

East Norfolk Natter

A Quarterly Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

District Meeting – All Adults Welcome

Our All Adult meeting this month will be Face-to-Face – please join us, whatever your leader or supporter role in Scouting.

When: Wednesday 7 September – Arrive from 19:00 / Meeting starts 19:30.

Where: The Chapter House, St. Andrew’s Church, Gorleston. NR31 6LR.

We will be distributing the Youth-Led Boxes and sharing lots of other info.

Meeting Dates:

All Adults Meeting:

Wed 7 September
 Tues 6 December
 2023 - Wed 1 February
 Tues 2 May

Group Scout Leaders:

Tues 1 November
 2023 - Thur 2 March
 Mon 3 July

District Executive Committee:

Wed 14 September
 2023 - Tues 17 January
 Tues 18 April
 AGM - date TBC

Appointment Panel:

Tues 6 September
 Tues 8 November
 2023 - Tues 7 February
 Tues 9 May

Adult Training Validation:

Wed 16 November
 2023 - Wed 22 February
 Wed 28 June

Y L Training:

Wed 21 September
 Wed 23 November
 2023 - Wed 25 January
 Wed 22 March
 Wed 24 May
 Wed 19 July

District Commissioners Leadership Team:

Tue 27 Sept - All Team
 Tue 29 Nov - Core Team
 2023 - All Team:
 Tues 24 January
 Tues 30 May
 2023 - Core Team:
 Tues 28 March
 Tues 25 July

Events Team:

Wed 12 October
 2023 - Mon 16 January
 Wed 15 March
 Mon 10 July

D.C. Bits & Bobs...

The summer break is over and as we return to Scouting for the Autumn/Winter term, I am conscious that it is almost one year since I came into post as your DC.

In that time, I have visited section meetings and more recently Scout Group AGM’s and had the privilege of talking with many of our young people about their Scouting and the fun they have and the friends they have made – what a fantastic job you are all doing to share the magic of Scouting across the District, thank you.

At the Cub District Camp and again at the Scout District Camp, it was great to see the young people enjoying a wide range of activities and my thanks go to everyone that made those two events possible, especially our ADC Team.

Please think about joining with a team for the Pub Olympics evening in October it will be great to share some fun time and help our two World Scout Jamboree participants on their way to a life-changing adventure.

Lastly, if you have supported a young person to achieve their Chief Scout’s Top Award in the last year, please try to come along to the celebration event at the Hippodrome Circus on Sunday 25 September – all leaders and supporters are very welcome. An invitation with all the details has been sent to section leaders.

Looking forward to another great year of Scouting together.

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YouShape Resources

Our Youth Commissioners, Harri and Jake have been busy pulling together a great range of resources to use with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers to support all young people to achieve their Youth Led Award and most importantly shape their own Scouting.

A box has been packed for every section, funded by a £1000 grant from The Norfolk Community Foundation – here is a sneaky preview. Please come to the District meeting to collect your box from Harri and Jake, who will be the main speakers at the meeting.



Collect your box on 7 September.

Over 200 Cubs and Scouts at District Camps ...

Over two weekends in June, the Cubs and Scouts enjoyed night's away at Eaton Vale and Woodbastwick.



Explorer Scout Update

Sarah Aitchinson, the District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Colin (Gunner) Begley, the District Explorer Scout Administrator met with Explorer Leaders in August to start to plan District opportunities for the Explorer Scout Section.

Sarah and Colin are planning to provide one event per term for all Explorers to join together to get to know each other. The first event arranged is to be a Monopoly Challenge in and around Great Yarmouth on Saturday 29 October 2022, and more information including the rules of the event will be circulated very soon.

Other ideas for activities include a Doss Camp and a chance for Explorers to visit each others Unit.

District Events this term...

Here is the information from The District Events Team about the events planned for the Autumn/Winter term 2022.

