

North East Norfolk Mardle

A word from Gunner - Deputy District Lead Volunteer...



Now that I've been your DDLV for 6 months or so, I have been asked to do a word from! And write a few lines for your enjoyment...

So much has happened in these 6 months, we have seen an increase in our numbers, especially with our Young People, some thing all Groups, Leaders and supporters should feel rightly proud of. It is your hard work at the coal face of Scouting which provides so many experiences and opportunities to the Young People,



giving them the skills for life that help them develop into the Leaders of tomorrow and responsible young adults. We as an organisation can offer so much to young people and adults alike.

As a District, we have such a vast range of knowledge and skills that we can offer, that there is hardly anything we can't deliver. North East Norfolk not only has a vastly changing countryside, but it also has Land, Air and Sea Scouts, one of only a handful of Counties to have all three. The variety is incredible and helps us provide such a diverse programme for all our sections from Squirrels through to Network.

What have I learned from Scouting? I have learned many new skills and developed on a personal level. But the main two things which Scouting has taught me over the years is:

1. To have courage in all difficulties, because there will always be challenges. Some big, some small. Face every challenge with courage, think positive, and remain steadfast.
2. Remember, you are part of the world-wide family of Scouts. You are not alone, we are all here to help, support, and encourage each other.



As I offered when I participated in the '#GoodForYou' campaign - 'Volunteering with Norfolk Scouts has been good for me because I have had so many new experiences and learned new skills, I love being able to pass these skills on and enable others to have amazing adventures.'

I have had the privilege of volunteering in North East Norfolk for many years, as a section Leader, District Team member, and currently your Deputy District Lead Volunteer. I have seen our District go through some tough times and some great ones, seen uncertainty and growth. No matter what challenges we have faced, you have come through the other side, stronger, better, and more energised every time! I have great faith in you all because you have proven over and over that you are the best at what we do!



I wish you well with your amazing adventures that are to come, and I wish you smiles when you remember the adventures you have had.

Gunner

St Georges Day - Brought to you by Cromer!

St George's Day Parade is hosted this year by 1st Cromer Sea Scouts,



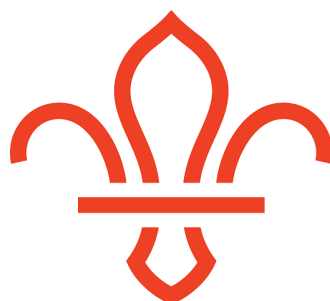
who hope to bring the District together to celebrate our Patron Saint, St George, and will take place on Saturday 27th April 2024 in Cromer.



This years theme is 'Overcoming Difficulties' with the parade starting from Runton Road Car Park at 10:30am, heading through the town to the parish Church.

The service will include the RNLI and content created with the help of the Young People of 1st Cromer and promises to be an engaging and enjoyable program. The service should finish around 12 noon and hope all Young People can go and enjoy all that Cromer has to offer with their families.

Further details, including businesses offering discounts on the day, will be sent to all leaders in due course.



Information still Needed!!

We currently have 2 forms making their way 'round the District' We are asking you to fill them in please.

We have set them up so we can get a real sense of what you want from the District Team in terms of activities and sections support.

We also are doing an Adult Information 'grab' so we can generate mailing lists and permits list so no one gets left out.

Please find the links below (they are also on the District Sections Facebook Groups):

Activities and Support Questionnaires—<https://forms.gle/aVj1yv1c4YqjeSmG7>

Adult information form— <https://forms.gle/ivsWyoYRF7tNb9TV7>

A challenge...

Are you a budding photographer? Do you have a way with words?

We are looking for pictures and articles for the newsletter and for the Facebook page. So...it's time to get your camera out, grab you friends and get snapping. We want you to show us what your Group and your Section has been up to! Trips, activities, badge nights, camps, and anything else you've had fun doing.

Send your pictures with a few paragraphs or your written articles to – northeastnorfolk@gmail.com



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YOUTH TEAM

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ARE YOU AGED 10-24?

