



## Scouting News

After 29 editions of the last newsletter we have decided to move to a new format which we hope will be easier and more engaging to read.

Despite the challenges of managing Covid, Scouting in Suffolk remains buoyant and continues to thrive. Preparations for the County event “Suffolk Punch” to be held this Summer are continuing at pace and the young people who have been fortunate enough to be offered a place on the next World Scout Jamboree will be starting their fundraising. Groups and Districts across the County have started to make plans for Summer Camps and other activities with hopefully, a greater sense of certainty that they will actually happen this year.

If you have been planning interesting activities for your section or group that other groups around the County would enjoy, why not share these ideas on the East of England Programme Hub. If you are short of ideas for your programme you can access lots of great ideas on the Hub for all sections of Scouting. Most of the activities are related to a range of Activity and Challenge badges. You can access the Programme Hub [here](#).

We have an extended Bank Holiday this year over the weekend of 2nd to 5th June this year in order to celebrate the platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth—our Patron. This could be the ideal time to organise a camp or a sleepover for your section. There are lots of ideas for activities to celebrate this occasion on the [national website](#).

It may still be January but we can all look forward to the Spring weather and the great Scouting opportunities as the weather gets better.

*The Editor*

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If you have news or events you would like to share with the County please send news items to [colin.winter@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:colin.winter@suffolkscouts.org.uk)

### Suffolk Scouts

#### Website

[www.suffolkscouts.org.uk](http://www.suffolkscouts.org.uk)

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## First Aid Training

The blended model of First Aid Training is for future renewals of training. All current outstanding training should still be completed by the end of January 2022. This applies to part 10a and to 10b. If this is likely to cause you a problem please contact the County Training Manager Jenny Roe [jenny.roe@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:jenny.roe@suffolkscouts.org.uk)

## England moves to “Green”

As you will probably be aware Scouting in England moves back to the Green Readiness Level on the 27th of January. It is still however important that activities are carried out in a COVID safe manner and appropriate risk assessments care carried out. You can read further guidance [here](#).



## Clip and Climb Ipswich

Clip and Climb in Ipswich have made the generous offer above available to scout groups in Suffolk. If you would like to book a session for your section please contact [jamie@clipnclimbipswich.com](mailto:jamie@clipnclimbipswich.com)

The offer excludes half term week in February.

## Trustees Corner

How well do you know the rules and regulations that Group Executive Committees need to be aware of. Can you answer the questions below?

Q. “When can a Chairman use their casting vote?”

A. See “POR Chapter 3 The Scout Group, 3.23 Constitution of the Scout Group

d. Conduct of meetings

ii. Decisions are made by a majority of votes cast by those present at the meeting. In the event of an equal number of votes being cast on either side the chair does not have a casting vote and the matter is taken not to have been carried.”

Q. “What are the types of funds held by Groups?”

A. “There are generally three types of funds

Unrestricted or general funds – these are funds that a charity has received from a donor and which are not held for any particular charitable purpose. They can be spent as deemed fit by the trustees.

Designated funds – these are unrestricted funds that the trustees have set aside for a particular purpose. Such funds can be undesignated or re-designated.

Restricted funds – restricted funds have been given to a charity for a particular purpose and can only be spent on that purpose.”

If you struggled with the answers then you may like to consider organising Group Executive Training for your executive committee. Contact [keith.gleen@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:keith.gleen@suffolkscouts.org.uk)



## Beaver Log

Beavers in Ipswich have been supporting a pop up shop held on Caudwell Hall Road in Ipswich that was set up to support people in the local community. The link with Ipswich Beavers has been active since September. The Beavers donated a whole trolley load of food and treats just before Christmas and they intend to keep up



donations in the future. Mission Ipswich East who run the shop say that a wide range of people use the shop and that they are doing their bit towards reducing waste by collecting not only donations but also food that might otherwise be sent to waste from supermarkets.

## Safer Internet Day 2022

Safer Internet Day is on the 8th February. This is a great opportunity to promote good practice in accessing the internet on computers and mobile devices. The theme for this year is "All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online". There are programme ideas for all age groups up to 18. You can access more information and resources from UK Safer Internet Centre [here](#).

NSPCC also have a wide range of materials and useful programme content [here](#).

## New Appointment

Welcome to Paul Hunt, the District Commissioner for Bury St Edmunds District who takes over from Martin Brooks. All the best to Paul in his new role and tremendous thanks to Martin for his sterling work as District Commissioner.



## Stand-Up Paddleboard Permits

The Scout Association have announced the phasing-in of a specific stand-up paddleboard adventurous activities permit. Until now, this activity has been covered by canoe or kayak permits. Those who lead SUPs under their current canoe or kayak permit will need to be assessed for a SUP permit before 2023. We are still awaiting the details of what the assessment criteria are, so watch this space...

## County Water Activities Team programme

A reminder that there are various opportunities to work towards permits to lead rafting, bell boating, canoeing, kayaking and SUP available within the County. We are also currently assessing levels of interest for the British canoeing Paddlesport Leader Award and Sheltered Water Canoe/Kayak Coach Award. [See the County website for details and to book on or express interest.](#)

## Evening virtual training modules

A number of adult training modules are being run via Zoom during February. [See the County Website for details and to book on](#)

## Reminder about logging qualifications to lead shooting activities

If you hold a qualification to lead shooting (e.g. air rifles, air pistols), please make sure that you enter the title of your qualification and the expiry date under the 'Ongoing Learning' section of your Compass profile. [A list of the applicable qualifications can be found here.](#)

## Tomahawk Throwing

Dates for tomahawk throwing awareness sessions will be publicised shortly. These half-day training sessions provide attendees with the knowledge needed to run safe tomahawk throwing sessions. [For more information on tomahawk throwing, click here.](#)

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## Sudbury District Cub Day

On a warm autumn day, Cubs from all over Sudbury District gathered at Bradfield Park for a day of adventure and challenge. Over 70 cubs enjoyed 7 different activities at the all-day event.

The Cubs enjoyed climbing and abseiling on the tower, honed their archery skills and practiced their tracking skills. The Cubs proved they had not forgotten how to light a



fire and really enjoyed cooking dough twists on open fires. We tested the Cubs' nature



knowledge with a tree identification orienteering course and then just for fun they raced each other round the go karting track.

Cathy Challis  
ADC cubs, Sudbury District



## Cubs Capers



## Orwell District Activity Day



In October, Orwell District held an activity day at Hallowtree campsite, to help restart all sections in groups and the district.

The Cubs' day consisted of lots of dif-

ferent activities that could go towards a number of badges.

We had archery, water rockets and rifle shooting to test their aim and accuracy. All the tower activities so they could test their head for heights abseiling or climbing, or work on their team building skills on the create stacking.



When the cubs needed a break from the adventurous activities, they could choose one of the

craft activities or complete a quiz, which was great practice for our district quiz later in the term! Before getting back to the activi-



ties, from fire lighting to go karting.

Unfortunately, the fun was cut short due to torrential rain, but not before we could all have a 99-ice cream in the rain.

Nathan Logansmith  
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