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County Updates – 14 March 2019 – Issue 109

**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…

**Multi Module Training Weekend**

There have been some changes to the Multi Module Training weekend 30/31 March. This includes the addition of delivering Meet the Challenges. [See here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/14/additional-training-information) for more details.

**First Response Course**

South West Norfolk District are running a First Response Course on Saturday 13 April 2019 in Swaffham. Open to all more information is [available here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/14/first-response-course-2)

**Old Lakenham Primary School**

With the support of the Regional Services Team a trial of running a Beaver Colony and Cub Pack after school (15:45) is going to happen in April, May and June. We’re looking for existing section leaders who may like to support the sections in the first few week while new volunteers come up to speed. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/14/new-section-in-norwich)

**Subs**

Thank you to everyone who has provided details about their subs, we're building a really good picture of the average cost of Scouting for a parent. There are still some groups we would really like to hear from, please check our list and get in touch. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/13/how-much-is-your-subs)

**County Lines**

'County lines' drug dealing is increasing in Norfolk. County lines is the name given to describe drug distribution system which funnels drugs from cities to towns and rural areas exploiting vulnerable young people. More information is [available here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/14/county-lines)

**Duke of Edinburgh**

More information for DofE Leaders is [available here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/03/14/duke-of-edinburgh-update) from Pete Allen, Duke of Edinburgh Advisor.

**County Office Closure**

Due to Annual Leave the County Office will be closed from 3pm Friday 22nd March reopening 9am Monday 1st April.

**Second chance**

**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](mailto: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.

**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)

**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.

**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).