

East Norfolk Natter

A Quarterly Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

DC's Challenge – Community Impact

The D.C. Challenge is a local award to be earned in addition to the Scout Association's Badge and Award Scheme. Many elements of this award will fit into the overall balanced programme for members aged 6 to 18 – a pack has been provided for you.

Scouting makes a difference not just to the young people and adults taking part, but to whole communities. Using this programme pack you can explore some important issues that affect our world and think about how to make a difference in your local community. Send in a summary of what you do as part of the challenge to receive FREE badges for all young people and leaders who take part.

[Click here](#) to download extra copies of the DC Challenge Pack – Community Impact 2022.



D.C. Bits & Bobs...

Time flies when you are having fun and Scouting in East Norfolk is definitely fun! From the great results of the annual Census to the high of the Summit Engagement Event and all the visits to Scout Groups and Explorer Units in between, it has been a few great months.

The re-start of both the Young Leader and Adult Leader training support meetings have been a great hit too.

The Census reported that East Norfolk has the third greatest increase of youth membership in the County of Norfolk, with a 25% growth on the numbers of 2021.

The great work that everyone has committed to with completing Mandatory Training Modules, has meant that our compliance level has increased from 77% in October to 95% - which is the highest compliance rating in the County – thank you all and together I am sure we can keep the Mandatory Training up to date.

Yours in Scouting

Shelly *

Two District Youth Commissioners join the District Team

Harri Goldspink and Jake Annison are both leaders in East Norfolk and they are taking on a shared role as District Youth Commissioners for East Norfolk.

The District Youth Commissioner is a member of the District Leadership Team and works in partnership with the District Commissioner and Chairperson of the District Executive Committee. The role is to ensure that young people from 6-25 years are involved and engaged in every decision that shapes their Scouting experience.

Over the next couple of months Harri and Jake will be compiling a plan of action to share with the District Executive that will sit alongside the District Action Plan and creating new resources to share with Scout Groups and Explorer Units.

Our Youth Commissioners will be launching their vision to everyone at the District Annual General Meeting in June.

Meeting Dates:

All Leaders and Execs:
Tues 3 May
Wed 7 September
Tues 6 December

Group Scout Leaders:
Mon 4 July
Tues 1 November

District AGM:
Wed 15 June 2022

District Executive Committee:
Wed 20 April
Wed 14 September

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

Adult Training Validation:
Wed 22 June
Wed 16 November

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

District Leader Team:
Tue 29 March - DDCs
Tue 31 May - All Team
Tue 26 July - DDCs
Tue 27 Sept - All Team
Tue 29 Nov - DDCs

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:
St. George's Day Event
Saturday 23 April (pm)

Platinum Jubilee Party
Sat 4 June (pm)

Top Awards Event
Sunday 25 September

Summit Success

On Saturday 5 March, 25 adults from East Norfolk District joined together to share an afternoon of learning, fellowship and cake. Many thanks to the East Norfolk Active Support Unit for keeping the cuppa's coming and our District Vice Presidents, Roger and Hilary for joining the day and engaging with leaders from across our District, and members of the District Team for hosting the learning sessions. Special congratulations to Roger Pumfrey, who was presented with his Award for Merit.



Next year's SUMMIT is planned for Saturday 4 March and Sunday 5 March 2023.

SAVE THE DATE.

St. George's Day

The Events Team will be in touch to book a time for some young people to be part of the Promise Film, which will be used at the St. George's Day event and will be available to use should we need to hold a virtual celebration at the last minute or via the website for anyone not able to join the event at Caister.

Please make sure that you use the information pack provided to advertise and to book places for the event. Looking forward to a great event to share together!

Top Awards for Free

Did you know that you can register all Beaver, Cub, Scout, and Explorer Top Awards with Norfolk Scouts and receive the badges and a certificate for free?

[Click here](#) to order Top Awards from Norfolk Scouts.

Jubilee Party Time

In 2022 we are all celebrating HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee as she reaches the historic milestone of 70 years as Monarch.

We in East Norfolk are planning to come together to celebrate with a teaparty on Saturday 4 June and details of this will be out in April, however there are some great resources on the Scout Association's website too. You can complete the Jubilee Challenge and choose to wear the Jubilee Badge on your uniform for the rest of the year – the choice is yours.

