



1<sup>st</sup> Chipping Sodbury Scout Group  
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## SODBURY "LOCKDOWN" CHALLENGE 2021

Usually, the Sodbury Challenge is an overnight orienteering exercise held in the Sodbury, Wickwar and Rangeworthy area of South Gloucestershire. The event is open to all Scouts, Explorers, Guides, Network and Leaders. However, due to COVID-19, the running of this year's event will be slightly different. It will be the same format as what would have been the 2020 challenge, but unfortunately, we went into lockdown shortly after releasing the information.

We will be running a scaled back Sodbury Challenge which can be completed at a time of your choosing and our hope is that everyone can get out and enjoy the outdoors.

We will not be using our HQ as a base this year to remove contact between groups.

The format of the challenge remains the same:

- 5 hour exercise (this year we will not be running an 8 hour challenge).
- The winning team of each section is the one that gains the most points in the allotted time.
- Teams will be of 3-5 (not including the leader)
- Teams should have basic map knowledge and understand 8-figure grid references (e.g. 8235-1230). The fourth will always be a 0 or a 5.
- Teams must observe the Highway Code when on roads and the country code when off-road. Noise must be kept to a minimum and no litter left on the course.

The changes from the normal running of the event are as follows:

- Other than providing the route and collating the scores at the end, 1<sup>st</sup> Chipping Sodbury Scouts will have no involvement with the event. It is down to you to organise, prepare and follow your teams.
- We recommend that a leader accompanies each group, although this is at your discretion. If you feel a group is confident at navigating, you may opt to follow them separately - it is down to you to follow your team!
- As we are only running the 5-hour exercise, all teams can use roads as well as cross-country if they wish.
- The course will be designed in such a way that it can be done at any time. The checkpoints will be based on things that can be seen and written down at each checkpoint location. For example, the time of Sunday Service at a Church.
- Teams may complete the course at a time of their choosing. We recommend doing it during the day and **not** overnight.
- The closing date will be Monday 20th December 2021. You may complete the course at any time before this date.
- There will not be a competitive part of the challenge, although we will ask groups to be honest when submitting their start/finish times. We will publish the scores online.
- There will be no inspection. Inspection will be down to group leaders to ensure they are prepared.
- We will send the route cards out in advance where the groups can plot. Again, we ask they try to stick to the allotted planning time they would usually receive (25 mins).
- There will be no compulsory checkpoint.
- There will be no half-time phone-in.
- All checkpoints carry equal points.
- Teams are free to choose a start and finish point out of the checkpoints supplied and start/finish times recorded from these.

- There will be no cost to enter this year. However, if the uptake is good, we would consider charging a small fee so that we can get each participant a badge.

We will provide an event risk assessment which is approved by District. However, groups would need to complete their own using ours as a guide, including COVID protocols. This would also need to be approved by District. Individual teams are responsible for their own COVID protection and for any medical requirements.

Individual teams would need to submit their own Activity Notification.

### Recommended Kit List

- OS Explorer 1:25,000. Sheet ST 167  
– Thornbury, Dursley & Yate
- Map case
- Compass
- Pencil/paper
- 1 mobile phone per team (with the leader or team member if no leader present)
- Walking boots or sturdy shoes
- Waterproof top and bottoms
- Warm clothes
- High-viz jacket (1 per person)
- Neckerchief
- First aid kit
- Torch
- Snacks and drinks
- **NO MP3 or GPS please**

If you would like to enter this year's challenge, please complete the form below.

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## SODBURY CHALLENGE 2021 – ENTRY FORM

Name of Troop/Unit \_\_\_\_\_ will be entering \_\_\_\_ teams

Are you willing to contribute a small fee (less than £10 per team) to cover the cost of badges?  
Yes / No

Scouter in charge:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**There is no official closing date for entries but the course must be completed before Monday 20th December 2021. Please submit your answers and times before this date.**

**The checkpoints will be emailed to you upon receipt of your form.**

**Please return this form to [sodburychallenge@chippingsodburyscouts.org.uk](mailto:sodburychallenge@chippingsodburyscouts.org.uk).**