

A new role - a fresh challenge...

Getting started in the County Team.

I am so pleased to join Matthew's team to strengthen the support Norfolk Scouts offers leaders and young leaders across the county.

For those that don't know me, I have worked for 22 years at Group, District and County level, primarily with Scouts and Explorer Scouts / Young Leaders. I have been involved with running the NORJAM Jamboree for many years. In 2006 and 2010 I led sub-camps then latterly I was accountable for the activities provision in 2014 and 2018.



If I had to say why I am a Scout and what it means to me, my answers are simple: I like to see young people given the opportunities that Scouting provides and sometimes life does not. And the Scout Promise and Laws are the guidelines for how I choose to live my life.

Over the first few weeks I plan to meet up with the team currently working in the programme workstream and from those talks we will then consider what other jobs need to be resourced as priority to offer more support across the county.

I hope that some new people may step forward to join the adventure!

Sharing Good Scouting News

The media team are always interested in hearing of the great Scouting taking place across the county, as am I, so please send all your stories to the media team so that your successes can inspire others to try something new or revamp and revisit an old favourite idea.

Contact the media team: media@norfolkscouts.org.uk

Last week I saw a Facebook post with fantastic photographs of Southern Norwich's youth forum. What a great event to promote youth led Scouting. Well done to everyone providing this opportunity.

The words of our Founder are often a source of good advice and these words of wisdom made me think...

"The Scoutmaster teaches Scouts to play the game, by doing so himself."

Robert Baden-Powell.

Scouting is a great game, and I strongly believe the more the leaders enjoy their Scouting, be it weekly meetings or night's away experiences, the more the young people in their charge will benefit from Scouting. To explore skills for life with young people or just have fun in a setting that allows everyone to be themselves in a safe environment is key to our success. Good programme is vital in growing our movement and the growth in numbers that we are striving for together.

Learn more. Share more.

I do fully understand that everyone's time is precious, mine included, and sometimes planning a new activity or undertaking an unfamiliar badge is time consuming. So one of the things I would like to do is provide some support tools to help every section, both with programme ideas and reviews. Programme One Pagers or POPs, I am hoping, will help leaders across all sections to share ideas and so save some of the time spent planning for meetings.

Could you POP ?

If you are interested in joining the sharing group to contribute to the POPs, come along for a chat, a cake and a cuppa to see how you could share your programme knowledge.

Please drop me an email to let me know you plan to come along to share your ideas and meet with like minded people.

When: Sunday 12th May : 10-12 or 13-15 or 16-18.

Where: ABC, Rowington Road. Norwich. NR1 3RR.

What's next...

Over the first few months, things may be a little bit quiet as I get to grips with my new role and talk to people across all the Districts, but I hope to share information with you weekly via the County Updates email process and make regular updates to the sectional pages on the county website: www.norfolkscouts.org.uk
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