Top Awards Ceremony

**Sunday 25 September
at The Hippodrome Circus
Great Yarmouth**

We are celebrating the achievements of the 85 Young People, who have achieved their Top Awards plus all the adults who have received a Good Service Award in the last year.

Section Leaders have been sent invitations, but all Leaders and Supporters are welcome to join the celebration event too.

Youth Forum

**Saturday 3 December
at a Mystery Venue**

Every Section in each of the Scout Groups and the Explorer Units will be invited to send two young people to take part in a District Forum.

Beavers and Cubs will meet in the morning then share an overlap session with Scouts and Explorers before the older sections meet in the afternoon. Info coming soon...

Festive Celebrations

**Monday 5 December
at The Minster Church
Great Yarmouth**

In response to popular demand, the Events Team are organising a festive celebration for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Leaders, and Supporters this year.

The event will celebrate Christmas and some of the Festivals of the wider Faith Communities.

The D.C. Challenge

Over 160 completed the Community Impact Challenge before the summer and many more are working on the DC Challenge in Colonies, Packs, Troops and Units and remember all adults can earn and wear the uniform badge on their sleeve too.

Please send your completed form along with some photos and your badges will be sent by return post.

The badge is worn on the sleeve below the District badge and once earned can be worn for life or until the next DC Challenge is achieved, there will be a new DC Challenge in 2023 for everyone to take part again.

Who has completed the DC Challenge so far?

- North Yarmouth Group
- 1st Acle Group
- Marsh Harriers ESU
- 1st Freethorpe Cubs
- 1st Gorleston Beavers
- Nelson ESU

North Yarmouth Scouts were the first section to complete the DC Challenge.



Activities planned for All Sections 6-24

Lots of District Events are planned, and soon events for 2023 will be agreed – make sure you talk to your ADC and let them know the kind of activities that are wanted by your young people for next year...

Beavers: Events hope to include Activity Days (incl. one at EVAC), an Art Exhibition, a Sports Day, a Beach Clean and a Day with Emergency Services. Plus a Beaver Sleepover in 2023.

Cubs: Events include: An Activity Day in September and The Wiltshire Competition in October and the EVAC Camp again in the summer of 2023.

Scouts: Events include: a Virtual Bowleriee, a Problem-Solving Day and possibly an Air Rifle Competition.

Explorers: Planning is underway to add opportunities for the 14-18 section to the calendar.

Network: Watch this space – they are up and running!

Email Accounts

East Norfolk Scouts email addresses for any leader or Executive Committee member who want to have an email address specifically for their Scouting communications – this is highly recommended. By having an East Norfolk email address, you will be able to access a SharePoint containing District information and other resources.

Contact Glenn: perception@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

The Back Page Notice Board

NEW Programme Ideas

There are some new downloadable resources on the website, and more being added every month.

Follow this link to access the downloadable resources:

[Go to the Resources Pages now.](#)

Recently added...

- Games with Toilet Paper
- Things to do with a Piece of String

Coming soon...

- Craft Ideas for Christmas
- Outdoor Skills Activity Sheets
- Plus, the Youth Led Scouting pack of resources will be online too.

World Scout Jamboree – Pub Olympics Fundraiser

Friday 14 October 19:30 to 21:30

Book a team of four to take part in our fundraiser to help Luke and Fraser, two of our Young Leaders, get to the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023.

The evening fun will include Table Games, Quizzes, Casino Fun at The Chapter House, St Andrew's Church, Gorleston.

£7 per person includes Hot Drinks and a Chip Butty (over 18's only). Plus, some instant win games and a raffle to take part in too for a few more pennies...

Booking is essential, register your teams via: bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Please join us at this event to support our young people and help to fund this life-changing experience. If you can't come but want to help, we welcome donations.

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Final Words...

Not from Shelly but from Bear Grylls, Chief Scout, pictured with Warwick Davis, one of our Scout Ambassadors.

***"Scouts are changing our society for the better, from inside out.
An unstoppable force for good – and we are only just getting started!"***

