

Scouting

East Somerset Scout District



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Summer is here: Check out the programme pages for activities and camps running this term.

This edition is all about the summer and the massive amount of summer events, activities and programmes available to you and the young people in your sections. We have loads going on for you throughout the District for all the sections including our new re-launched Network section (find out more in this newsletter). So if you are struggling for time to run a group activity or camp, why not just get in touch with your sectional ADC (contacts below) and book on to one of our many District provided activities.

We want you to have fun, join in and meet as many new people across our District as possible so pick up the phone or send an e-mail today to request information or book your section on these fantastic events, activities and camps.

But remember, whatever you do (District or Group activity or camp) please remember to complete the online NAN / AN forms on: <http://www.scoutforms.org.uk/>

District Network Launched: The Network section is here in East Somerset...

Network (District): On Monday 27th April East Somerset led by our new Network Commissioner Natalie Ashford held their first Network get together. The evening was just a gentle welcome to discuss programming and an overview regarding the way forward for the Network section in our District. A summer Network Weekend is being planned as well as a winter term programme of events, activities and projects. Watch this space. If you are interested in joining the Network section or want to find out more about a Networking near you, please

Contact: Natalie on: network@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk or visit the [East Somerset Network Facebook](#) page.

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Dates for the Diary:

Scouts District Camping Comp:
8th – 10th May @
Lufton, Yeovil
(More info contact
ADC Scouts)

District Cub 'Big Day Out' event:
Woodhouse Park
Sat 20th June
(More info contact
ADC Cubs)

District Beaver 'Big Day Out':
Woodhouse Park
Sun 21st June
(More info contact
ADC Beavers)

Explorer Big Bash:
26th – 28th June,
Curry Rivel Playing
Field.

JAWS (Scouts):
19th – 21st June
Buddens Campsite
(Dorset).

District Cub camp
3rd – 5th July
South Brewham,
Bruton.

District Scout 7-a-side Football:
Sat 4th July @
Bucklers Mead
Academy, Yeovil

District Cub 6-a-side Football:
Sat 23rd May @
Wincanton Sports
Ground.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition: King Ina Explorer Unit have two Explorer Scouts in need of a DofE Silver Expedition and are looking for other East Somerset Explorers to come and join them to make an expedition team. If you have any Explorers at Silver level or in need of a Silver Expedition please could you get in touch ASAP. Contact King Ina's DofE Support lead: Philip Bayles on 07891 325001 or e-mail: phillip@compsol.uk.com

Programme news

So much has happened already this year and we have more coming your way. Check out this new section of our District newsletter to find out what has happened and what is coming up for your section.

BIG CAVE

District 'Big Cave' Weekend (3 hour taster sessions)

The 'Big Cave' Weekend is a great opportunity for Scouts, Explorer and Network members to come along and try real caving for the first time. Bookings are now closed but if anyone is interested either in group bookings, adult caving instructor qualifications or further District caving events, please contact:

James Divall: james@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk



District 7-a-side Football Competition (Scouts)

Football has been one of the top activities our District Scouts want to take part in (so says the consultation to date), so we have come up with a **New District 7-a-side football** competition on Saturday 4th July (11am – 5pm) on the 3G pitch at Bucklers Mead Sports Centre, Yeovil. Spaces will be limited so if your group is interested complete the booking information and return it to **James Divall**.
Deadline: Sunday 10th May (this has been extended)



Two Events: District Cub & Beaver 'BIG DAY OUT' to Woodhouse Park and the National fun & day event: Sat 20th June 2015 (CUBS) & Sunday 21st June (BEAVERS)

Information is out now for the Cubs 'Big Day Out' to the national fun day event at Woodhouse Park. An amazing day for the Section loved by all.

Contact **Rob Pitts (Cubs)** / **Heather Pitts (Beavers)** for more information.



District Scout Camping Competition: **Lufton (Yeovil)**

With no 'Open entry' to the County camping competition, this year's District Camping Competition has become the number 1 'Jamboree' for our Scout section. The event will run with 2 sub camps for novice and camping competition patrols as well as access to a number of activity bases throughout the weekend. The event is also open to 'group camping', offering groups an opportunity to be part of the experience as well as showcase competition camping to their Scouts. The weekend also includes cooking and gate competitions, a group camp pioneering challenge and some great old fashion evening entertainment. Information coming out shortly so watch this space: **Date: Fri 8th – Sun 10th May (Yeovil)**.



