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County Updates – 14 February 2019 – Issue 105

**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…

**#YouShape**

February is #YouShape month, this month we’re encouraging more young people to make decisions, shape their own programmes and take on leadership roles. We know that many of you are taking part in #YouShape events and would love to hear what you get up to! [Take a look at this message from Graham, our Regional Commissioner.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/10/grahams-message-for-you-shape-month)

**District Commissioner – Southern Norwich**

The County Commissioner has accepted the resignation of Andy Keats as District Commissioner of Southern Norwich with immediate effect. We thank Andy for the time and energy he has committed in the District. In the absence of a DC please contact Matthew Burrell [m.burrell@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:m.burrell@norfolkscouts.org.uk) for any matters that you would normally contact the DC about.

**District Commissioner – Central Norfolk**

A search has been launched to find the next District Commissioner for Central Norfolk. This is a key strategic volunteer role that will work to ensure the young people in this part of Norfolk have the opportunity to gain skills for life. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/14/district-commissioner-central-norfolk-3)

**Safeguarding Training**

A safeguarding training session is being held at 2nd Dereham, Scout Haven, Shipdham Road, Toftwood, Dereham NR19 1PU on Wednesday 10 April, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Leaders from any Norfolk district are welcome to attend. Please contact Carol Goodbody on [cgoodbody2007@btinternet.com](mailto:cgoodbody2007@btinternet.com)

**Second chance**

**Census**

The Annual Census is now well underway, please ensure that your group or unit completes the return by your District deadline. [More Information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2018/12/06/census-2019)

**County Youth Commissioners**

We’ve got two vacancies for County Youth Commissioners to help support our Youth Shaped objectives. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/07/county-youth-commissioners)

**World Scout Jamboree seeks further IST**Applications have reopened for IST for the World Scout Jamboree this summer. [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/07/world-scout-jamboree-seeks-further-volunteers)

**World Scout Moot 2021**

The 16th World Scout Moot will be taking place in Ireland. Participants must be 18-25 at the date of the event, however if you are 26 or older you can attend as IST. [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/07/world-scout-moot-2021)

**Training Reminder**

Please be advised the closing date for the multi module training weekend planned for Friday 29, Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March 2019 will be Friday 15 March 2019.

**Assessing Risks**

A new risk assessment template and 'How to' guide [is now available](https://scouts-news.org.uk/31ME-U2HD-3D75FB-HIQV2-1/c.aspx). Completing risk assessments is an essential part of ensuring Scouts is as safe as possible for all of our members. This tool is designed to help you complete or review existing assessments.

**Duke of Edinburgh and Top Awards Support**

Pete Allen, our Lead D of E Advisor has some useful information for groups planning expeditions. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/02/07/duke-of-edinburgh-and-top-awards-support)

**Appointments Advisory Committee – Administration**

Form AR is being revised and the new version will be available from 1 April 2019 from the Scout Store. Appointments Secretaries may also wish to have a look at the January 2019  Factsheet FS310610  - [Guidance for the storing and destroying of adult appointment forms](https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4859/guidance-for-the-storing-and-destroying-of-adult-appointment-forms-fs310610?cat=268,368,406&moduleID=10).

**Appointments Advisory Committee – Support for Districts**

With sufficient notice the County Appointments Advisory Committee will be happy to support your DAAC if you are short of panel members. Please contact [m.evans@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:m.evans@norfolkscouts.org.uk)

**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.

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