

East Norfolk Natter

A Newsletter shared with everyone registered on Compass.

Top Awards Event 2024

Looking forward to seeing all the young people and adults that have been invited to our annual celebration event.

Remember that Group Lead Volunteers and one Leader per section can come along too.

District Lead Volunteer Bits & Bobs...

Can you believe we have been back to Scouting for over a month following our summer camps and hopefully you have enjoyed some down-time with family and friends too.

I am delighted that we now have eight sections that Peter our Local Growth and Development Officer is working with up and running, and three more planned to start very soon.

The recruitment and PR events over the summer at local events, resulted in over 70 young person enquiries which have been sent to groups. Please let me know if your sections are full so that I can send names to the groups that have capacity, as waiting lists are not a positive result for any enquiry from a young person who wants to join the fun of Scouting.

We have a busy few weeks ahead with the Transformation of Scouting.

Everyone will be receiving an invitation from HQ to attend an online webinar, which will give you a walk through of the new Scout system. Please do attend if you can as going forward this is the way you will manage your own membership and learning. All NAN requests and permissions will also be managed online.

East Norfolk is in a very good place, with all the work Liam our own Transformation Lead has been doing over the last year, and if you need additional help after the webinar [contact Liam](#).

Here is a reminder of some important dates:

- Shutdown of COMPASS membership system – Wednesday 6 November @23:59
Please make sure all personal information, especially your email addresses, are correct.
- New Digital System launch – Thursday 28 November (seven day phased rollout).
You will receive an email to activate your personal account, please do this asap.

This years Festive Event will also celebrate the launch of the Heritage Book and the new Heritage Challenge and everyone who comes will be able to earn the badge! The information pack will be sent to groups next week, and there is nothing for you to make to bring this year.

The current Programme Leads for the Scout section are standing down at the end of the year, and I would like to place on record my thanks to Sue and Carrie for all their work with the Scout section over many years.

I hope to see you soon as I visit sectional meetings.

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

Shelly *

Advance Notice – 22 May to 24 May 2026 @ EVAC, Norwich.

In 2026, we would like to hold a District Camp Together for all sections, from Squirrels to Explorers and all adults too, which will be the first time in almost 20 years that we have had an all-section camp. Would ALL GROUPS please register an intention to join this fantastic event by 11 November as district needs to secure Eaton Vale with a deposit, as we will take over the site.

Meeting Dates:

District Meetings for all Adults in Scouting:
Tues 10 Dec'ber 2024
(incl. festive social time with drinks and nibbles)

District Leadership Team:

Tues 15 October 2024

Group & Unit Leadership Teams:

Wed 6 November 2024

Training Advisors Meeting:

Tues 12 November 2024

Young Leader Scheme:

Wed 27 November 2024

Event Dates:

Top Awards Event
Sun 20 October 2024

Festive Celebration and Heritage Book Launch
Mon 2 December 2024

First Aid Course:

Sun 17 November 2024
Sat 25 January 2025

HQ All Members Calls

The Scout Association have a Zoom meeting to keep all adults up to date.

Tuesday 5 November –
[click to register](#).

Transformation Webinars

The Scout Association will be emailing all adults to attend.
Please attend to learn how to use the new digital system to manage your own Scouting.

What's on in East Norfolk in 2024

Events and support for all sections and adults too...

There are lots of great opportunities for youth and adult members planned for 2024. Planning for 2025 is underway, details will follow soon.

Squirrels (4 - 6)

For more information and support for Squirrels email Harriet at: h.goldspink@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Beavers (6 - 8)

For more information and support for Beavers email Amanda at: beavers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Cubs (8 - 10 ½)

For more information and support for Cubs email Michelle at: cubs@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Scouts (10 ½ - 14)

Christmas Crafts – 23 November

For more information and support for Scouts email Sue and Carrie at: scouts@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Explorers (14 - 18)

Race Along the Seafront – 22 October
Planning for Top Awards Evening – 26 November

For more information and support for Explorers email Jo at: explorers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Young Leaders (14 - 18)

Training Session: **27 November**.

