

# East Norfolk Natter

A Quarterly Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

## Festive Celebration of Light

Our Festive gathering was a great success with 575 joining in at The Minster Church to celebrate faiths from around the world and we collected over 400 tins of soup too!



### Meeting Dates:

**All Adults Meeting:**  
 Tues 2 May (Zoom)  
 Wed 6 September  
 Tues 12 December

### District Leadership Teams:

**Core Team:**  
 Tues 28 March  
 Tues 25 July  
 Tues 28 November  
**Full ADC Team:**  
 Tues 30 May  
 Tues 26 September

**Events Team:**  
 Wed 15 March  
 Mon 10 July  
 Wed 11 October

**Executive Committee:**  
 Tues 18 April  
 Tues 12 September  
 AGM - date TBC

**Appointment Meetings:**  
 Tues 9 May  
 Tues 5 September  
 Tues 7 November

**Group Scout Leaders:**  
 Mon 3 July  
 Wed 1 November

**Learning Opportunities:**  
**Adult Validation:**  
 Wed 28 June  
 Thur 16 November

**Young Leader Scheme:**  
 Wed 22 March  
 Wed 24 May  
 Wed 19 July (night out)  
 Wed 27 September  
 Wed 22 November

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Adult Scouting Skills Weekend  
 2 & 3 September

## D.C. Bits & Bobs (plus Celebration)...

As we move into the better weather and the “camping season” can I firstly bring to your attention an important change to the Night’s Away Notification (NAN) Form.

As part of the process, you must now wait for confirmation from the Night’s Away Advisors who will need to check all risk assessments (including those for contingency programmes) to approve your camp or sleepover – we have been doing this locally for some time, but now there is a new version of the NAN Form to better support this process, which must be used.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the latest NAN Form from the Scout Association and other important information regarding nights away experiences for young people.

At the recent Summit event, I was delighted to celebrate the achievements of three members of the District Team. Janet Rope was recognised by a 60-year service award and Kay Chapman was presented with the Award for Merit, given for service of an outstanding nature. Both Janet and Kay are members of the Active Support Unit that supports many events across the District.

Gerry Harman, District Night’s Away Advisor, and Group Scout Leader at 1<sup>st</sup> Gorleston (among many roles) was presented with the Silver Wolf which is the highest award in Scouting and the unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout to reward service of an exceptional nature.

I look forward to seeing many of you on St. George’s Day and as I visit Scout Group section meetings and AGMs over the coming months – Happy Scouting!

*Shelly* x



## Events for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, and Scout Network...

Following meetings of the Sectional Leaders with the ADC's and the Top Awards Support Scheme Team, there are lots of great opportunities for all youth members planned for 2023. More info will follow for later in the year.

### Beavers (6 – 8)

June 25 – Beaver Sports Day  
September 30 – EVAC Activity Day  
October 8 – Children in Need Ramble

For information about Beaver events email  
Amanda at: [beavers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:beavers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

### Scouts (10½ – 14)

March 18 – Cooking Competition  
May 13 – Have a Go Activity Day  
June 16 to 18 – Woodbastwick Scout Camp

For information about Scout events email Carrie  
and Sue at: [scouts@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:scouts@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

### Cubs (8 – 10½)

June 10 – Cub Athletics Afternoon  
June 30 to 2 July – EVAC Cub Camp  
July 15 – Dodgeball Competition  
September date TBC – Cub Day Out  
October date TBC – Wiltshire Trophy

For information about Cub events email Michelle  
at: [cubs@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:cubs@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

### Explorers (14 – 18)

May 20 & 21 – Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)  
July 8 – Great Yarmouth Monopoly Challenge

For information about Explorer events email Sarah  
at: [desc@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:desc@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

For information about the Young Leader Scheme  
email Shelly at the usual email address.

### Network (18 – 25)

This section is up and running again and is open for everyone aged 18 – 25 including those working as leaders.

For information about Network email Liam at: [lsegust@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:lsegust@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

### Explorer and Network Top Awards and DofE Award Scheme

Teams for 2023 have been agreed. Nominations for the 2024 season need to be made by 30 September 2023.

