

Firstly, I hope you and your families are well and coping with the current lockdown.

As I am sure you will be aware, this weekend coming would have been the actual Ten Tors event, and whilst there is a real sadness that it is not happening, clearly it is for the right reason.

I am sure there will be media coverage of the (non) event this weekend, but I would like to send a message to all those training for the event:

This weekend would have been Ten Tors, and whilst it is sad that you are not there undertaking scrutiny and safety briefings on Friday; eating badly cooked food prepared by TCC and PSCA helpers on Friday night; getting up nervously at 4am on Saturday to the sound of 'chariots of fire'; hearing the starting cannon at 7am and heading off for two days of expertly executed navigation, exemplary teamwork, beautifully prepared trangia meals and perfectly pitched tents, culminating in the walk of victory down from the path to Antony Stiles at Okehampton Army Camp on Sunday morning; I am sure you will all be there in spirit.

On behalf of all our Volunteers and myself, we wanted to say how proud we are of what you had achieved this year, in how your training was going, in how you were showing us the new skills you had learnt along the way and how you were developing the mental strength to overcome all obstacles. We were never in any doubt that you wouldn't be ready for the main event, and made the College, your parents and all of us helpers very proud. You trained really hard in some awful conditions throughout the year, and who knows we may have had lovely weather this weekend- whatever, you would have smashed it!

Yes, it was right for the Army to cancel this year's event, and they really do know how much Ten Tors means to you and the extraordinary commitment you have given to it. I am delighted therefore to tell you that the Army have scrutinised our training record over the year and have issued for you a Ten Tors training certificate recognising the efforts you have made. Well done, and as soon as all of this unpleasantness is over - let's have a get together to celebrate what you have achieved.

With best wishes

Mrs June Porter