District **Cubs Rounders** Competition

A new activity for all the Cubs in the District. The first ever District 6-a-side Cubs Rounders competition will run on Saturday 6th June at Yeovil Recreation Ground (9.30am – 3pm). More information is available from your ADC Cubs: Rob Pitts. Please contact him on:

ADCcubs@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk



District **Cub Camp**

The first ever East Somerset District Cub Camp will be at South Brewham, Bruton this year over the weekend of the 3rd – 5th July (£10 per cub). For more information contact **ROB PITTS**:

ADCcubs@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk



District Cubs Football Competition

The District Cubs 6-a-side Football competition will be taking place at Wincanton sports Ground on Saturday 23rd May 2015. (9.30am – 3pm). £8 per team.

The closing date is Friday 15th May. For more information contact:

ROB PITTS: ADCcubs@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk



Explorer District Big BASH!

East Somerset Explorer 'Big Bash' Activity camp is running at Curry Rivel playing fields over the weekend of 26th – 28th June. Activities will include shooting, archery, rafting, kayaking, hash trailing and themed around 'Super Hero's' so there will no doubt be some crazy fancy dress costumes and some silly team games. More information will follow, but if you want to find out more contact Lendinae **Explorer Leader:** Richie Scammells on: ritchie.scammells@yeovil.ac.uk



District JAWS (Activity weekend camp) – Scouts

'JAWS' is East Somerset Scouts annual Activity Camp based at Buddens Campsite in Dorset. Activities over the weekend include rafting, kayaking, dragon boating, climbing, abseiling, shooting, archery, bridge building and much more! Due to the popular nature of the camp, places are limited so if you are interested in going please book in early. The information has gone out to all Scout section but if you would like further information or another copy please contact:

ADCscouts@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Somerset County Scouts – Hill Walking in the South West!

As we are approaching the summer and we have had a few enquiries as to where leaders can take groups hillwalking in the South West, we thought it would be a good idea to put some advice together.

Terrain 0: Groups can be taken hillwalking anywhere in hills classed as Terrain 0, without the need for a permit. Generally Terrain Zero describes areas that are below 500m in height and are close enough to a road that you could walk to or from in less than 30 minutes. In the South West this includes most hills, including most of Exmoor. Please make sure you are aware of your responsibilities as described in chapter 9 of POR if taking groups on this or any activity.

Terrain 1: As there are no hills or mountains in the Southwest which are classed as Terrain 2, everything else is Terrain 1. If you wish to take groups into areas which are Terrain 1 *for any activity* you will either need to hold an appropriate permit or be with someone who does. Additional rules apply in these areas.

In the South West, Terrain 1 is mainly found on Dartmoor. The two main criteria that apply are height (mainly on the North moor) and distance from a road. Half an hour walking/travelling time for a group of Scouts, etc. will usually be less than 1½ km. This varies with terrain and will sometimes be a very short distance. Please be aware that taking part in an externally organised event, such as the Abbots Way or Ten Tors training, does not remove the requirements for a permit. As these require groups to operate in terrain 1 area, groups will require someone with a permit to be present.

There are two types of permit relevant to those taking groups into Terrain 1 areas, leadership and supervisory. Someone with a leadership permit can only accompany one group, of 4-8 people, and someone with a supervisory permit can supervise up to three groups, but does not have to accompany any suitably skilled and experienced group.

If you wish to take groups out hillwalking please do contact any of the Hillwalking Advisors/Assessors for advice and support. You can contact us at hillWalking@somersetScoutsLeaders.co.uk



FARM TO FORK / EAT HAPPY PROJECT (Beavers & Cubs)

This is an excellent initiative from National HQ Partnered with Tesco. The badge is official and can be worn on the uniform but there does not seem to be any guidance on where it should be sewn on the uniform, so we suggest it goes with the activity / proficiency badges on the left sleeve.

More information can be found at: <http://scouts.org.uk/what-we-do/become-a-partner/tesco-eat-happy-project/>

Everyone that has taken part in this has really enjoyed it!

MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER TERM WITH KAYAKING SESSIONS IN YOUR DISTRICT!



District Kayaking Sessions: Sutton Bingham

Another session of kayaking taster sessions and Paddlepower / Discover training courses are nearly upon us. Kayaking sessions are now available for booking – if there are any groups or sections interested in booking either a taster session evening for their section or a 3 week course for their young people please contact Kev Bull. Information is attached with this newsletter.

