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County Updates – 14 May 2020 – Issue 167

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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 ##**

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>

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**Mental Health Awareness Week 18 – 24 May 2020**

Next week is [Mental Health Awareness (MHA) Week](https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week), an initiative spearheaded by the Mental Health Foundation.

This year the theme for MHA Week is **kindness.**

At this unique and unsettling time in our world it is important that we take time to investigate how the quantities of change, negative news and social distance is impacting us. As volunteers we’re excellent at looking out for our young people’s wellbeing but it is just as important that we look out for ourselves and each other too. [Read More](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/14/18-24-may-is-mental-health-awareness-week).

**Here are some articles to support MHA week**

*To help with understanding mental health>*

**Ongoing learning**

County Training Manager (Basics), Kim Smith shares details of some ongoing learning options to explore young people’s and our own mental health. [See more](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/14/mental-health-awareness-ongoing-learning)

*To help with reflection and spirituality>*

**Scouts’ Own**

Rev. Paul Cubitt will be leading a virtual Scout’s Own on Thursday 21 May at 19:00. Scouts have always taken moments to reflect together. Please let us know you would like to attend so we can share the Zoom details with you. [More details](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/07/virtual-scouts-own)

*To just have chat with friends>*

**CC’s After work drinks**

The County Commissioner will be hosting ‘after work drinks’ on Friday 22 May at 18:00. There’s no fixed agenda and there will be a raffle! Sign up to let us know you want to come. [Sign up](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/14/18-24-may-is-mental-health-awareness-week)

**This week’s updates**

New news or features this week…

*For people who missed it>*

**Well done Chippy (Sue Flynn)**

Beaver Leader and NHS Key Worker, Sue from 33rd Norwich was featured on the BBC One Show on Friday 7 May and received a message from Bear. [Find out more](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/10/well-done-chippy)

*For all volunteers>*

**Welcome to new County team members**

We’re delighted to welcome Paul Thorneycroft as our new Assistant County Commissioner (ACC) Explorer Scouts. [Read More](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/14/meet-paul)

*For all volunteers>*

**We marked VE Day**

Many of you took time to recognise the 75th anniversary of VE Day. [Here are some highlights](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/05/13/ve-day-75-the-norfolk-scouts-way-%f0%9f%87%ac%f0%9f%87%a7%e2%9a%9c%ef%b8%8f%f0%9f%87%ac%f0%9f%87%a7)

*For all leaders>*

**Top Awards badges and certificates**Following the county office fire, we’re now able to resume our service for registering Top Awards for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers, so that young people’s achievements can be recognised. [Order here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/top-awards)

*Programme updates>*

**Delivering a flexible programme during Covid-19 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**Young people can still work towards badges and awards while Scouting at home. The Scout Association has issued some great guidance for leaders to use.

**Night’s Away at Home –** Nights spent camping in a tent at home or sleeping in an indoor den count as a “night away”. [read full information](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/activities-and-badges-to-do-at-home/adapting-the-programme-during-coronavirus-crisis/nights-away-at-home/)

**The Young Leader Team** –Young Leaders can take part in online meetings with the section they work with. YL Training Modules B - J and YL Missions can take place online (as long as the District YL Team feel comfortable to do so) however HQ guidance is that Module A should not be delivered until face-to face Scouting resumes. [read full information](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/activities-and-badges-to-do-at-home/adapting-the-programme-during-coronavirus-crisis/the-explorer-scout-young-leaders-scheme/)

**Chief Scout’s Awards** – Young people can still work towards achieving the Chief Scout’s by adapting requirements where possible or adapting age limits for up to one term after moving to the next section or up to one year for certain elements of Awards. [read full information](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/activities-and-badges-to-do-at-home/adapting-the-programme-during-coronavirus-crisis/chief-scout-s-awards/)

**Challenge Awards and Activity Badges** – Young people can keep completing Challenge Awards and Activity Badges with some small tweaks to make them suitable for achieving at home. [read full information](https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteers/scouts-at-home/activities-and-badges-to-do-at-home/adapting-the-programme-during-coronavirus-crisis/challenge-awards-and-activity-badges/)

Any questions regarding Young Leaders [contact Liam](mailto:l.segust@norfolkscouts.org.uk) or for all other programme change enquiries [contact Shelly](mailto:m.o'keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk).

*For all volunteers>*

**Can you help?**

Are you a project manager or do you have experience in capturing requirements to define a project deliverables (Project initiation). Particularly in relation to infrastructure or building projects. If you’d be happy to share some experience please get in touch. [hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:hq@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

**Second chance …**

*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 Tim 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)

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