



## Scouting News

Now that February has passed and the evenings are starting to get a little lighter, we can take the opportunity to get on with more activities outdoors. Getting outside is the essence of scouting and there is nothing like the smell of campfire smoke.

Events in Europe at the time of writing are very challenging for the entire population of Ukraine. The World Organisation of the Scout Movement has set up a fund to support Scouts in the Ukraine, to enable them to help provide relief to people and communities in need. Scouting is a worldwide family, and in the Spirit of Scouting this maybe a good time to demonstrate our support. You can explore this further and possibly make a donation [here](#).

*The Editor*

## Recruiting Volunteers

Scout Headquarters are offering online workshops to support leaders in scouting to recruit volunteers. The next workshop entitled "Welcoming new volunteers & starting out" I son Saturday 12th March. Find out more [here](#).



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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)

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## Census

Now that all Groups have submitted their Census returns, we have the ability to see how well the return to scouting is going. We are delighted to report that "Scouting is back" in Suffolk, with a 22% increase in young people compared to last year. There has also been a small increase in leaders, which is always welcome.

## Archery Permit Training

Leaders who would like to obtain an Archery Permit can sign up for training, complete with an assessment, all in a weekend. This will be on the 25th and 26th June at 4th Lowestoft HQ. Book a place [here](#).



## Expedition Section

There will be a County opportunity for young people who want to undertake their Bronze and Silver expeditions. Candidates will need to attend for 3 weekends.

30th April / 1st May, 17th / 18th September and 22nd / 24th October. For further details and to book please see the [County website](#) or email [dofe@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:dofe@suffolkscouts.org.uk)

Candidates who are undertaking the Gold Award are welcome to attend the training weekend to discuss their options

## Trustees Corner

Here is another Q & A for Trustees

Q. "Who is an appropriate person to examine the Annual Statement of Accounts?"

A. "The appointment of an independent examiner is made by the trustees who must reasonably believe that the person selected has the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the accounts. It will depend upon the annual income of the Group –

If the annual income is less than £25,000 then a scrutineer should be appointed .

If the annual income is above £25,000 and less than £100,000 then an independent examiner should be appointed. (this is a person, usually an accountant, certified as an independent examiner)

If the annual income is above £100,000 and less than £250,000 then an independent examiner with a recognised accounting qualification should be appointed.

There are three types of people who can examine the accounts: scrutineers, independent examiners and registered auditors.

A scrutineer is an independent person with relevant practical experience and knowledge the trustees believe is competent to carry out an examination of the accounts.

An independent examiner is an independent person with relevant practical experience and knowledge. The Charity Commission suggest a person such as a bank or building society manager or retired accountant at lower income thresholds. At higher income thresholds independent examiners are required to hold professional accounting qualifications and membership of certain professional bodies, (see guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-examination-of-charity-accounts-examiners-cc32>).

An auditor will be a professional accountancy firm who are registered as auditors.

NB The person appointed to carry out the examination of the accounts must not hold another appointment in the Group, District or County whose accounts they are examining. Trustees will not be able to choose an independent examination if the charity's governing document, a funder or the Commission requires an audit to be carried out."

If you struggled with the answer 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

125 Beavers and leaders finally descended on the Spa Pavillion in Felixstowe for their rearranged panto trip. The annual event, kindly organised by Margaret Lake from the 6th Old Felixstowe group, had been postponed due to the pandemic and the cast catching Covid. The Beavers had a fantastic afternoon making as much noise as possible, cheering the goodies and booing the baddies. Thank you to all the beavers and leaders for such an enjoyable afternoon. Will we be back next year? Oh yes we will!

*Karen Butcher ACC Beavers*

## Tree Planting

Scouts from the 11th Ipswich spent a day at the end of January planting Trees at Hallowtree. It is good to see our scouts supporting and improving this key facility in Suffolk.



## District Commissioner Vacancy

There will be a search for a new District Commissioner for Waveney Valley District. Please consider if you would like to nominate either yourself or someone else for this important role. Details will soon be available on the County website.

## Training Team

There will be two training academies this year. One will be held in Beccles and one in Elmswell. Signing up for training at an academy is a great way to complete a number of training modules over a single weekend.

Module 38 (Skills for Residential Experience) will be held at both Mildenhall and also Herringfleet in Lowestoft. Booking details will soon be available on the County website.

## First Aid Training

Please ensure that you keep your First Aid training up to date. If your training is due for renewal in the next three months, please get in touch with your local training manager to book onto the next available course. If you have already completed module 10a do remember to book 10b to complete this aspect of mandatory training. You should be able to book this through your local LTM. If you have any problems please get in touch with the County Training Manager [Jenny Roe](#)

## Suffolk Punch 11th—15th August

If you haven't booked your Summer Camp yet it is not too late to take your Group to Suffolk Punch. There are opportunities for all sections in Scouting. You can find out more [here](#).

