

East Norfolk Natter

A Quarterly Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

Youth Shaped Scouting

The YouShape Award makes it even easier to embed being youth led into programme plans for all sections. It helps young people work with leaders to learn leadership skills that they will use for the rest of their lives.

Youth shaped Scouting is nothing new, it started in 1907 with the birth of Scouting and it has been happening ever since. It is all about young people working with volunteers to shape, influence, and lead their own adventures. It empowers our young people to stand up for what they believe in and lead their peers and give them opportunity to make a difference in their group, in their local community and the wider world.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full information about Youth Shaped Scouting.

[CLICK HERE](#) to order YouShape Badges from the Scout Shop UK.



First thoughts

When I started Scouting in the old Great Yarmouth District almost 25 years ago, I did not imagine that one day I would have the privilege of becoming your District Commissioner.

What a hard act to follow, Jennifer Chetwynd has led the District for the last 10 years and I hope that together we can continue to build on all the good work that Jennifer has accomplished across the district.

Over the last six weeks, I have met with and spent time talking and listening to, lots of the people that work hard to deliver and support Scouting in our District. This is important so that we can build a plan for the next few years together - a shared action plan that focuses on the four key areas that align with The Scout Association's 2025 vision:

- **Youth Shaped Scouting**
- **Inclusivity & Diversity**
- **Community Impact**
- **Growth** (both Young People and Adults)

These areas are the pillars of our action plan.

The Next Steps

I hope to put into place three key areas of support:

People - provision to help support the people we have and recruit new people.

Programme - invest time and energy in programme by strengthening the team.

Perception - build on links with local media to have more opportunity to share the magic of Scouting with our community.

To underpin this all, there will be two communication tools coming your way...

No 1 - District Newsletter - and this is the first edition to share information. The next edition is in March 2022.

No 2 - District Website - an online site that will build as a hub to share information, resources and celebrate success and enable us to engage with people outside of Scouting.

Yours in Scouting

Shelly ✕

Meeting Dates:

District Meetings - All Leaders and Execs:
Wed 2 February
Tues 3 May
Wed 7 September
Tues 6 December

Group Scout Leaders:
Tues 1 March
Mon 4 July
Tues 1 November

District AGM:
Wed 15 June 2022

District Executive Committee:
Wed 19 January
Wed 20 April
Wed 14 September

Appointment Panel:
Tues 8 February
Tues 10 May
Tues 5 July
Tues 6 September
Tues 8 November

Adult Training Validation:
Wed 23 February
Wed 22 June
Wed 16 November

Y L Training:
Wed 26 January
Wed 23 March
Wed 25 May
Wed 20 July
Wed 21 September
Wed 23 November

District Leader Team:
Tue 25 Jan - ADC/DDC
Tue 29 March - DDCs
Tue 31 May - ADC/DDC
Tue 26 July - DDCs
Tue 27 Sept-ADC/DDC
Tue 29 Nov - DDCs

Events Team:
Mon 10 January
Wed 16 March
Mon 11 July
Wed 12 October

Inclusion & Diversity

A series of articles will feature over the next few editions to help us all understand the part that East Norfolk can play to make Scouting more inclusive and celebrate our diversity...

Supporting those with additional needs and neurodiversity

Many young people and some adults will require reasonable adjustments to enable them to fully participate in all Scouting activities. By identifying an individual's additional need and providing them with the necessary support, we can include more young people and adults in Scouting.

Here is some information about how we can best support young people and adults with additional needs and neurodiversity at Scouts. Visit the Scout Association website to read guidance on the following areas of need:

- **Sensory and Physical Needs**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.
- **Communication and Learning Difficulties**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.
- **Working with Parents and Carers**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.
- **Making reasonable adjustments**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.
- **Funding to support additional needs**
[Click Here](#) to access the information.

SUMMIT 2022

The SUMMIT will be a chance for every Leader and Young Leader to have their say and help to shape the District Vision and Growth Plan. Join drop-in sessions over the weekend of 5 and 6 March 2022. **More information coming soon.**

Team Vacancies

Are you interested in joining the team? Click to read the job descriptions for:

- [District Youth Commissioner](#)
- [District Explorer Scout Commissioner](#)
- [District Explorer Scout Administrator](#)
- [Assistant District Commissioner - Beavers](#)

Contact Shelly to have a chat.

Adult Awards & Recognition

Recognising achievements and thanking volunteers for their contribution is really important.

Read a message from Chief Scout Bear Grylls highlighting the importance of thanking our fellow Scouts for their incredible service. [Click Here](#)

Length of Service Awards are automatically sent out four times a year. They recognise the following service: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 years.

Good Service Awards can be nominated to the District Commissioner at any time for consideration by the East Norfolk Award Committee.

[Click Here](#) to find out about the criteria for each of the Good Service Awards.

All About Badges

Do you ever feel confused by the 100's of badges and awards available and the criteria of how young people can earn them?

Explore the sectional badges and awards on the Scout's website - click on the box or following this link for all sections:

www.scouts.org.uk/information-for-parents/scout-badges/

Beavers

Cubs

Scouts

Explorers

Network

There is a whole world of adventure waiting for young people and adults alike, and everyone loves a badge !

Resources:

Here are some great online resource sites to help when planning your programme:



Scout Association Activity Finder

www.scouts.org/activities



FaceBook - 1st Virtual Scouts

www.facebook.com/groups/1stvirtualscoutgroup



1st Digital Scouts

<https://twitter.com/digitalscoutsuk?lang=en>



Scout-a-delic on YouTube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSSCfdlOJnPxp_TYTughWiA



100 things to do at home - Norfolk Scouts

www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/12/24/100-things-to-do-at-home

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East Norfolk St. George's Day 2022

Save the date and plan to take part in the District event Saturday 23 April - More information coming



World Scouts Go Solar

Explore solar power !

[Click Here](#) for the Solar Handbook for leaders.

East Norfolk Youth Forum 2022

Save the date for the Forum - Saturday 3 December
More information coming in 2022...

Kernow22 Cornwall Jamboree

30 July to 6 August 2022
at Stithians Showground

www.kernowjamboree.org.uk



Water Activities Weekend

The Norfolk Scout Canoe Team

Save the Date: Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022
Information available soon on County Updates



Chamboree Jamboree

30 July to 6 August
2022 at Knutsford
Cheshire.

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District Explorer Scout Commissioner

vacant

Email: not active - via District Commissioner

Assistant District Commissioner - Scouts

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Assistant District Commissioner - Cubs

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Assistant District Commissioner - Beavers

vacant

Email: not active - via District Commissioner

District Night's Away Advisors

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District Executive Committee Secretary:

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Want to Join Coordinator:

Vacant but monitored by others currently

Email: wanttojoin@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Final Words...

Not from Shelly but from our Founder.

"My belief is that we were put into this world of wonders and beauty with a special ability to appreciate them, in some cases to have the fun of taking a hand in developing them, and also in being able to help other people instead of overreaching them and, through it all, to enjoy life - that is, to be happy" Lord Baden-Powell.

