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County Updates – 20 December 2018 – Issue 99

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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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**Wrapping up 2018**

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered with Norfolk Scouts this year. It’s been an incredibly busy year and everyone should be proud of our achievements. Take a look at the County Commissioner’s wrap up of the year on [Norfolkscouts.org.uk](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/wrapping-up-our-year)

**Thank You from the Rotary**

On behalf of Norwich Blackfriars Rotary Club and St Martin’s want to thank Norfolk Scouts for their kind donations of rucksacks and contents for the homeless. [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/thank-you-4)

**New County Lead Duke of Edinburgh Adviser**

We welcome Peter Allen who will be joining the Programme Workstream of the County Team as our new lead Duke of Edinburgh Award. [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/duke-of-edinburghs-award)

**Explorer Leader Forum / County Explorer Camp Launch**

Your chance to meet join fellow Explorers Leaders and Paul Williams (the newly appointed ACC Scouts and Explorer Scouts) to find out what activities are planned for Explorers in 2019 on 19 January 2019, food and drink will be provided. [More details](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/explorer-leader-forum-county-explorer-camp-launch)

**BPA 2019**

BPA, The Explorer and Network overnight hike, is now open for staff and participant bookings. This can be done via the BPA Website. Please note at this stage you can register individual young people and then allocate teams later. [More Information.](http://www.scoutsbpa.org.uk/)

**Refresh your knowledge this Christmas**

Over the festive break why not take the opportunity to invest a couple of hours brushing up your knowledge using our ongoing learning. If you complete some learning over Christmas we will make a donation to our World Scout Jamboree participants. [Find out more.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/13/refresh-your-knowledge)

**Sixers and Seconders training - for leaders!**

Your chance to be Cubs for a morning and complete the Sixers and Seconders training that has already been rolled out to some of the Districts. [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/sixers-seconders-training)

**Water Activities Weekend**

Water Activities Weekend is planned for 24 to 27 May 2019. Are you ready for another action packed, fun-filled Water Activities weekend? [More details here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/water-activities-weekend)  If you have a permit for canoeing and kayaking and would like to help please email [nsctasu@gmail.com](mailto:nsctasu@gmail.com)

**Group Vacancy Boards**

Following considerable interest at TRUST 2018, Norfolk Scouts have negotiated a special price on Group Vacancy Boards if ordered by 24 January 2019. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/20/group-vacancy-boards)

**Second chance**

**Training Advisers – Module 2 Personal Learning Plan (PLP)**

The Module 2 support material and PLP template have been updated to reflect our new brand and include an important privacy statement. Please use the new from for all new learners. These are available on [Scouts.org.uk](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=23,229)

**Message from the Trading Post**

Norfolk Scouts Trading Post operates and account system for local Guiding and Scouting Groups. More information [available here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/13/message-from-the-trading-post)

**Safeguarding Training**

Safeguarding Training is being held on 23 January 2019 from 7pm at 7th Kings Lynn Scout HQ. [More details here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/13/safeguarding-training)

**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 : BFI Film Academy, Let’s Dance

**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. This week : Let’s Dance

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).