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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.

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**## HAPPY ST GEORGE’S DAY ##**

**Tonight is the night that we’re going to renew our special Scouting promise. How will you and your young people get involved?**

**Join in**

Perhaps we’re hosting an online meeting tonight to renew your promise. Good luck! Make sure you take some pictures and share with us!

If you’re planning to show the [Norfolk Scouts TV show](https://youtu.be/0ZE_WGK_X98) take a look at the special [instruction on our website for Zoom](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/22/be-prepared) to ensure you’re sharing sound.

**Tune in**

Our TV show will start playing at 19:45 on YouTube. The TV show will guide you through each promise and talk about the law. [Just click the link and go.](https://youtu.be/0ZE_WGK_X98)

**Just stop**

Perhaps you’re a key worker, can’t make 19:45 or are not feeling up to an online meeting. Just take a minute this evening to stop and think about the impact Scouting makes and remake your promise with yourself.

What ever way is the best for you to get involved we’d love you to share your pictures on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. @NorfolkScouts using the tag #NorfolkPromise.

Good luck, well done, stay safe and thank you!

*For all>*

**We recognise good service and top awards**

No less than 11 people received recognition from the Chief Scouts or a Queen’s Scout Award that should have be celebrated this Sunday. We’ll find time to celebrate but while we wait here are photos of the [presentations that recently took place](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/22/st-georges-day-awards-2020). The [UK Roll of Honour](https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/awards/2020%20Roll%20of%20Honour%20(Updated%20170320).pdf?dm_i=31ME,114JR,6PX951,3XC3M,1) has recently been published take a read to find friends who need a well done card!

*For all>*

**Welcome to Kim**

We have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Kim Smith to the role of County Training Manager - Basics. [More information](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/23/welcome-to-kim)

*For All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders, Network and Adult Volunteers>*

**First achievers of the “Scout in the House” challenge**

Jack, a Beaver Kings Lynn was first to complete the “Scout in the House” Challenge. [Read Jack’s story](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/17/jack-is-first-to-complete-the-scout-in-the-house-challenge) to hear about the favourite activities he completed during his challenge.

[Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/scout-in-the-house) to have a look at some other great achievements the “Scout in the House” Challenge is inspiring from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

**First achievers of the “Badges 4 All” challenge**

Cat (Bengal Tiger), a Beaver Leader from Attleborough has created some fantastic resources for the Beaver Camp Craft Activity Badge. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/badges-4-all) to see the resources starting to build from the “Badges 4 All” Challenge.

*For all Leaders>*

**Programmes to Share**  
As part of our support for Leaders with Stay at Home Scouting Resources, we have created a place to share the materials being created by Leaders across Norfolk. If you have some fun activities or programme resources you have created to share with your section members, please email them to County Office to be added to the Programmes to Share page. [Click here](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/programmes-to-share) to see resources created to support the World Challenge Award for each section and shared with you by Carl (County Queen’s Scout Award Coordinator).

*For all volunteers>*

**Autism Spectrum Condition**

Got some time to put to a constructive use? Shirley Sinclair, County Training Manager for Managers, Supporters and Trustees highlights online training that can help ensure Scouting is open to everyone that can be recorded as ongoing learning. [Take a look here.](http://www.norfolkscouts.org.uk/2020/04/23/inclusion-supporting-young-people-with-autism)

*For Group Scout Leaders>*

**Help us support those who need it most**

Group Scout Leaders should have received an email yesterday from Tim Kidd and Matt Hyde asking for some important information to understand the impact to Scouting of the coronavirus crisis. Please see this [message from Matthew our County Commissioner for Group Scout Leaders](https://youtu.be/v72F75Y3n4A).

*For all volunteers>*

**County Commissioner’s drinks on a school night!**

Matthew, our CC will be hosting another after works drink event on Wednesday 29 April 19:00 – 20:00 . There’s no agenda or topics just turn up and have a chat. The last event was very popular. [If you’d like to come along book a place](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ccs-drinks-on-a-school-night-tickets-103421699086).

**Second chance …..**

*All volunteers>*

**Central Norfolk – Simon Lonsdale**

District Commissioner of Central Norfolk, Simon Lonsdale has been deployed abroad with the RAF the current length of posting is unclear. With the current suspension of face-to-face Scouting, Simon hopes to remain active via video conference etc. However, in case of emergency and to support Simon on location Deputy County Commissioner, Shelly O’Keefe. [m.o’keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk](mailto:m.o’keefe@norfolkscouts.org.uk) if helping out.

[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)

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