To : All Scouters registered with email on Compass (excluding Occasional Helpers)

County Updates – 9 April 2020 – Issue 162

**Welcome**

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

**## Keep safe and well ##**

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**A message from our President**

Our County President, The Lady Dannatt MBE, shares a message for all Norfolk Scouts’ members.

[View here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/09/a-message-from-our-county-president)

*All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Network and Adult Volunteers>*

**“Scout in the House” Challenge**

Calling all Scout Groups and District Teams to share this great opportunity to support everyone (from the youngest Beaver to the most senior ASU Member) to “Scout in the House” using this new resource from Norfolk Scouts. Inspired by the great Scouting that is already happening across the County, this challenge gives everyone the opportunity to have some fun, learn new skills and share it all with others. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Norfolks-Scout-in-the-House-Challenge.pdf) for Norfolk Scouts “Scout in the House” Challenge.

All Young Leaders and Adult Leaders>

**“Badges 4 All” Challenge**

Calling all Young Leaders and Adult Leaders to earn your sections Activity Badges that can be worn on your uniform using this new resource from Norfolk Scouts. Inspired by an idea from Tony (a leader in Norfolk), this challenge gives Young Leaders and Adult Leaders the opportunity to earn their own Activity Badges and share resources to help Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to achieve the badges at home too. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Norfolks-YL-Adult-Leader-Badge-Challenge.pdf) for Norfolk Scouts “Badges 4 All” Challenge.

**Both these challenge sheets have been produced to use during the Covid-19 lockdown, please share them to as many young people and adults in Scouting as you can to help us all to enjoy some great Scouting until we can meet once again.**

*All volunteers>*

**Virtual Scout meetings**

If you’re running virtual meetings with your sections, we’d love to hear about them and maybe someone from the County team pop along to say hello.

If you’d be happy for someone to come along please share the details of the meeting with Jane Warden [j.warden@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:j.warden@norfolkscouts.org.uk).

*All line managers and volunteers who will need a new DBS soon>*

**Disclosure checks (DBS)**

While face-to-face Scouting is suspended to support Government guidance on social distancing we are unable to perform DBS checks on new and existing volunteers. Until Scouting resumes face-to-face we should not add new members to Compass. We will also stop suspending volunteers when their disclosure expires. [Please read this update.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/09/disclosure-dbs-check-suspension)

All volunteers>

**Eurojam 2020**

The European Jamboree 2020 has been postponed and will now take place from 2-13 August 2021. All Norfolk participants and IST have been made aware, with more information being shared as it is released. Please contact Beka Millard (ACC International) if you have any queries.

*All volunteers>*

**After work drinks**

The County Commissioner is hosting after work drinks on Friday 17 April 18:30 – 19:30. The venue will be at yours and you will need to provide your own drink. This is a social event and if you’d like to attend [please sign up](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ccs-after-work-drink-tickets-102346980574) (attendance is limited).

*All volunteers>*

**Digital Museum**

We’ve opened the Norfolk Scouts’ Digital Museum on Facebook. This is a place for existing and previous members or friends of Norfolk Scouts to share memories, stories and artefacts. Sorry we now not everyone is on Facebook but this was the simplest technology to use at this time. J[oin in the DIgital Museum](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=So0C39H5jM0)

**Second chance …..**

*To all volunteers>*

**Eaton Vale Fire**

Sadly, there has been a fire at Iceni House, where the Norfolk Scouts County Office is located. Thankfully no one was hurt. Eaton Vale have asked that we share [this statement](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/02/iceni-house-fire).

*To all volunteers>*

**Let’s look out for each other**

As Scouting volunteers we meet up and get together frequently, we’re a community of friends and support each other. But now all of us are encouraged to stay at home to help our country.

For some of our adult volunteers, identified at the most vulnerable, this means that you may now feel quite isolated or lonely. We want to hear from you if you are an adult Scout member who is now self-isolating or not going out and would be grateful for a phone call every now and again just to hear another voice.

Or

If you are an adult Scout member who has the capacity to make a phone call every now and again to someone else in Scouting to help break up their day. Please contact [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk) if either apply to you.

*To all volunteers>*

**Trading Post**

Please note the Trading Post is now closed for all orders until further notice. If you have any postal correspondence for them please email [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk) and Karen can give you an alternative address.

*To all volunteers>*

**County Office Contact Details**

No post is now being delivered to the County Office at Eaton Vale. If you have any mail for the Office please email [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk) for an alternative address. The new telephone number for the County Office is 07383 009356.

*To All Group Administrators>*

**DBS renewals**

Please be advised that HQ are in the process of issuing guidelines for dealing with DBS checks during the Coronavirus restrictions.

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)