THE SUTTON BINGHAM AND DISTRICT

SIX CANOE CLUB

WEEK KAYAK COURSE!

MAY - JUNE
AT SUTTON BINGHAM
RESERVOIR

HAVE FUN!
LEARN SKILLS!
IN
SIT-ON-TOP
KAYAKS!

CHOOSE WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY EVENINGS, 6:30 - 8:00PM.
START WEDNESDAY 6TH, THURSDAY 7TH OR FRIDAY 8TH MAY FOR 6 WEEKS.
£3 PER SESSION, INCLUDES BOAT HIRE AND COACHING TO BCU 1 STAR LEVEL.
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE - EMAIL: MEMBERS@SBD.CC



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE CLUB,
VISIT: WWW.SBD.CC



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The District Team is Growing: East Somerset welcomes Pete, Natalie and Paul to the team...

A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes to not only develop the programme but the future vision and planning for the District. The Transition Team are now actively working with both the District Executive, ADC team and the Regional Scout Development Service to support local Scouting on the ground across East Somerset. A lot of the work is targeted to meeting the National Scouts Vision 2018 but it has been designed to support, grow and enhance the Scouting experience locally.

Part of this new vision is developing our programme team further, which we have done with building a new sectional focus area of 14-25 to incorporate a team approach to managing and developing Explorer Scouting and Network within East Somerset. **Pete Ward is our new 14-25 Commissioner** and he is supported by **Natalie Ashford who has taken on the Network Commissioner role**. The two will work together along with a District Explorer Scout Commissioner & District DofE Manager which are yet to be appointed (Please contact James Divall if interested in either role).

Additional to the programme role under the Vision 2018 District plan we are intending to appoint a ADC Media & Marketing, an ADC IT & communications, ADC recruitment as well as a DART volunteer team (Event team: District Activity Recruitment Team). One member already who has joined this team is Paul Bentley, not so new to the teams as he was an Ex-Deputy District Commissioner for the former Yeovil District and has been heavily involved and active in the helping us develop the structural support needs for this new District, as well as supporting through the Compass problems, DBS checks and on-going IT and Communication support systems.

Welcome to you all and we are all very glad to have you within the growing team.



New District DofE Application Forms available (E-DofE)

District Explorer & Network Bronze, Silver and Gold DofE forms are available now. If you are an Explorer Scout or an Explorer Scout Unit Leader wishing to help deliver DofE within your unit then please contact us. Under the new Vision 2018 the District are planning to expand the DofE provision within the District and make it more accessible and available to our 14-25 members. If you are interested or want to find out more please contact **JAMES DIVALL**: james@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Contact information for the District Transition Team:

Dawn Wilson	Team leader	Tel: (01934) 733203 Tel: 07771 907019	dawn@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
John Lewis	Executive committee & finance	Tel: (01373) 832875	john@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
James Divall	Strategy, programme & communications	Tel: 07912 992048	james@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Contact information for the District Transition Team:

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John Myers	District Secretary	Tel: (01935) 824359	secretary@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Sue Hoskins	District Treasurer		treasurer@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Contact information for the District Programme ADC's & Team:

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Charlotte Redfearn	ADC Scouts	Tel: 07887 780023	adcscouts@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Pete Ward	14-25 Commissioner	Tel: 07736780003	14-25@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Natalie Ashford	Youth / Network Commissioner		Youth@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk or network@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Paul Bentley	ADC IT & Communications	Tel: 07881 855508	ADCcomms@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk

Activity contacts:

Kev Bull	District kayaking session		kayak@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
John Lewis (Yeovil)	Nights Away (District – South)	Tel: 07857 126235	Nights@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Ray Marsh	Nights Away (District – North)	Tel: 07850 872222	Ray@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
Dave Frowde	Frome Shooting Club		Fromeshoot@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk
N/a	District DofE Manager	N/a	To be appointed
Chris Harper	District DofE Co-ordinator	Tel: 07850 329670	chris@theharpers.eu
Chris Jones	County Sailing Co-ordinator		candj.jones@talktalk.net



FALKLANDS ISLANDS: LINK UP WITH A CUB PACK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD.

We have been contacted by a Cub Scout Leader from the **Falklands Islands** who is interested in linking up with a Cub Pack in the UK for the 2016 Cub Centenary. If you are interested please contact **John Lewis:** john@eastsomersetscouts.org.uk. Contact by Friday 22nd May deadline. The winner will be picked out of a hat. Don't delay, e-mail today.



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