**JOIN
NOW!**

**DO YOU WANT TO HELP MAKE YOUTH
LED CHANGE IN LOCAL SCOUTING?**

**THEN JOIN US TO BE A PART OF
NEN SCOUTS YOUTH TEAM**

**EMAIL US AT [NORTHEASTYDC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:northeastydc@gmail.com)
FOR MORE INFO AND TO APPLY OR SCAN
THE QR CODE BELOW**




Scouts

What's been going on in the District?

1st Stalham Sea Scout Group

12 scouts and 3 leaders from 1st Stalham Sea Scout Group spent February half term at Great Tower Scout Adventures in Cumbria for a week long residential. We tried a variety of activities that we mostly can't do in Norfolk, including crag climbing, abseiling, ghyll scrambling and caving – favourite activity - which according to our scouts was 'a fun experience since we saw complete darkness' and 'there were lots of tight gaps and obstacles to go through as well as optional ways to go' and 'I liked crawling through the tight spaces and going down the little slide'. All these activities were off site, but there were also bridge building, orienteering, crate stacking, tree climb, a sensory trail and Gauntlet on site, which were challenging and required lots of team work.



Mid week we had a 6 hour round trip to Cadbury World which everyone thoroughly enjoyed – especially the shop!! No one complained at stopping at McDonalds for tea on the way home either. The week culminated on Friday evening with a very funny skit (inside - no campfire due to the weather) which one scout described as 'the funniest thing about it was when my brother got shaving cream all over his face!' As our Scouts said – 'overall it



was a great trip and I enjoyed it all' – 'it was an absolutely amazing week' Can't say fairer than that. Roll on the next one (we think!?)



Mike Dann, Brenda Savage and Steve Grace



Community Service Award

Don't forget that we as a District have our own Community Service Award!!

To earn these fantastic badges you will need to:

Awarded upon completion of the necessary number of hours of voluntary work
(over and above your 'normal Scouting')

To gain this award you must volunteer to help people for 10 hours, for example you could:



- Cut your neighbour's grass
- Clean your neighbour's car
- Help at a residential home
- Help at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts
- Fundraise for your Group or District



- Help out at a community event
 - Clean your local park
- Pick up litter around your school
- Support at a Scout recruitment activity
- Any other activity agreed with your Leaders supporting the community.

Remember Volunteering is voluntary and you are not doing it for money.

Badges are available through NEN District only;

currently that is via Mr. Ian de Ath.

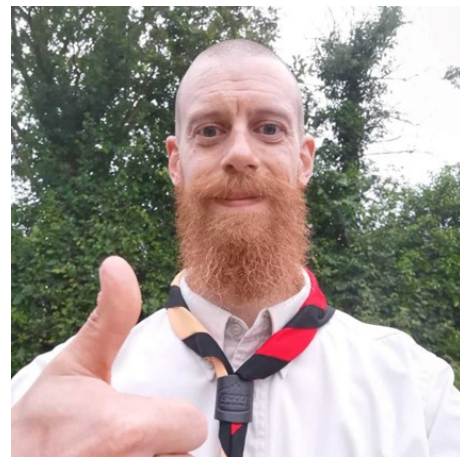
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Who am I? Simon Hill – Scout Leader - Salhouse

Like many of us starting our journey as a volunteer in Scouting my own children were in the movement, a Beaver, a Cub and a Scout. In early 2018 the 1st Salhouse group found itself without any Scout Leaders and not wanting to see the section close I started as an occasional parent helper. I soon found myself as the Section Assistant quickly followed by becoming the Scout Leader.



I was a Beaver and Cub myself in Hong Kong of all places, where I lived for three years but never made it to Scouts, choosing competitive swimming instead. After moving back to the UK and living in Norfolk I was part of the Aylsham Vikings Swimming Club, swimming for the county and competing against Jody



Cundy, who you may have heard of! I won't say who won...

Coming back to scouting, I have a passion for the outdoors and camping, and enjoy bushcraft and knife skills, being an amateur knife maker as well. Since completing the rifle and pistol YPS courses in 2022 I really got bitten by the bug for 10m pistol shooting and have been

shooting almost every week since. I am now part of the NCRA County Pistol Team and it's really great to see a number of Scouts at the shooting club as well, some future champions there for sure!



“Scouting rises within you and inspires you to put forth your best.” Juliette Gordon Low