

SUFFOLK NETWORK UPDATE: AUTUMN 2012



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Over the spring and summer, Suffolk Network have been busy. All of the current hubs were represented at the County Explorer & Network Birthday camp, which we thoroughly enjoyed- especially networking with Norfolk members of Norfolk network, and of course zorbing. We would like to thank Leigh and the Explorer team for inviting us.

Before that we also attended the Sun Run in Cheltenham, with members from ABC and Incendia hubs successfully completing the evening 13 mile moon run in 4 hours.

Over the summer lots has been going on, with a successful Explorer Belt expedition with members of Invictus hub and around 10 members of ABC working at Essex Jamboree- another amazing event!

Many smaller hub meetings and camps have also taken place and continue to do so as we start the new term.

6 HUBS, 1 UMBRELLA: UPDATE

As you know, the vision for Suffolk Network is to form 6 Network Hubs to cover the whole County.



Our newest hub, Incendia, based in Stowmarket, is now fully functional and proving a great success. Further north we have a 4th hub on the way in the Waveney/Lowestoft area, co-ordinated



by Jess Taylor.... Find their Facebook group at "Waveney Network" and watch this space!

MOVING ON- OUR LINKS WITH EXPLORERS AND DESCs

As outlined in our email the DESCs and County Explorer Team, we are keen to trial a new system for moving on Explorers to Network. The system is already being used in Norfolk and proving successful and we hope it will be for Suffolk too. We really hope you will support in this, and we would like to make it clear that it is a trial and if it doesn't work it can be reviewed and adapted- but please give it a good shot!

A reminder...

Our CSNA, Zoe, will email you 4 times a year asking you to email us contact details (including a postal address) of any Explorers in your district who are around 17 ½ or above at that time. Upon receiving their details, Zoe will send each Explorer a postcard with details of their local hub, who we are and when they can start (the next meeting after their 18th birthday).

We hope that this will encourage Explorers to move of before they leave sixth form/college and get them involved so that we don't lose them- even if they move away to university.

ANYONE ELSE?

Now that Network is expanding in Suffolk, we are looking to appoint some more Network Leaders- hopefully one for each area of the County. We

already have Ben Dine covering the East of Suffolk so we are looking for North, South and West Network Leaders.

The role involves supporting the Network hubs currently running in the area, assisting the CSNC in setting up new hubs and assisting with the organisation and delivery of County Network Events.

Please advertise these roles within your district, and contact Nicola (CSNC) if you know of anyone who you think may be suitable or interested.

SUFFOLK NETWORK BONFIRE NIGHT (EXPLORER LINK EVENT)

(MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 7.30PM-9.30PM, HALLOWTREE CAMPSITE)

Network would like to invite all Explorers aged **17 upwards** to our bonfire night on 5th November.

Permission forms and any other details will be emailed to DESCs soon, we would really appreciate it if you could forward this to your Units and encourage them to attend.

County Explorer Team, DESCs and Explorer leaders are also welcome to join us- please let us know if you would like to come.

COMING UP....

**NORFOLK BIRTHDAY CAMP
(TWO MILE BOTTOM, 5TH-7TH OCT)**

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NIGHT (EXPLORER LINK EVENT)
(MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER, 7.30PM,
HALLOWTREE CAMPSITE)**

**FUN IN BEDS NATIONAL NETWORK
CAMP
(BEDFORDSHIRE, 15TH-17TH
FEBRUARY)**

OTHER STUFF...

HERE TO HELP

As well as link events, we are happy to come to either district events as support, or to individual Units to promote Network and build some bridges. We will even run a whole evening of activities if you like! Please contact us if you are interested.

GOT THE MEMBERS BUT NO LOCAL HUB?

If there is not a Hub currently operating in your area, but you have a feasible number of Explorers reaching 18.or maybe some that already have, please let us know.

We would love to get hubs running in every area, we just need to know they are out there to get them started.

GOT A NETWORK WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT?

If you have a Network running in your area that we are not aware of, please let us know. We don't want to stop them operating, just help to promote, support and involve them. We also need to ensure our records are up to date for insurance and census purposes.

CONTACT US

**SUFFOLK NETWORK CAN BE
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Any specific hub queries will be forwarded to the relevant hub coordinator.

Thanks for your support.