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County Updates – 4 July 2019 – Issue 125

**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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**The Membership Award PoP**

This week’s Programme One Pager explores the meaning of the Membership Award (World Badge) design and is a useful handout for new members to guide them to achieve their first Scouting Award.

[Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Membership-PoP.pdf) to download the Membership Award PoP.

***For more information>***

**Matthew meets…**

Our new podcast, this week Matthew meet Beka Millard, Assistant County Commissioner (International) to discuss the importance of the international elements in our programme and how simple they can be to achieve. [Listen here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/07/03/matthew-meets-beka)

**For all>**

**Investiture Smiles all round!**Saturday 29 June was the hottest day of the year so far! 1st Smiles met at the headquarters of Nelson’s Journey in Little Plumstead for a special Scout meeting. [Read more…](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/07/03/investiture-smiles-all-round)

***For District Appointment Advisory Committee Members>***

**MIX**

The County Appointments Advisory Committee members invite all District Appointments Advisory Committee  to join them at MIX ( Meeting, Information and eXcitement) on 14 September from 0930-1400 hours. [More information.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2019/07/03/mix)

***For all Canoe & Kayak permit holders>***

**Calling all Canoe and Kayak permit holders**

We are looking for volunteers that hold a valid Canoe or Kayak permit holder to run Canoe and Kayak Sessions for the AFC County Explorer camp on Saturday 21 September 2019. If you are available to help please drop us a email on explorercamp2019@norfolkscouts.org.uk

***For all volunteers>***

**Emergency First Aid at Work Course**

An EFAW Course is being held at Blofield Heath on Thursday 25 July. The cost is £40 per head for the course and qualification.  There are a few spaces available. Contact David Wheeler davidawheeler@sky.com for more information.

***For all>***

**Trading Post**

The Trading Post will be closed for Summer from 4pm Saturday 27 July to 3pm Thursday 5 September. Thank you all for your continued support.

***For all working with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers***

**NEW BETA website pages**

The Scout Association website pages for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are now available in an interactive format that gives loads of information for young people, their parents and Leaders.

The Cub page has an additional programme planning tool linked to all the Awards and Badges to help leaders plan their programme.

(Beavers is due to launch in Spring 2020, followed by Scouts and Explorers in the Autumn)

[Click here for the latest news from Shelly](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/latest-news-from-shelly), which has links to all the NEW Beta pages.

**Second chance**

***For information >***

**South West Norfolk**

It is right, as a movement that we regularly review our support structures. An opportunity has arisen to review the District structure that guides and develops Scouting in the South West Norfolk area of our county. The County Commissioner has started a process to make a recommendation for future model. [More Information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Operational_Review_2019.pdf)

**For all members>**

**County Chair**

Following a selection process the County Commissioner has confirmed that his nomination for County Chair at our AGM in September will be Richard Garwood. Richard has previously volunteered with the 46th Norwich Scout Group and brings a wealth of experience from his background as a Financial Adviser and working with other organisations.

***For all volunteers>***

**Skills Weekend 28/29 September**

Bookings are coming in for a wide variety of activities and skills. We are in the process of finalising help which will be required and are looking for someone interested in leading the sessions covering Bivies, Shelters, Tents and Campsite Layouts. If this is something you would be interested in being involved in please contact us at skillsdays@norfolkscouts.org.uk

**Regular items**

**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)