



Northumberland Natter

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You can find details of some of the upcoming events taking place within the County in the new academic year, including: the return of the Camp Northumbria and our Explorer Scout and Scout Network Winter Camp, as well as new training for volunteers.

Welcome!

We're excited to share this first issue of Northumberland Natter, just ahead of the summer break, bringing you early save-the-dates for some key events that will be taking place next academic year.

We'll be back at the start of term with a full bulletin packed with updates, opportunities and

news from across the County!

As we head in to the summer, we also want to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers for everything you've done for Scouting this year. Your time, energy and commitment make an enormous difference and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Safety Alert and Learning Notice: Reinforcing Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety.

Headquarters has recently published a Safety Alert and Learning Notice to share important learning and reinforce safe practices around carbon monoxide (CO). Lead Volunteers and Chairs have been asked to review it locally, take any appropriate action and have conversations with their teams. Please make sure you've read it and considered what it means for your activities.

[View the Safety Alert and Learning Notice](#)

Camp Northumbria returning in 2027!



**Camp
Northumbria**

Join us from Friday 28th - Monday 31st May 2027 for another action-packed weekend of fun and adventure at Causey Park!

We'll be sharing more information, including links to a new website and booking links in the autumn.

We hope you'll be able to join us!

New outdoor skills training

Want to run more outdoor activities?
Ready to refresh your scouting skills?

Join us on Sunday 20th September at Selby Wood for a brilliant County Outdoor Skills Day for leaders of all age groups. Brush up on your fire lighting skills, safe axe and saw use, camp admin, tent pitching, map and compass skills, knots, camp crafts and plenty more hands-on activities to boost your confidence and spark new ideas.

Bookings open this week on the County website.

Adult volunteer outdoor skills day

Sunday 20th September

Selby Wood Campsite





Save the date - for our AGM and Adult Awards evening

Our AGM and Adult Awards Celebration will take place on the evening of Tuesday 15th September 2026. More info coming soon

Next Top Awards Day

Our next Tops Awards Presentation Day will be held on Saturday 26th September at Northumbria University Student's Union. Some important dates for the diary if you have young people attending:

- *Extended date * Sunday 19th July - Final date to add young people via our online registration form www.northumberlandscouts.org.uk/top-awards/
- W/c Monday 20th July - Invites will be sent out
- Friday 18th September - RSVP deadline. Final date for confirmation of attendance.



Explorer Scout and Scout Network Winter Camp is back!



Want more confidence supporting young people with SEND or managing behaviour in Scouts?

Join volunteers from across North East England for a practical, supportive workshop open to all. You'll explore effective strategies for supporting young people with special educational needs and disabilities, alongside inclusive approaches to behaviour support in Scouts.

Sessions take place from 10am - 3pm on Saturday 19th September at Moor House, Durham or Sunday 20th September at Bradley Wood, West Yorkshire with identical content on both days. Free to attend - bring a packed lunch.

If you're unable to make the dates advertised, you can also use the sign up link to join the waiting list to be informed of future dates and opportunities.

Sign up via-
[North East England -Supporting you with special educational needs, disabilities and managing behaviour](#)

New Explorer Programme

You may have seen that headquarters recently launched the refreshed Explorer Scout programme, promising more real-world skills and plenty of adventure for our 14 - 18 year olds!

Here's some of the highlights:

A refreshed programme: refreshed requirements, new badges and Explorer Challenge Awards!

A brand new brand: bold logos, bright colours and brilliant badge designs

Clear and simple next steps: to help you get to grips with the changes, including an example 6 week programme

You can find all of the information via:



Sign up for one of the upcoming 'Discover the Explorer Programme' webinars taking place online to learn more about the refreshed programme.

Book your space via:
www.scouts.org.uk/events/2026/discover-the-new-explorers-programme/