range of resources to support leaders at this time here: <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/bbathome-bb-leaders/>

Includes Devotional Videos, Face-To-Face Socially Distanced Activities, Virtual Session Activities and a Fundraising Challenge.

So whether you can get back to your hall and run some face-to-face activities for some or all of the sections or you need to run activities on Zoom or a mix of the two there are plenty of ideas to help you connect and engage with your children and young people this autumn. Programme planners for all sections have been released for September with further planners to follow for October, November and December.



Please keep your OBM records up to date at this time and use it for keeping attendance registers - this is necessary for Covid-19 Track and Trace purposes. Check out the Programmes at Home section too - you can upload activities and create programmes that parents can access for use at home. Find out more by watching the tutorial video at <https://vimeo.com/402609630>.

DOING THINGS A BIT DIFFERENTLY!

Check out these resources:

QUEEN'S BADGE
<https://bit.ly/ContinuingQB>

PRESIDENT'S BADGE
<https://bit.ly/ContinuingPB>

DofE - THE AWARD AT HOME
<https://www.dukeofed.org/covid19>

Log in to OBM and check out this new functionality and see how it can help support you in keeping in touch with members during this period.

Here to Help...



ALISON IRVINE
Support &
Communications
07496 671 813



DAVID PENNEY
Training &
Programme
07496 671 821

If you have any queries on getting back to BB or any other BB matter please call us and we will be happy to help you as much as we can.



**Application
Deadline
30th Oct 2020**

We encourage all BB Companies and Battalions to apply for funding from the Education Authority. New funding arrangements were launched for 2020 and this requires all applying for funding to register first with the EA and then progress to complete the application. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic deadlines were extended. Full details on the funding can be found on the Education Authority website and we have a summary of what to do on our NID website here:
<http://www.bbni.org.uk/nieducationauthor.htm>

TRAINING NEWS

Online Captain's Training – Wed 16 Sept '20
Register here: <http://bit.ly/Capt160920>

Youth Leader Training (Non Res)
21 & 22 November 2020. Download the booking form here: <http://bit.ly/YLTNOV20> 

Queen's Badge Courses – check the registration forms on our NID website for information on all courses. Dates have been set but are very much dependent on Covid-19. **We do recommend booking boys as normal.** If a course is cancelled we will transfer participants to the next available course.
QB Skills: <http://bit.ly/QBskills20.21>
QB Residential: <http://bit.ly/QBRes21> 

Queries: If you have a registration query for any of the above, any member of our admin team Wendy, Deborah or Denise can help you. Otherwise contact David Penney.

BB Disability App - New Look!

Over the summer we re-designed our BB Disability App to bring it into a more user friendly and modern intuitive format. We have also added three new information sections on Heart issues. It is available free on Google Play and Apple. If you already have it downloaded, it may update automatically depending on your device. Check it out!



DO YOU NEED A LAPTOP FOR YOUR COMPANY OR BATTALION?

NIHQ has some laptops that we can supply to Companies or Battalions to help them connect and engage with their members during this period of restrictions on normal BB meetings. Please complete the expression of interest form here: <https://bit.ly/technihq>
If we are over subscribed selection criteria will apply.

Payments to NIHQ:



PAYPAL: Our preferred option to receive payments for anything at this time is via PayPal Me or PayPal Donate.

PAYPAL.ME: www.paypal.me/bbnewport
Use this option if you already have a PayPal account

PAYPAL DONATE: Use this option if you do not have a Paypal Account. You will be taken to a link to pay by your card.

Please ensure in both instances that you use the 'Write a Note' option to tell us what you are making the payment for. Thank you.