

East Norfolk Natter

A Quarterly Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

Jake is our first King's Scout !

At the Festive Celebration, Jake, one of our District Youth Leads, was presented with his King's Scout Award by Liam, the 18-24 Team Lead.

The achievement of the highest award for youth members in Scouting is a great success not only for the person who has undertaken the award, but also for the team of people that has supported that journey.

Jake's dedication to Scouting this year has been phenomenal, attaining not only the King's Scout Award, but also being the first person in Norfolk to be awarded the Scout of the World Award in September.

Where will Jake's inspirational adventures take him next?



Meeting Dates:

Note date changes

District Meetings for all Adults in Scouts:

Wed 27 March 2024

*Wed 3 July 2024

*Tues 10 Dec'ber 2024

incl refreshments.

District Leadership Team:

Tues 6 February 2024

Tues 14 May 2024

Tues 15 October 2024

Group & Unit

Leadership Teams:

Mon 26 February 2024

Tues 4 June 2024

Wed 6 November 2024

District Board of Trustees:

Tues 9 January 2024

Tues 28 May 2024

Tues 17 Sept'ber 2024

District A.G.M.

Fri 21 June 2024

Events Team:

Mon 15 January 2024

Wed 13 March 2024

Mon 8 July 2024

Wed 9 October 2024

Learning Opportunities and Validations:

Tues 5 March 2024

Tues 12 November 2024

Young Leader Scheme:

Wed 24 January 2024

*Wed 24 April 2024

Wed 24 July 2024

Wed 25 Sept'ber 2024

*Wed 27 Nov'ber 2024

Event Dates:

St. George's Day

Sun 28 April 2024

Youth Forum

Sat 6 July 2024

District Lead Volunteer Bits & Bobs...

Time flies when you are having Scouting Fun !

At the end of another year, I was overjoyed that around 600 Squirrels, Beavers Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Scout Network, Young Leaders, Leaders, Trustees, Active Supporters, County Guests and Parents joined together to share the Festival of Trees, our annual celebration at The Great Yarmouth Minster Church – see page 3 for some fantastic photos of the event.



Revd Liz Dawes joined the celebrations and North Yarmouth Scout Group, as the holders of the St. George's Flag for 2023/24, helped Revd Liz to light the candle on the Advent Wreath.

Some adults were presented with Good Service Awards at the festive event. Award for Merit: Liam Segust and Caroline Gibbs. Bar to the Award for Merit: Liz Coleman. Silver Acorn: Glenn Chusonis. Bar to the Silver Acorn: Jane Clarke – well done one and all.

A big thank-you to everyone who has worked to make Scouting in East Norfolk such a success in 2023 and a further thank-you for everything you are going to do in 2024 as we complete our Transformation journey together. More information will be out soon, keep watching the District Website for updates. [Click here to view.](#)

Happy Scouting from your D.L.V. (District Lead Volunteer)

shelly x

Two important things to start the year 2024...

CENSUS 2024

The Scout Association has set some different deadlines this year for the completion of the annual census in both timings and the information that is needed to be completed. At the last Group Lead Volunteers meeting in November some early information was shared and now the Census Codes have been distributed it is time to start – if you have not received your Census Code, please get in touch with Shelly.

What do you need to do?

Section Team Leaders have a part to play, alongside the Group Lead Volunteer (or Group Administrator) who completes the online census submission. Here is the information that we are asked to complete in full wherever possible, in addition to the age information that we always collect for each section:

- Ethnicity
 - Religion
 - Disability
 - Constitutions
- Please complete and only use “prefer not to say” option if you cannot source the information
- Everyone now has an adopted constitution following the work for the 2023 AGMs.

When are the deadlines?

Completion dates are as follows:

- 20 December 2023 – The Census Site will open for input (note: there is no need to wait until 31 January 2024)
- 14 January 2023 – Approvals open for District sign-off
- 7 February 2023 – District approvals close for County to have one week to approve the data
- 14 February 2023 – National closure of the Census Site

How much is the cost of membership for 2024?

Fees per young person are set as follows:

- HQ levy is £37.50 including early payment reduced fee (this is an increase of £1.50 on the fee for 2023)
- County levy is £12.50 (this is an increase of 50p on the fee for 2023)
- The District levy is not set by the Board of Trustees until their meeting on 9 January when the budget for 2024/25 will be signed off, including if there will be any subsidy available this year for young leaders.

For guidance, last year the District levy was £6.50. Overall, the membership fee will be not less than £56.50.

Payments will be due to be paid to the District with funds cleared by 31 March 2024 in order to qualify for the 50p per head discount from Scouting HQ and the final Census Fee due will be circulated on 10 January 2024.

Please be in touch with Shelly if you need any help with completing this year's Census. The Programme Lead for Explorers, Sarah, has already sent out a data collection form for Explorer information which will be used to complete the Census on behalf of the Explorer Units, no online data entry is required by the Explorer Teams.

SAFEGUARDING & THE NEW YELLOW CARD

As you will have seen from your HQ communications, the new Yellow Card and Process for Direct Referral to the HQ Safeguarding Team starts from 1 January 2024.

What do you need to do?

Use the new process from the new year. If your Scout Group has not ordered copies of the Yellow Card resources (cards, poster and additional NSPCC poster) do not worry, Shelly will have supplies in stock to provide for you all.

Here is a link to the [Yellow Card 2024 Guidance](#) and here is a link to the [New Yellow Card and Other Resources](#) that are available now to read on the Scout Website. **The priority to safeguard young people and adults remains the same.**

The Festive Celebration...



Wishing Everyone a Fantastic New Year 2024

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District Equipment to use...

Following a range of successful grant bids, and a generous gift from a fellow Scouter, Ferg, East Norfolk has a wide range of resources for everyone to use.

Check out the kit that is available to use. [Click here](#) to see what kit you can borrow.

Please get in touch with Shelly to book to use the fantastic District resources.



New kit includes: Paracord Bracelet Jigs, Monkey Fist Knot Jigs plus Shooting Rests.

First Aid Qualifications

There is a change to the roles that need to hold a first aid qualification in 2024.

Although in East Norfolk, we have always offered the opportunity to Leaders and Sectional Assistants to complete first aid training, from next year all front facing team members will need to have a valid first aid qualification as part of their learning plan.

We plan to hold a number of sessions during 2024 for adult team members and young leaders to complete a first aid course.

Dates will be circulated in the new year so you can choose the course that fits in with your diary best – watch this space !

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Final Words

Responding to conflicts: supporting young people and working for peace...

Conflicts continue to dominate the news and are a stark reminder of the world we live in. This raises issues that young people may be dealing with or struggling to understand. As Scouts, we have a part to play in creating a better world and we are a Movement that promotes peace.

[Click here](#) to find a range of helpful information and resources to use with all sections.