

St. George's Day Thoughts

Every year near to 23 April – in honour of St George, the patron saint of Scouts – Scouts across the UK hold some form of celebration. Traditionally, St George's Day celebrations have consisted of parades and faith services and for some, these types of events remain popular, but for many Districts this tradition no longer fully engages or reflects their members.

The Scouts Association has shared some new guidance for 2020 and beyond to consider when planning events for St. George's Day.

Shaped by Young People...

Young people should always be able to mould their Scouting experience and St George's Day is no exception.

By now you probably planned this years event, however it's never to early to engage young people in plans for 2021.

Choosing a Venue...

St George's Day is a great opportunity to bring people together and to promote Scouts so it's important the venue for your celebration isn't exclusive.

Events should be open to all, whatever their faith or beliefs. The use of a nonreligious building or an open-air venue is a good starting point to ensuring the event is visible in the community and is welcoming to people of all faiths.

The Promise Renewal...

The Promise helps all young people and adults keep the fundamentals of Scouts in mind. To make sure it's meaningful, it's important that every member can make the Promise in a way that truly reflects their personal beliefs.

Double check that your Promise renewals are inclusive by using the Promise posters.

[Click Here](#) for the Beaver Promise poster

[Click Here](#) for the Cub Promise poster

[Click Here](#) for the Promise poster for Scouts, Explorers and Adult Leaders

St George's Day is the time of the year when we get to come together as a Scouting community and reflect on the principles that underpin our movement. Making sure that those celebrations are reflective of our diversity and of our values is absolutely vital to the future of Scouts.

The Story of St. George...

The story focuses on an individual taking positive action for the good of the whole community, so it can be an obvious moment to celebrate community impact activities within the District.

To download the story of St. George [Click Here](#)



Engaging with the Community...

Inclusive St George's Day events that have been shaped by young people are great opportunities to engage your local community. Events that showcase the fun, challenge and adventure of everyday Scouting can have a positive impact on attracting new youth members and adult volunteers.

The Million Hands (community impact pack) is a great way to explore some options that could be built into St George's Day whilst at the same time working on the Community Impact Satge Badge for all sections.

[Click Here](#) for the Million Hands resource on the Beta website where a wide range of activity and project ideas can be found.

Activities to use to Celebrate St. George's Day...

Introducing some St. George's day activities in the weeks leading up to or following St. George's Day is a good way to start Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers talking about how they would like to shape their St. George's Day celebrations in the future in a creative forum.



Whatever is planned for St. George's Day in your Scout Group or District, remember to send in some photos to feature on Norfolk Scouts Sharing Centre. Send to: meadia@norfolkscouts.org.uk

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