

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the fourth of the 2019/20 Season.

As always we aim to continue to provide you with engaging content from the various Norfolk FA departments as well as relevant information regarding what's on the horizon within the #NorfolkFootball calendar.

## 2019/20 FA GRASSROOTS SURVEY ANNOUNCED

The Football Association has announced its annual survey for participants in Norfolk to provide feedback on the grassroots football provision in the local area.



Players, coaches, parents, supporters, volunteers, referees, club and league officials across Norfolk now can highlight areas where they require support, suggest areas for improvement and outline the impact of particular campaigns or schemes.

Gavin Lemmon, Chief Executive of Norfolk FA, said: **"As always, we encourage everybody involved in Norfolk Football to take the FA's Grassroots Football Survey. It's a valuable piece of research which allows participants and volunteers within the grassroots game to have their say and to have an input on the future of local football."**

Find out more and take the survey by [clicking here](#).

## #NORFOLKFOOTBALLISPOSITIVE

This October we and all five of our Youth Football Leagues are working together to tackle negative behaviour within Norfolk Football with a localised campaign - Norfolk Football is Positive.

The aim is for our five Norfolk youth Leagues to engage with as many clubs and teams as possible, in order to positively impact the environment they create for their youth players – ensuring that each youth footballer in Norfolk is able to playing football in a fun & safe environment.



Football Development Officer (Women's & Girls') Harry Diggins said, **"This is a fantastic initiative and something which I'm very passionate about. I have been working with all five of our Youth Leagues as well as our Youth Council over the past 10 months to develop this localised campaign. We are wanting to reach out to every youth team playing Norfolk Football and are wanting to make sure the game is played in a fun, safe and enjoyable environment."**

We are also running a competition: Tweet us showing your support of #NorfolkFootballisPositive before November 1st & you could win 2 tickets to watch England face Montenegro in their final home Euro 2020 qualifier & 1000th International.

To find out more about the campaign please [click here](#). To view videos from the Campaign please [click here](#).

## CHRISTIAAN PARTRIDGE PHOTOGRAPHY

A Norfolk Photographer has shown support for grassroots football in the County by sponsoring Norfolk FA's Veteran's County Cup Competition which kicks off this weekend.

The partnership will see Norfolk FA and Christiaan Partridge Photography, enter into a mutually beneficial partnership, which will include the re-naming of the competition to the "The Norfolk Veterans' Cup in association with Christiaan Partridge Photography" for the 2019/20 season.



Marketing and Communications Manager at Norfolk FA, Rebecca Burton said: **"We're delighted to welcome**



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Christiaan on board as one of our official partners. He is a big advocate of the Veterans' game which is brilliant as our best relationships are with partners that are passionate about local football.

"Through working together, we will be able to further support the grassroots football locally, as well as provide valuable business exposure throughout what is sure to be an action-packed season of cup fixtures."

Read more by [clicking here](#).

## WIN WITH THE FA SUPERKICKS APP

Download, Play And Win For Free With The FA Superkicks App This Half Term. The FA Superkicks app is the fun football app for all children from 5-8 years old.



Developed by FA coaches in line with the England DNA our aim is to help children get active and learn football skills. With 100s of challenges to try in the app and points and badges for completing them, this is the ideal tool to keep your child entertained and active this half term. And it's a great opportunity for parents to brush up on skills and learn new ones to share with their little ones.

Read more by [clicking here](#).

## REFURBISHED PAVILLION REOPENED IN RACKHEATH

Residents of Rackheath can now enjoy the benefits of a multi-use community facility after the doors were opened to Rackheath Parish Council's extended and refurbished changing pavilion.



The refurbished changing pavilion was made possible thanks to investment from the Premier League, The FA and Government's Football Foundation.

Fran Whymark, Parish Councillor for Rackheath, said: "Supporting and promoting stronger and independent communities is a priority for Broadland District Council. The additional facilities at the new Sports Pavilion will offer real and lasting benefits for the residents of Rackheath and surrounding areas. As a resident I know the additional facilities offered will play a vital role in bringing the community together, for many years to come. I would like to thank Rackheath Parish Council and the Football Foundation for working together to make this project a reality."

To read more please [click here](#).

## DISABILITY FOOTBALL FORUM

We are looking to set up a disability football group/forum with individuals who are already involved with or would like to get involved with disability football within Norfolk.

The group will meet roughly three times a year and it will be an opportunity to network with clubs, organisations, schools, SEN schools and charities to look at ways we can grow the provision of disability football within Norfolk. It will be a forum where we can discuss ideas, share contacts and link up organisations and participants to start developing a better disability football provision within the County.

Does this sound like something you want to get involved in?

