

NAFAS East of England Area – ‘What’s On’ dates for 2026

Area Council meetings

Wednesday 11th March – Spring Area Council – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall – Doors open 10.00am (sorry, not before then) for 11.00am. To be attended by Richard Abraham, NAFAS CEO.

Please note that the **June 2026 Area Council** meeting has been cancelled.

Wednesday 14th October – Autumn Area Council & AGM - Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. – Doors open 10.00am for 11.00am. A competition to be held to select an Area representative to go to the National Show at Lincoln in 2027.

Area Days

Saturday 25th April – Area Day – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. Doors open 10.00am for 11.00am with stalls and raffle. Speaker is Martin Davies – title ‘Edible flowers’ and Demonstrator is Jo Purdy, a national demonstrator – title ‘Botanical Gallery’.

Saturday 11th July – Area Day – Isleham – speaker Amanda Sutherland, Demonstrator is Lorena Dyer, a national demonstrator – title ‘Shades of Summer’

Friday 2nd October – Autumn Area Day – Jubilee Centre, Mildenhall. Demonstrator will be Gill McGregor, Speaker Guy Barker (to be confirmed).

JDS&E events

14th-15th May – trip to Derbyshire – workshop with Jonathan Moseley and visit to Chatsworth House.

15th-16th September – visit to Winchester Cathedral for the WILD! Flower and Nature Festival and RHS Wisley on the way.

Saturday 3rd October 2026 - Area Workshop with Gill MacGregor.

Group Meetings

Cambridge Group

Saturday 21st March, Spring Group Day - Speaker Vicky Dunne ‘The History of Belly Dancing’.

Demonstration by Morgan-Douglas Nuth.

Sunday 22nd March - Workshop with Morgan.

Tuesday May 19, Officers Day.

Saturday 24th October AGM with demonstration by Trudie Easton Queen Bees’

Colchester Group

23rd March, 22nd June and 23rd November

East Suffolk Group

24th July – Open meeting – Vanessa Wellock

King’s Lynn Group

16th April - Group & Programme Secretary’s meeting in Downham Market

9th May - Workshop at the Curlew Centre in Sutton Bridge.

Norwich Group

16th March - Meeting & free workshop with Rachael Borenkova. Requirements list available on confirmation of attendance.

15th June – workshop with Jonathan Moseley.

2nd November - AGM with speaker. Ploughman's Lunch and afternoon in-house demonstration.

Spotlight East Newsletter publication dates

Spring edition - 1st May

Summer edition - 1st August

Autumn edition - 1st November

Flower Arranger distribution dates

Summer edition

8th-15th April

Autumn edition

9th-16th July

Winter edition

8th- 15th October

National Events

11th & 12th April – Pre-National Assessment & National Demonstrators Tests – Solihull, E Midlands

18th August – National Presidents Event – Spirit of the North’ – Armagh, Northern Ireland

9th October – Judges Residential Symposium, Tiverton, Devon

Flower & County Shows

Saturday 16th May 2025 - **Hadleigh Show** — Holbecks Park, Suffolk.

27th/27th May 2026 – **Suffolk Show** – Trinity Park, Ipswich

24th/25th June 2026 – **Royal Norfolk Show** – Costessey Showground, Norwich

21st – 26th July 2026 - **RHS Flower Show** - Sandringham Estate in Norfolk.