

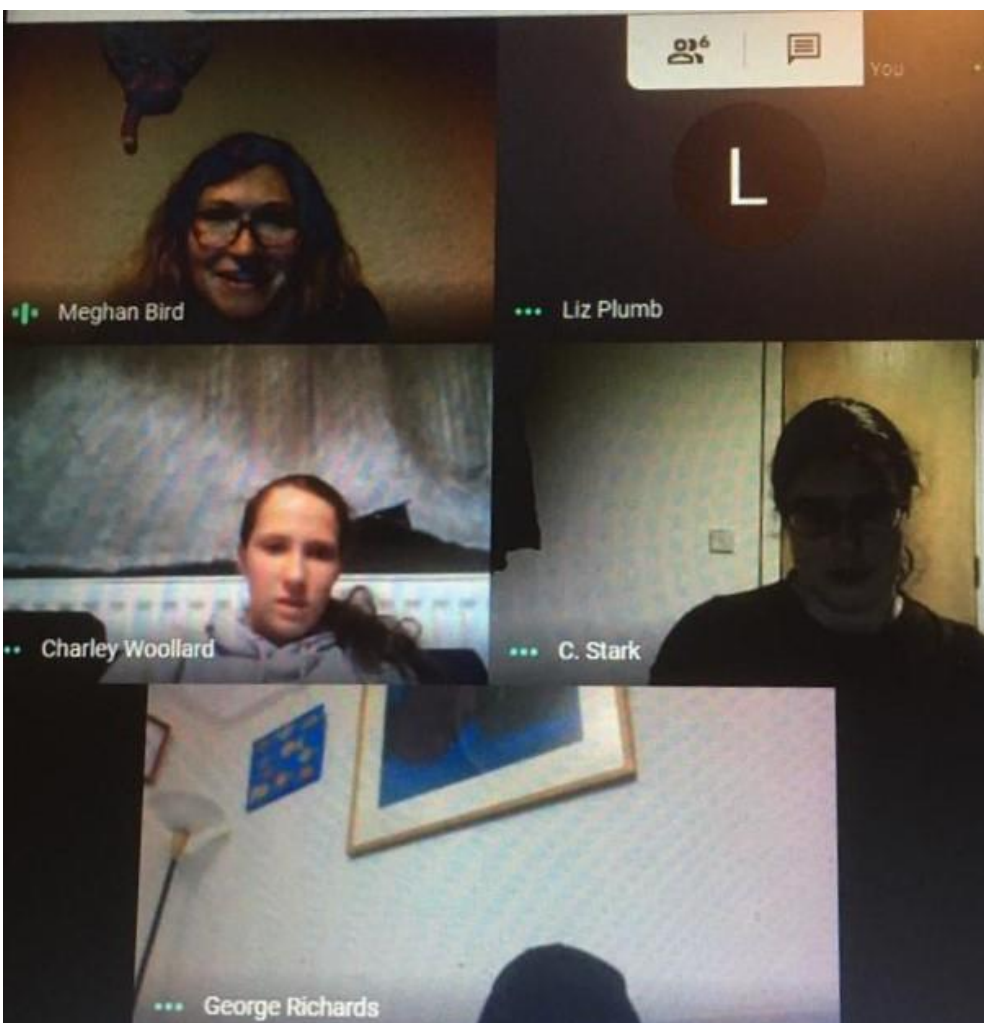


The 28th Cambridge Scout Group provides an active programme of indoor and outdoor activities for young people (boys and girls) between the ages of 6 and 14 from our newly rebuilt scout hut at the end of Flamsteed Road, off Rustat Road near Hills Road Bridge.

Flamsteed Explorer Scouts

We are Flamsteed Explorer Scouts – a relatively new group for people aged 14-18.

Since lockdown, we have been meeting online every Wednesday evening. This created some challenges:



"Zoom cutting out every 40 minutes"

Zoom cutting out every 40 minutes, struggling to demonstrate origami and coming up with activities that would work in a virtual setting.

As the weeks progressed, so did our technical skills – even managing to find meeting ideas that we would like to continue to do when we are able to meet in person again. One of the highlights was describing a recipe to one of our Explorers to make a mystery cake. It looked successful but sadly we couldn't all try it! As part of this, we witnessed our chef learning to use a grater for the first time. This was not the only new skill we learnt during lockdown. We used knots to build catapults using pencils that could fire bits of paper across the room. On an unrelated note, we also learnt how to pick up lots of bits of paper from the floor.

During lockdown, Explorers has provided us with a space to interact with people outside of our families and escape the stress of a pandemic. Despite the initial weirdness, we soon got back to the familiar atmosphere of pre-lockdown meetings. The whole experience has enabled us to keep our sense of community alive, even developing our teamwork through activities like escape rooms. We've gained a lot over the past weeks but eagerly anticipate the return of normal meetings.



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