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County Updates – 10 October 2019 – Issue 139

**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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New news or features this week…

*For all volunteers>*

**The Big Weekend**

We’ve had a fantastic response to The Big Weekend! All delegates will be emailed next week with a further update. We’re almost full, Saturday Day Delegates are no longer available. Sunday Day Delegate and Full Weekend bookings will close tomorrow (11 October) at 13:00. Your last chance to get aboard! [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/the-big-weekend)

*For Young Leaders 16+ and their supporters>*

**The Big Saturday!**

Keep your eyes peeled for details of ‘The Big Saturday’ taking place on Saturday 1 February 2020. An opportunity for Young Leaders aged 16 plus to take part in elements of The Big Weekend. If you’d like to be one of the first to find out details contact bigsaturday@norfolkscouts.org.uk

*For all supporting Executive Committee>*

**Supporting Executive Committees**

Book now for the few remaining places for this course for Executive Committee Members on 17 November 2019 at Aylsham. The ideal opportunity for new and existing committee members at Group, District and County level to gain understanding of their roles. Contact j.mcilwhan@norfolkscouts.org.uk

*For all volunteers>*

**The World’s Big Sleep Out**

The World's Big Sleep Out hosted by Eaton Vale Scout and Guide Activity Centre in partnership with Girlguiding Norfolk and Norfolk Scouts. [More information here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/10/10/the-big-sleep-out)

*For all working with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers>*

**BETA Programme Planning Tool**

This week’s Programme On a Page (PoP) features the BETA Planning Tool that helps leaders plan for one meeting or a term or even use the pre-planned section plans to help shape your programme.

[Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Beta-Programme-Planner-PoP.pdf) to download the PoP.

*For all working with NEW Young Leaders>*

**New rules for working with the Scout Section**

The Scout Association has updated the guidelines concerning YLs returning to their old Scout Troop.

It is now recommended that there is a break of 12 months before YLs return to be a leader for their old Troop, however they can start straight away in another Scout Troop or with any Beaver or Cub section.

*For working to Explorer Belt>*

**Explorer Belt**

More information is [available here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/10/10/explorer-belt-hungary-2020) regarding an Explorer Belt opportunity in Hungary August 2020.

*For all volunteers>*

**County Scout Shooting Competition**

The County Scout Shooting Competition was held at the 1st Taverham Scout HQ on Saturday 5October with 11 teams from 6 Districts taking part. More information and results [here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/10/10/shooting-competition).

**Second chance**

*For all volunteers>*

**Reminder: County Training Managers**

A reminder that we are currently seeking volunteers to consider our four County Training Manager vacancies. Applications and nominations close on 12 October 2019. [More Information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/08/29/county-training-managers-x-4)

*For all groups that hold fireworks displays>*

**Headquarters’ Advice about Fireworks**

Play your part in keeping everyone safe this autumn. Share our general advice on [fireworks](https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-XZE1-3D75FB-KN9K2-1/c.aspx), as well as things to [consider during fundraising events](https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-XZE1-3D75FB-KN9K3-1/c.aspx). This [video](https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-XZE1-3D75FB-KN9K4-1/c.aspx) is a great way to remind everyone of the risks (and what they should do about them).

*For all volunteers>*

**A message from Liam Segust, Assistant County Commissioner (Young Leaders)**

This is a great time of year to be asking Explorer Scouts if they're interested in volunteering as a Young Leader. They can develop their personal and leadership skills, achieve several awards, meet and make new friends, plus work towards their Scout Top Awards too! If you need any help promoting Young Leading in your ESU/District, please contact L.Segust@norfolkscouts.org.uk for more information.

**Regular items**

**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.

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