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County Updates – 7 May 2020 – Issue 166

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**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 ##**

**The County Office telephone number is now available again 01603 502246!**

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**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

*For people who can keep a secret>*

**Ssssssshhhhhh… we can’t say much…**

We encourage people to watch the One Show on BBC One at 7pm on Friday as it is likely to feature a focus on Scouting with an input from Norfolk.

*For everyone feeling a little meh>*

**Join in this Saturday for the NORJAM morning warm up!**

Last Saturday hundreds logged into Facebook or YouTube to take part in the morning warm up. [Find out more and watch Matthew have a go at our website](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/06/did-you-join-us-last-saturday). See you Saturday at 10am?

*For all volunteers>*

**Welcome to new County team members**

We’re delighted to welcome Jack Barrs as our new Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) Beaver Scouts. [Read more](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/06/meet-jack-acc-beavers)

*For all volunteers>*

**Keep up-to-date**

Keep yourself up-to-date with changes to Scouting during the coronavirus crisis by checking the special page of the Scouts website <https://www.scouts.org.uk/coronavirus>

We particularly recommend checking out the rule changes about executive meetings via video conference etc.

*For all volunteers>*

**We always need good news**

If you’ve got pictures of young people and adult achieving things and having a good time that can be shared publicly please get them to us. The easiest way is via our Facebook group [Norfolk Scouts – Good News!](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475505162582668/) We’re trying to fill social media with some of the more positive things is life.

*For all volunteers>*

**Virtual Scouts’ Own**

We’re organising a virtual Scout’s Own reflection led by our Assistant Chaplain, Rev. Paul Cubitt during week commencing 17 May 2020. If you’d like to come along [let us know via our website](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/07/virtual-scouts-own).

*For all volunteers>*

**Scout in the House Challenge - Update**50 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders have completed the challenge in the four weeks since it started. Can we make it 100 by the end of May? Last week we announced that you can track the challenge using Online Scout Manager and this week we are providing a worksheet to help young people keep track of their progress (thanks to Teo). [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Norfolks-Scout-in-the-House-Challenge.pdf) to download the Scout in the House Challenge. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Scout-in-the-House_WS.pdf) to download the handy worksheet.

*For all Leaders of the Young Leader Unit>*

**Module F – Making Scouting Accessible and Inclusive**

Liam has provided another one of the YL PoPs to use to help to deliver Young Leader Training.

[Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Module-F.pdf) to download the PoP

*For all Young Leaders and Adult Leaders>*

**Latest Programmes to Share**

William from 1st Taverham has shared some great films that help young people develop new skills by learning how to bake cookies, erect tents, light a fire and other skills for life.

[Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/programmes-to-share) to see the cookie baking resource and all the other programmes that have been shared.

Do you have a resource that you have created to support scouting at home that you could share?

*For all volunteers>*

**Challenging time for the Scouts**We recommend reading a recent blog article by Timm Kidd and Matt Hyde. They summarise the key information from the recent all members’ meeting and the challenges facing Scouting. [Find the blog here.](https://www.scouts.org.uk/news/2020/may/facing-challenging-times-together/?dm_i=31ME,11A7Y,6PX951,3Y21W,1)

*For all volunteers>*

**Virtual camps**

So many people are taking part in virtual camps, to bring people together even though we’re apart.

If you have any pictures, videos or words about your camps share them with [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk)and we’ll add them to our website. [Take at look at Fressingfield’s V-Camp](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/virtual-camps)

**Second chance …..**

*For Group Scout Leaders, Group and District Trustees>*

**Grants available to Scout Groups**

Some Government funding may be available to Scout charities through the Covid-19 relief funds. Several groups have already received substantial pay outs through the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief fund from Local District Councils. [Find out more.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/27/grants-that-may-be-available-to-scout-groups-and-districts-because-of-the-coronavirus-crisis)

*For all volunteers*

**VE Day 8 May: Mark it at home**

Friday 8 May is a bank holiday to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of VE Day. The celebrations of this event have had to be cancelled but there are still ways to take part at home. [More details.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/29/ve-day-how-to-take-part-at-home)

*For all Leaders>*

**Scout in the House is “live” on OSM**

If you use Online Scout Manager to track programmes you can now track your sections’ progress on our special challenge. [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/29/scout-in-the-house-is-on-osm).

*For all Leaders>*

**Live Streaming to FaceBook**

With many Scout Groups now using technology to “meet” with their young people during lockdown Teo from the County Media Team provides support to take the first steps into streaming [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Live-Streaming-to-FaceBook.pdf)

[Our County Calendar](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/calendar)

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