[Click here](#) for the full range of Scout Resources that are available to use to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

[Click here](#) to order your special Jubilee Badges @ £1 each and are a joint badge with GirlGuiding UK.

Information will out about East Norfolk's event soon.

Programme Ideas from around our District

During the last seven weeks of Scout Group and Explorer Unit visits, I have managed to join 26 sectional meetings and visits to the remaining sections are planned in the diary over the next couple of weeks.

I have seen a wonderfully varied programme offered and there has been some fantastic ideas shared.

Here are just a few of the fantastic ideas that I saw on my travels and links to external sites and Apps, why not have a think about adding some of these to your programme at your next planning meeting...

Bob's Badge Certificate from Mossy Resources

This site is a great place to download certificates and other resources to celebrate the achievement of young people.

www.mossyresources.com

Jackie's Free War Hammer Kits

The Scout Association has a great deal with War Hammer and provides great resources for model making.

[Apply here](#) for free War Hammer kits for Scouts and Explorers.

If you have other ideas to share, send to Shelly for future editions of the East Norfolk Natter.

Peter's Easy Soda Bread Rolls

150g Plain Flour
200g Wholemeal Flour
1 tsp Salt
1 tsp Baking Powder
1tbsp Bicarbonate of Soda
200 mls Milk

Mix all the dry ingredients together on a flat surface, then introduce the liquid and knead.

Form rolls and then bake for 15-20 mins on Gas mark 6 / 200 degrees.

Teo's Bird Boxes with Helpers Team Building Night

A way of encouraging parents to help on a meeting night is to ask them to help build bird boxes - maybe new leaders in the making!

[Click here](#) for the RSPB plans.

Marc's Star Gazing App

When searching for constellations in the night sky, there is a great free App to download on a mobile phone.

Search for one of these:
Skyview Lite for Android
or
NightSky for iPhone

Amanda's Scout Resource: Moving Connections

A great resource, with loads of activities to explore the topic of refugees with young people, from Beaver age right through to Explorers. There are appropriate activities for all ages.

[Click here](#) for the pack.

Next "Speed Training" Validation Sessions

Following the success of the last validation session, where 17 Modules were validated, and two Wood Badges signed off – great achievement all round – we have two further sessions planned.

The next dates are:

- Wednesday 22 June
- Wednesday 16 November

Remember to also talk to the Training Advisors working in your own Scout Groups too.

For all your training needs, talk to Jennifer Chetwynd, our Local Training Manager who will be happy to help you achieve your Wood Badge or explore additional training that is available to help you with further Scouting learning opportunities.

Contact Jennifer: j.chetwynd@norfolkscouts.org.uk

Join the District Team

We are looking for a couple more people to join the team in the following key roles.

Click the roles to read the job descriptions:

- [District Explorer Scout Commissioner](#)
- [District Explorer Scout Administrator](#)
- [Scout Network Programme Coordinators \(18-25's\)](#)

If you want to have a chat, contact Shelly.

Email Accounts

Glenn, our DDC Perception is able to create a special East Norfolk Scouts email address for any leader or Executive Committee member who want to have an email address specifically for their Scouting communications – this is highly recommended.

Contact Glenn: perception@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Back Page Notice Board



Good for Two

Encourage potential new volunteers to try Scouting. We know that Scouting is good for your wellbeing, so why not show all your friends that it can be just as good for them too!

[Click here:](#) to download Good for Two resources.

Jambowlree 2022

This great world-wide competition is running again for 2022.

Take part at any time during the year – for further information visit the Jambowlree website:

www.jambowlree.org



NEW Programme Resources on the East Norfolk website

The resource area on our website has begun with activity resources that were created for the Summit. These can be used with all sections and more to come soon. Click to link to the Programmes Pages which include activities to do and links to online sites that will bring another dimension to explore at meetings.

- [Activities with Air-Dry Clay and Wax Crayons](#)
- [Activities with Glow in the Dark Stars](#)
- [Activites with Cocktail Umbrellas](#)
- [Activities with Lolly-Pop Sticks](#)
- [Activities with Cocktail Stick Flags](#)

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Vacant but monitored by others currently

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Final Words...

Not from Shelly but from our Chief Scout:

Grab the opportunities that Scouts give you, take the skills you learn and use them throughout your lives. Always be grateful and always be kind. Shine that Scout Spirit to all you meet.

Chief Scout - Bear Grylls