Volunteer leaders are needed to fulfil a wide variety of roles, particularly to help manage Bases on the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There is a great support package for volunteers to help out and stay if you wish. Further information [here](#).

### Stowmarket District Frostbite Camp

Over 110 Scouts and Explorers went to the annual District Frostbite Camp held at Haughley Park over the weekend of 12th / 13th February. This event has become almost a rite of passage for scouts in the district and they often cite this as the best camp of the year.



Scouts and Explorers had to build their own shelters for the night. They attended a demonstration of deer skinning and made their own burgers from the

deer.

A Wide Game was enjoyed by all on the Saturday evening and the Sunday morning was spent on an environment project within the park. The event was supported by the District Scout team and Maelstrom SAS. A good time was had by all!



### Cubs Capers



#### Cubs Visit University of Suffolk

On the 14th of February the 11th Ipswich Cubs came to spend their pack night at the University of Suffolk in the Health School Skills Labs. This was the idea of Charlotte one of the leaders, who is also a Student Nurse at the university.



The cubs were able to complete their Stage 3 Emergency Aid Badge during the evening and learnt some



important first aid principles.



### Little Hoot Trail

Calling OWL fellow Scouters,



I hope this finds you well, following the success of the Pigs Gone Wild and Elmer's Big Parades in Ipswich, this year they are holding THE BIG HOOT.

Suffolk Scouts OWLET has been painted and I'm TALON you that he is HOOTiful! And I hope you all will FLOCK to Ipswich in the Summer to see him as he joins the other little HOOTS in his very own PARLIAMENT.

Unfortunately, we must pay for this sculpture, and I am wondering if you could help us. We are seeking £100 from each district, and I have been thinking about ideas OWL night long and looking at the OWLgebra I know that we can OWL reach the target we need.

Here are some ideas.

Following the Duchess of Cambridge reading The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark on CBeebies could you complete a sponsored Night Hike? And just like the Scouts in the story finish off with a Hot Chocolate and toasted marshmallows?

Hold a HOOTastic Harry Potter themed evening when young people can bring in their OWLETS for £1.

We are hoping to have a badge to celebrate this event which will be on sale and if you send us a picture of yourselves and our OWL you could be put into our prize draw.

Funds raised from your efforts will support the work of St Elizabeth Hospice.

*Brian Harvey*

For further information on this initiative please contact either [Brian Harvey](#) or [Jo Cracknell](#)



## World Scout Jamboree

Sunday 27 February saw the inaugural gathering of 36 young people from across Suffolk at the 1<sup>st</sup> Eye Scout HQ for the first of a series of events to get them ready for the adventure of a lifetime. The 25 World Scout Jamboree to Korea is looming and Unit 27 Suffolk is on track to be the biggest youth event in the world.

The group met at the start of the day with nobody knowing each other so we split them into patrols, handed out their UK Contingent Neckers and ran in introduction team game. BINGO that got everyone talking, introducing themselves and the day excelled from there.



The unit had a go at creating Tictok videos, their first use of chopsticks and a teambuilding game, they started to design their unit Badge (watch this space as these will be available for sale in the near future). It is looking as if many flourishing friendships to be made going forward.

At the end of the day we gathered together for a discussion on fundraising techniques and what to expect from the trip. Everyone is doing so well in getting Jamboree ready and the buzz is just starting to build, watch this space for updates on the progress and please if you see any of our members out fundraising or doing talks within section say hello and find out their amazing stories.

*Stephen, Marcus, Annie and Lucy Unit Leaders Unit 27*



## Focus on Inclusion 1

We are trying to have a focus on different areas of inclusion in every newsletter and would welcome your requests for any topics you would like us to cover. To share your ideas or to contact us regarding any aspect of inclusion that you may need advice or assistance with please email [inclusion@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:inclusion@suffolkscouts.org.uk).

The inclusion section of the county website is in the process of being updated and we hope that over the next few weeks you will find a range of resources added that we hope are helpful.

We know many of you already have examples of where being inclusive has made a real difference to the experiences of young people. We would love to hear from you so that we can share these examples with other groups and build up examples of best practice across the county.

If you are interested in becoming an 'inclusion champion' and get more involved and help shape our inclusion strategy then we would love to hear from you.

More information about all of the above is available on the inclusion section of the county website here [Suffolk Scouts - Inclusion](#)

