



# NEWS

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## Headquarters News

Nominations are open for the Board of Trustees and we'd like your help spreading the word with your local teams to encourage people to stand.

This year we have five vacancies, each for a three-year term:

- One for an Elected Youth Member
- Two from the England North Electoral College
- One from the England South Electoral College
- One from the Scotland Electoral College

Following a skills audit of the current Trustees, we've identified that we'd benefit from individuals with expertise in the following areas: Charity Fundraising, Digital and Youth Work. We would also particularly welcome applications from candidates from Black, Asian and minority ethnic backgrounds and disabled candidates, as these groups are under-represented on our Board.

If you know of any member of the Scouts who you think would be a great member of our Board of Trustees, please help us with encouraging them to submit a nomination. The **deadline is Friday 24 June**.

Each candidate will need a proposer and a seconder, who must be members of the National Council. A list of the roles that are Council members can be found in [POR Chapter 6](#). If you aren't sure if someone is a Council member, you can contact the Governance Team at [governance@scouts.org.uk](mailto:governance@scouts.org.uk) and they will be happy to help.

More information [here](#).

## Gone Home

Paul Hill gave 63 years of service to scouting in Suffolk. Our condolences go to Jean and family. Paul became an Assistant Scout Leader in 1958 at 18 in Stowmarket. He held many roles and was District Commissioner on 3 separate occasions as well as an Assistant County Commissioner for 9 years. More recently he was the County Training Team treasurer and a member of the Stowmarket OWLS Active Support unit.

His dedication to scouting was noted when he gained the highest level of Good Service Award, the Silver Wolf, in 2005.

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## Suffolk Scouts

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)

## Website

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

Produced by Colin Winter on behalf of the Suffolk Leadership Team



## Digital Maker Badge

1st Martlesham Scouts completed their Digital Maker Stage 3 badges hosted by BT and UoS at Adastral Park, Ipswich. The Scouts completed the European Astro Pi Challenge, which offers young people the fantastic opportunity to conduct scientific investigations in space by writing computer programs on Raspberry Pi computers on board the International Space Station (ISS).



They also received BT's Network Operations Centre (NOC) and Digitech (UoS) tours. The Scouts learned about BT's essential role in keeping the critical national infrastructure running and how UoS teaches and develops skills for the future.

### An Exciting Opportunity

Andrew Mellor (Director of Network Operations) would like to extend the offer to other local Scout and Guides groups to complete their Digital Maker badges at Adastral Park. Andrew passionately believes in developing talent for the future and giving young people opportunities in STEM. Plus, it helps that he's an ex Scout himself.

We have designed activities to complete Digital Maker



Stage 1, 2 & 3 for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. BT will need to stagger events and/or combine groups to reduce the impact and get more throughput. Depending on the interest, we may decide to run a county-wide coding event on a Saturday, cut into three sessions for

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Please get in touch with Lee Hodgson [lee.hodgson@bt.com](mailto:lee.hodgson@bt.com) (1st Martlesham Scout Leader) for further information on this initiative.

## POR Changes

Integrating POR: The appointment process in Chapter 16. There are no specific rule changes, but it draws together all rules relating to Adult Roles from across Chapters 3, 4, 5, 15 & POR: The appointment process.

The replacement of POR: The appointment process - Table 2 and Table 3 with the Roles Table. The opportunity has been taken to improve the formatting and usability of the table.

The safeguarding and vetting decision guidance has been reviewed and brought up to date.

Amendments to various rules to reflect that the UK Headquarters membership fee is payable 'for' each member rather than 'by' members.

## Air Rifle First for Suffolk Scouts

James is a Cub Scout Leader in Orwell District and has recently qualified as a Youth Proficiency Scheme Tutor under the national Smallbore Rifle Association (NSRA,) which now allows him to run air rifle shooting activities. This is an amazing achievement for him as he is the first person with a sight impairment to hold this qualification in the U.K..

James has been a leader in scouting for 16 years and really enjoys this and doesn't let his disability prevent him from running a very successful Cub Pack. Over the last 16 years James has had a varied experience of leaders and trainers, with some not always understanding the need for reasonable adjustments and looking for reasons why he can't do something without even having a conversation to find a potential solution.

James was really impressed with how inclusive the NSRA and, particularly the course instructor, had been towards him both prior to and during the course. It was also refreshing for James to hear how Shooting is very much a "sport for anyone" regardless of ability, disability, or anything else that someone may consider a disadvantage.

After the course James emailed the instructor, Paul, to say "You have made such a positive impact on me over the weekend and I'm really pleased I was able to demonstrate I could live up to your high standard of safety expectation and gain your confidence that I can safely run taster sessions for our young people next term. I am privileged to have the added advantage of being able to show young people with additional needs/disabilities that if I can qualify as an instructor there is absolutely no reason why they can't be fully included in a shooting activity themselves and achieve their full potential!"

It was through open and honest conversations with the NSRA when signing up for the course that James was able to agree the small changes that were needed, such as sending the course presentation in advance so that his screen-reading software could read it to him. Nothing about the actual course could be changed as it is a legal qualification. We often make reasonable adjustments to enable young people in scouting to be fully included in our activities, but sometimes we forget about our adult volunteers. Well done James – you should be very proud of your achievement.