If so, please email Senior Football Development Officer (Inclusion), Rachel Cossey, [Rachel.Cossey@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Rachel.Cossey@NorfolkFA.com) to register your interest.

## CHARTER STANDARD UPDATE

### Annual Health Checks

This years' AHC window is now OPEN! Congratulations to the 40 Charter Standard clubs who have already been awarded. This is an incredible achievement and one you should be proud of!

After 1 month of the window being open, we are currently sitting at:

- Clubs 'Awarded': 40
- Clubs 'Submitted': 22
- Clubs 'In Progress': 52
- Clubs 'Not Started': 34

If your Annual Health Check is awarded by 5pm on 29th November, your club will be entered into a draw to win



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vouchers for Nike, Amazon or DiscountFootballKits.com worth up to £200!

If you need any support getting your Annual Health Check submitted, please contact [Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Anna.Larkins@NorfolkFA.com).

Click on the image to start the process!



## FREE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CLUB WITH EASYFUNDRAISING

It's official. We've launched with free cashback shopping website, [easy fundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help your club find a brand-new way to fundraise.

Secure extra income to help fund new kit, equipment, pitch hire, affiliation & more when you ask your players, coaches and supporters to use the easy fundraising website to do their ordinary online shopping with 4,000 leading retailers such as eBay, Amazon, John Lewis & Partners, Trainline, Booking.com, Just Eat & Decathlon.



Every time they make a purchase via easy fundraising – the retailer sends your club free cash.

To start raising much-needed money for your club today, visit - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/norfolk-fa>

## BECOME AN FA QUALIFIED REFEREE

The FA Referees Course is designed for anyone aged 14 and up who wants to join the tens of thousands of referees who operate week in week out on local parks, throughout the English football pyramid, up to those who officiate The FA Cup Final and on the International stage.



As a referee you play an integral role in ensuring all participants enjoy their match day experience, helping create a competitive, fair, safe and enjoyable playing environment.

The next course dates are Friday 10 January at Alive Leisure, King's Lynn & Friday 17 January at the FDC, Bowthorpe. Half price places available! Find out more and book on [here](#).

## NEW ONLINE GROUNDSKEEPING COMMUNITY

The FA has launched a new Online Groundskeeping Community. The online platform has been developed in partnership with the Institute of Groundsmanship to support volunteers and qualified groundskeepers to maintain pitches.

Throughout the football season The FA will post videos and news articles relating to pitch improvement. The online platform also allows users to share best practice and knowledge in relation to groundskeeping. There is no cost to join the programme, simply click on <https://thefa.hivelearning.com/groundskeeping/> to register. Once registered, the Hive Learning app for iOS or Android is the easiest way to access the community on the go.

## PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FDC

Our Football Development Centre based in Bowthorpe, Norwich is looking for part time staff to cover evening shifts throughout the week.

Staff will be required to undertake a mixture of reception and bar duties across the following weekly hours:

- Monday – 6pm-11pm
- Wednesday – 6pm-11pm
- Thursday 6pm-11pm

To apply or request further information, please email [Adam.Gusterson@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Adam.Gusterson@NorfolkFA.com). Applications should include a current and accurate CV.



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## SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK

Please be reminded that Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility.



Please contact our County FA Designated Safeguarding Officer, Ken D'Rosario via [safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com) or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.

## NORFOLK TEAMS IN FA COMPETITIONS

We have had teams compete in The FA Cup, The Women's FA Cup, The FA Vase and The FA Trophy.

### Results from The FA Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round:

- **King's Lynn Town** 2-1 Alfreton Town (replay)



### Results from The Women's FA Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round Qualifying:

- **Wroxham** 3-2 Wymondham
- Harlow 3-1 **King's Lynn Town**

### Results from The FA Trophy Extra-Preliminary Round:

- **Dereham Town** 1-2 Halesowen Town

### Results from The FA Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Qualifying:

- Leek Town 0-2 **King's Lynn Town**

### Results from The Women's FA Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Qualifying:

- **Norwich City** 3-2 Cambridge United
- Harlow 4-3 **Wroxham** (AET)

### Results from The FA Vase First Round Proper:

- **Wroxham** 6-2 Baldock Town
- **Norwich United** 4-1 Peterborough Northern Star (AET)



## FUNCTION ROOM HIRE AT THE FDC

TheFDC, Bowthorpe are offering a discount of £25 on any function booking made in 2019! Their rooms and fully licensed bar provide the ideal facility to celebrate any special occasion.



To find out more, please contact theFDC on 01603 704050 (Ext. 1) or email [theFDC@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:theFDC@NorfolkFA.com).

## AND FINALLY,

We hope all involved with #NorfolkFootball have enjoyed the start of the season and good luck for the rest of the campaign.

Best wishes  
**Norfolk County FA**