For more information about the Young Leader Scheme email Shelly at: m.okeefe@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Network (18 - 25)

For more information about joining Network and details about the Programme email Jake at: j.annison@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk or Milly at: m.lodge@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

All Sections Events for 2024

Festive Celebration

Monday 2 December at The Minster, Gt. Yarmouth

Active Support Unit (18+)

The ASU and Retired Members support many of the district events for the youth sections and also have a busy social calendar.

Christmas Wreath Making – 20 November
Remembrance Parade – 10 November at Gt. Yarmouth
Christmas Lunch – 13 December

For more information about Active Support Unit events or if you want to join the ASU email Gillian at: g.mays@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Risk Assessments

We are working to prepare a range of templates for everyone to use to update their risk assessments to ensure as a district we are compliant. The templates will include a range of Risk Assessments, and also include the new requirement for Event Plans, Fire Management Plans, Critical Incident Plans and Risk Registers.

These will all launch on the East Norfolk website very soon and we hope to offer an online workshop too.

District Vacancies

Programme Lead – Scouts

Could you be the next person to head up the Scout Section?

Programme Lead – 14 to 24

East Norfolk is looking for a person to head up the 14 to 24 provisions in East Norfolk.

Contact Shelly for a job profile and more information.

What would you like to see happening in 2025?

Get in touch with Shelly or one of the district team, if you have any ideas for things you would like to see as part of the district programme or support package in the future.

East Norfolk's "Nights Away Team Photo Challenge"

Teo and Gerry have been running a photo competition for you to join in with.

There is still time to send in entries from your young people or adults and be part of the competition and online gallery.

Find the submission form via the East Norfolk website's [Night's Away page](#).

Public Liability Certificate

The Scout Association have released the certificate to cover until 01.05.2025.

[Please see the website for more info.](#)

Parent or Carer Framework...

All Scout Groups and Explorer Units have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to support the participation of young people with special needs. Developing a positive relationship and working in partnership with parents or carers, is key to supporting the successful inclusion of young people with additional needs in Scouting.

When a young person with additional needs or disabilities is joining Scouting, we advise an initial meeting with the parent or carer. This will enable you to identify the young person's individual needs and plan any support needed to enable them to access Scouting. The conversation should involve the leader, parent or carer and, if appropriate, the young person themselves.

Download the guidance for the Parent or Carer Framework [here](#).

Download the Parent or Carer Questionnaire [here](#). (if printing, do not print page 1 as it is solid colour and has no info)

For further help and support contact Amanda or Harri – see contact list.

Contacts:

District Lead Volunteer

Shelly O'Keefe. Email: m.okeefe@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

District Youth Leads

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Jake Annison. Email: j.annison@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Deputy District Lead Volunteer – Volunteer Development & ASU:

Gillian Mays. Email: g.mays@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Deputy District Lead Volunteer – Support:

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District 18-24 Team Lead

Vacant. Email: c/o District Lead Volunteer

Explorer Scout Programme Lead

Vacant. Email: c/o District Lead Volunteer

Scout Programme Leads

Sue Trueman & Carrie Gibbs.

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Cub Scout Programme Lead

Michelle Jones. Email: cubs@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Beaver Scout Programme Lead & SEN Support

Amanda Pulham. Email: beavers@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Squirrel Scout Programme Lead & SEN Support

Harri Goldspink. Email: h.goldspink@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

District Night's Away Advisors

Gerry Harman & Teo Utting.

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Learning Team Lead

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District Chair

Mark (Danny) Daniels. Email: chair@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

District Treasurer

Lorraine Childerhouse. Email: treasurer@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Welcome Team Lead

Angie Chusonis. Email: welcome@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Joining Enquiries (young people and adults)

Email: join@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

Event Bookings

Email: bookings@eastnorfolkscouts.org.uk

New Chief Scout – Dwayne Fields

Dwayne has been appointed as the 11th Chief Scout to lead our half a million young people and adult volunteers for his values, commitment to help young people, and outstanding leadership qualities.

During his time as Chief Scout, Dwayne aims to inspire even more young people and adult volunteers to join from all backgrounds.