## World Scout Jamboree

Early April we held our first camp for the Suffolk World Scout Jamboree Unit. Were we expecting it to be cold? Not that cold! For some it was the first time camping for quite a while and it was a bit of a shock waking to frost on the tents and bleary eyed young people crawling out with every layer of clothing they



had brought. But we had fun! Lots of games and laughter, climbing, shooting, cooking and making friends. It was a brilliant start to our adventure and seeing friendships forming and young people challenging themselves is so rewarding. Hopefully the next camp will be a bit warmer!



We are booking up camps and day meetings around the County for our young people so you may see us in your area soon. The UK Contingent have released a number of Korean based activities which are on the Scout website program planner - if you would like someone to come and run a Jamboree activity for your group please get in touch. [WSJ.mailbox@suffolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:WSJ.mailbox@suffolkscouts.org.uk)

Lucy Seary

## Waveney Valley District

On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Waveney Valley District Scouts enjoyed an amazing day of outdoor activities at Ditchingham Hall. Sixty Scouts from Groups in Beccles, Bungay, Earsham, Halesworth, Southwold and Reydon enjoyed a packed day of events. Activities included air rifle target shooting and clay pigeon shooting expertly organised by BASC, who also provided all the specialist equipment and expert national coaches, some of whom had travelled all the way from Wales to help teach the scouts.



The local fire engine and team from Bungay Station, led by Andy Hall, put on a display of their specialist equipment and talks about fire safety. Amy Yeldham, the local Community Engagement Officer from Suffolk Police also attended with her team to explain personal safety and a career in policing. Bungay Lions kindly provided volunteer traffic marshals for the event.

Leaders from the six local Scout Groups organised fire lighting, backwoods cooking and an archery range for the Scouts to enjoy. Launching high pressure water rockets skywards was another adventurous challenge!



Local willow weaver Chris Smith helped all the Scouts to create a memorable woven, natural hazel Fleur-de-lis, the international symbol of Scouting.

Everyone in Waveney Valley District Scouting took the opportunity to thank Hilary Prior, the retiring District Commissioner for her 11 years of hard work and leadership and Peter Jarvis, Deputy County Commissioner, who is

also retiring. Peter has given our District a lot of support over many years, especially as our District training manager.



Nick Clitheroe and Julie Cole from the Ditchingham Estate team worked hard in ensuring that the event could be such a big success.

Finally, everyone in Waveney Valley District Scouts would like to warmly thank Earl and Countess Ferrers for inviting them to Ditchingham Estate, so that local Scouts could enjoy such a great day of outdoor challenges.

Matthew Jordan, David Balls, David Clack

## Beaver Log

Beavers had a great time on their sleepover at Go – Bananas. This is part of a report from a Beaver who attended.

“Go Bananas was so fun because there was lots of games and a death slide! When we got there we can play in the colossal play area. After the parents left we met all the staff at Go Bananas. Then it was teatime. I had 2 ham and cheese sandwiches and 1 cheese. I also had carrot and cucumber sticks and for pudding I had a cupcake!.

## Suffolk Punch

### Suffolk Punch 2022

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

### Hallowtree Activity Centre

Planning for Suffolk Punch 2022 is well underway, and progressing at pace.

At the time of writing, there are 927 young people and adults booked to take part in the event.

There's still time to register your group if you would like to take part in the main camp or one of the activity days.

We need plenty of adult help to make this an event to remember.

There's roles for everyone. Service crew, minibus drivers, activity leaders, welfare team, admin office, security, medical, shop, and more.

If you are available for any of the event days, please have a look on the website for details on how to register as a volunteer. If you know anybody outside Scouting who would be a good fit, please encourage them to sign up. We will arrange a DBS and training for anybody who needs it.

You can see the latest news from Suffolk Punch here: <https://punch.website> and you can contact the team here: [info@suffolkpunch.co.uk](mailto:info@suffolkpunch.co.uk)

## Lowestoft Cubs Hockey Tournament



6 packs took part in our annual Hockey Tournament, our first one since 2019. The tournament was hosted by East Coast Hockey Club who made us very welcome once again.

Well done to 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton Colville the winning pack. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to 1<sup>st</sup> Pakefield and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to 2<sup>nd</sup> Carlton Colville.

Fantastic sportsmanship from all teams, well done everyone.

Hazel Densham—ADC Cubs

## Cubs Capers



### Little Hoot Trail

The Suffolk Scouts Little Hoot was unveiled at the Suffolk



Show. You can see all of the big and little

owls including our Suffolk Scouts Little Hoot located in



Ipswich Shops this Summer. The trail starts on 19th June. Please keep on with your fundraising for this worthy charity. Brian has badges for sale at £1.00. You can contact him using the link below.

[Brian Harvey](#)



### Cubs Climbing Everest

What an amazing evening 10<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group had at Avid. Together they climbed 8845metres, the height of Mount Everest, to raise money for East Anglia's Children's Hospice in memory of Sam, who was a cub in the Rainbow Pack. Their determination to complete the challenge was clear. They covered up the blisters, smiled through the pain and refuelled with pringles and cake. Working as a team, beavers, cubs, scouts, leaders and parents they stepped up to the challenge and conquered the mountain! Well done everyone. Read more about it [here](#).

### Top Award for Cub

At the AGM for 31st/9<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group, I had the pleasure of presenting Jorja with her Chief Scout

Silver Award. Jorja has loved her time as a cub and is ready to move on to the scout section. Congratulations Jorja! Keep up the good work.

Jo Cracknell—ACC Cub Scouts