For information about the Top Award Support Scheme email Liam at: [lsegust@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:lsegust@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)



## Our Next Event...

### St. George's Day – Scouting Hero's 2023.

Once again thanks to the kind support of Caister Federation Schools, our St. George's Day event will be held at The Derek George Centre, Caister Federation Schools, Kingston Avenue, Caister-on-Sea. Gt. Yarmouth. NR30 5ET.

**Sunday 23 April 2023**

**Arrive from 13:30 for a 14:00 Ceremony – Pick up at 16:45**

Following a Parade of Flags, the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will have the chance to complete a series of fun bases themed on the Scouting Ambassadors, plus everyone can renew their Promise.

We hope that all Groups & Units will join together for this special Scouting Day.

A full information pack was provided to all Groups and Units at the start of February which included all the information and template letters and a booking form. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the booking pack.

Bookings are due by 1 April 2023 and completed forms should be sent to [bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk)

## District Events for Youth Sections and Adults too

The District Events Team have lots planned for 2023 for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and all Adults in Scouting in East Norfolk. Here are the dates to save in your Scouting diary – more information will follow in advance of each event and information packs will be provided to make it easy to offer all the events to your members.

Save the dates for some FUN with the East Norfolk Scout Family...



Please support District events as the team work hard to provide an additional range of opportunities for all.

## The King's Coronation

Unfortunately, we have been informed that we are not able to produce a local pack or badge to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

Please see the information on the Scout Association website, which suggests ways to join in the celebrations:

Be Prepared for The Big Lunch – [Click Here](#) to find out more.

Be Prepared for The Big Help Out – [Click Here](#) to find out more.

This page is constantly being updated, so check in regularly.



Programme Ideas are for all sections – [Click Here](#) – the information provides a wide range of activities to do with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers including: Changing your Coat, Culinary Coronation Creations, Cardboard Poppers, Royal Magic, Leaf Royalty, Brilliant Bunting, Bug-ingham Palace, Time for Tea, VE Prepared and much more.

As a District we are not coming together for the Coronation, so that the Bank Holiday is family time due to feedback received from leaders, but we do encourage everyone to find a way to celebrate the Coronation at a section meeting.

## The Summit 2023 – Adult Learning Day

40 Leaders and Trustees from across the District enjoyed an afternoon of learning sessions, to better support young people, and enjoyed a bit of socialising too with a gathering area for Chat and Cake.

13 workshops were delivered by the District Team along with the Regional Scout Team who provided sessions on Wellbeing, Supporting Special Needs and Recruitment, and other workshops provided practical skills such as Knots and Lashings along with Trustee and Governance training for Scout Groups provided by Marylyn of Norfolk Scouts. Leaders took away a box packed with resources, sponsored by a generous grant from Know Your Neighbourhood and the Norfolk Community Foundation.

The Summit will run next in 2025 and will alternate with the Skills Camp to support adults gain Skills for Life.



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## Summit Resources

All of the resource packs from the Summit are now available to download.

Click on the name of the resource pack to get a digital copy:

[Fun with Food for All Sections](#)

[Helping Young People Achieve Top Awards – part 1](#)

[Helping Young People Achieve Top Awards – part 2](#)

[Icebreakers and Teamwork Challenges](#)

[Knots and Lashings Made Easy](#)

[Sixer and Seconder Training Pack](#)

[PL and APL Training Pack](#)

**At The Summit, Teo shared knowledge to Make Risk Assessments Easy.**

[Click here](#) for the Risk Assessment presentation from The Summit.

Click on the title of the Risk Assessment to view some examples that will help you to write Risk Assessments of your own:

- [Camp – Camp RA](#)
- [Camp – Activities RA](#)
- [Meeting Night – The Beach RA](#)

Contact Teo if you need for more advice.

## The DC Challenge

**Last chance to complete and join the 375 who achieved in 2022.**

Take on the DC Challenge and send your completed form along with some photos and your FREE badges will be delivered by return post. See the website for info.

[Click Here](#) to download the DC Pack.

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## Final Words...

Volunteering has always been a huge part of what makes this country great. The Big Help Out will put volunteering centre stage for a day and give people who want to volunteer easy ways to join in. So please save the date and join us in your community.

Bear Grylls OBE, Chief Scout

