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County Updates – 7 March 2019 – Issue 108

**Welcome**

Hello and welcome to County Updates, our regular email communication from Norfolk Scouts to highlight news, announcements and opportunities that exist.

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**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

**New Team Members**

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our County Team:

Michele O’Keefe, Deputy County Commissioner (Programme) – m.o’keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk

Keith Coote, Local Training Manager (South West Norfolk) – k.coote@norfolkscouts.org.uk

Scott Millard, Manager of the Activity Permit Scheme (MAPS) – s.millard@norfolkscouts.org.uk

I am sure you will join us in wishing them all well in their new roles, we will cover introductions over the coming weeks.

**County Chair**

Our County Chair, Rena has moved away from Norfolk, so we are starting the search for a new volunteer for this important role that helps ensure Norfolk Scouts meets our purpose and ambitions. Do you know someone who you think has the right skillset? Let the Search group know. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/07/county-chair-search)

**Explorer Camp**

Booking is now live for the county Explorer Camp. Please remember to share the website to your Explorers so that can enter the competition to win a place to the camp. <http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/explorercamp>

**Spring Fling**

We are looking for adults volunteers to assist with the Norfolk Scouts’ stand at Spring Fling on Thursday 11 April. We are doing face painting, stick on darts shooting, colouring sheets and of course conversations to recruit new young people and adults. To volunteer please contact Marc Stacey SpringFling@norfolkscouts.org.uk Lunch will be provided.

**First Response Refresher Course**

This Refresher Course is being held on 28 March and a Full Course on 30 March both at Drayton Scout HQ. [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/07/first-response-courses-5)

**Mandatory Ongoing Safety Training**

Guidance is [available here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/07/mandatory-ongoing-safety-training) regarding which adult roles are required to undertake ongoing safety training.

**Trading Post News**

The Trading Post is open in King’s Lynn from Friday 15 March. It will be at 12th Kings Lynn HQ between 2pm and 6pm for full selection of uniform and more. Please note the next visit will be in May.

**Gone Home**

We were sorry to hear of the passing of David Webster, from 1st Dereham Scout Group. Our thoughts are with his family and friends. David’s contribution to Scouting and the wider community was featured in the [Eastern Daily Press on Wednesday](https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/tributes-paid-to-david-webster-of-dereham-1-5919053).

**County Updates**

We’re going to be making some changes to County Updates over the next few weeks. We are looking for volunteers to be in a pilot group to receive the new style Updates and provide your feedback. [Sign up here](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YOOaxjdYw0S24FEAs4KmmQZRC0KMAG9DkYO9gL3RhWpUQVBVREJUQ004TFM0QVRYQkNXUUwxUklRVC4u)

**Second chance**

**Good Service Awards**

The Chief Scout has recognised ten local volunteers with either Silver Acorns, Bar to the Silver Acorn or Silver Wolf. Full details are available on the Norfolk Scouts website. [More Information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/22/good-service-awards)

**County Vacancies – Final Reminder**

A final reminder that the closing date for applications for [District Commissioner, Central Norfolk](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/14/district-commissioner-central-norfolk-3) and [County Youth Commissioners](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/07/county-youth-commissioners) is today!

**Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum**

The Norfolk & Suffolk Aviation Museum are holding an Aviation Skills days. Primarily for Beavers and Cubs, 2 days are planned for this year - on Saturday 11 May and Saturday 28 September. [More Information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/28/norfolk-suffolk-aviation-museum)

**Subscription Research**

We’re conducting some research to calculate the average subscription fee (“subs”) in Norfolk. This research is to help discussions with parents who often ask about the cost of Scouting. [Take part in our survey](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YOOaxjdYw0S24FEAs4KmmQZRC0KMAG9DkYO9gL3RhWpUMFJKNzhYTlpBM0tRSEcxWkxaQk1PVzdGMy4u).

**Purple Press**

We’re launching the Purple Press, a quarterly publication that raises the profile of Scouting. Aimed at both an internal and external audience, it will be primarily be shared online, but will also have a limited printed circulation, find out how every group can get involved. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/26/norfolk-media-team-goes-purple)

**Regular items**

**Outside Organisations**

We are frequently asked to pass on information to our membership, we make the material available on the [External Opportunities](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/externalopportunities) page of our website. This week Harry’s Walk.

**Other ways to keep up-to-date**

[Our County Calendar](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/calendar)

[County Training Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/training)

[County Vacancies](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/tag/vacancy)

[County Updates](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/county-updates) is uploaded each week to our website for further sharing, please feel free to pass this update to Explorers, Young Leaders and other interested people.

County Updates is a weekly communication to all adult volunteers (except Occasional Helpers) sent to their primary email address recorded on Compass, our membership system. The purpose of County Updates is to provide details of activities, development opportunities and key information updates that develop better programmes and support volunteers to complete their roles effectively. You can find out more about how your information is handled here or opt out of receiving County Updates [on our website](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/county-updates).