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County Updates – 12 July 2018 – Issue 76

**Welcome**

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

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**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

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**Go Go Hares**

Wow - A big thank you to all of you for supporting Norfolk Scout Go Go Hares Challenge – it is lovely to see all the pictures and all 4,500 badges have now been sold! We do have another couple of orders so will place one more order with the supplier. If you were hoping to buy some badges please can you let us know by 15 July email [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

**District Youth Commissioner & Deputy District Commissioner South West Norfolk**

We are looking for a District Youth Commissioner and Deputy District Commissioner to support South West Norfolk. If you think you have what it takes or know someone who would be great in this role more information is [available here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/07/12/deputy-district-commissioner-sw-norfolk).

**Executive Committee Members**

Are you a Section Leader and also a member of an Executive committee, we have received clarification regarding an additional role and mandatory training to support you. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/07/12/are-you-a-leader-who-is-on-an-executive-committee)

**Second chance**

In case you missed the last issue…

**First Response Course**

A few places remain available on a First Response First Aid Course being held on Saturday 28 July 9 – 4pm. Cost is £20 per head. Venue - 17th Norwich Scouts, St George's RC Church, 223 Sprowston Road, Norwich, NR3 4HZ. Contact David wheeler email [davidawheeler@sky.com](mailto:davidawheeler@sky.com) or 07909 901015.

**County Scout Shooting Competition**

This year’s County Scout Shooting competition will take place on Saturday 6 October 2018 at the 1st Taverham Scout HQ, Sandy Lane, Taverham, Norwich, NR8 6JR.  [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/03/15/county-scout-shooting-competition)

**Safeguarding**

All adults involved in Scouting must complete safeguarding training every 5 years. If you would like to arrange a safeguarding training session for your District after the summer please contact either of the Safeguarding Awareness Coordinators for [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/07/05/safeguarding)

**North West Norfolk Archery Day**

On a very hot Sunday morning, young and the not so young archers from the District gathered for a District competition held at the 19th King’s Lynn at North Runcton. [More details.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/07/04/north-west-norfolk-archery-day)

**Explorer Activity Leadership Permit Assessments**

Do you have any explorers that would be interested in gaining activity permit? On the weekend of Friday 31st August - Sunday 2nd September, assessments for activity leadership permits for Explorers is taking place at Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre. [Read more here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/07/05/explorer-activity-leadership-permit-assessments)

**Trading Post**

Please note that the Trading Post will close on Saturday 28 July and reopen Thursday 6 September. Thank you for your custom and see you at NORJAM!

**Sail Flag**

2nd Dereham (Toftwood) Scout Group have lost their sail flag. It may well have been caught up with any sail flags borrowed from the County. Please contact the County Office if you have any information.

**August Paddle Challenge**

Why not float the idea of your section taking part in the August Paddle Challenge, organised by British Canoeing? They can enjoy challenging themselves to achieve the distance, while progressing with their Time on the Water or Paddlesports Staged Activity Badges. [Find out more here](https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-QFTE-3D75FB-EMH2D-1/c.aspx).

**Norjam Kayaking and Canoeing volunteering**

Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre are running the offsite activities this year for Norjam and during the week we will be getting over 1500 young people experiencing watersports. We are looking for some volunteers with kayaking or canoeing activity permits to help us during the week. If you can spare your time, please contact Darren on [darren@eatonvale.co.uk](mailto:darren@eatonvale.co.uk) or phone us on 01603 501228.

**Outside Organisations**

We are frequently asked to pass on information to our membership, we make the material available

[External Opportunities](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/members/externalopportunities) page of our website. This week High Altitude, Mini Medics

**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).