

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the seventh of the 2021-22 season. As always, we aim to provide you with all the latest information as grassroots football continues to be played across the County.

THE FDC ARENA PITCH

Work has continued on the construction of The FDC Arena pitch.

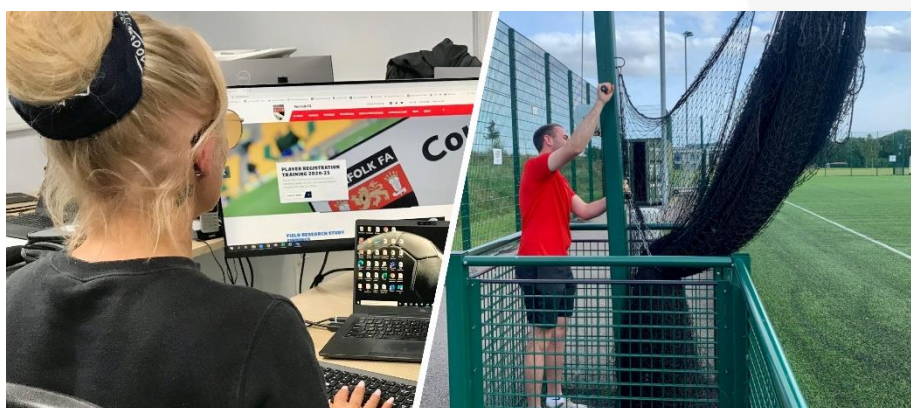
The latest developments have seen fencing installation beginning, spectator railings being erected, the curb areas are almost complete, and the floodlight columns have been concreted.



The project has been made possible thanks to a £250,000 grant from the Greater Norwich Growth Board and funding of £646,000 and is scheduled to be completed in the Spring. To read more about the full pitch works, please [click here](#).

CASUAL OPERATIONS ASSISTANT JOB OPPORTUNITY

We are looking to recruit a committed and enthusiastic member of staff to support the operations at our Football Development Centre hub site, TheFDC@OpenAcademy (NR7 9DL) on a casual basis.



If you feel you demonstrate the necessary, experience, skills and attributes required to fulfil the criteria for this exciting role, we would welcome your application.

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

THE FDC YOUTH CUP RETURNS FOR 2022

After a two-season break, Norfolk FA's biggest tournament returns this summer.



As per tradition the showcase summer tournament, held at The FDC in Bowthorpe, will see even age groups compete on the Saturday and odd age groups compete on the Sunday.

The tournament is taking place on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July and will see over 70 teams playing across six age groups, ranging from U6 to U11. For the first time, the tournament includes an U6 festival that will serve as a development opportunity for some of the County's youngest footballers.

The tournament costs just £30 and you can enter now. With age groups expected to fill fast, don't delay in confirming your team!

To read more about The FDC Youth Cup and to enter your team, please [click here](#).

REFEREEING IN NORFOLK FOOTBALL

Following the well documented Referee shortage that grassroots football has experienced this season, Norfolk FA's Referee Department is pleased to provide an update with regards to the current picture, highlighting the developments that have taken place over the course of the season so far. To read the update, please [click here](#).



We are also running an FA Referee Course on Friday 18 February and Sunday 20 February. The FA Referee Course is designed to equip new referees with the key skills and knowledge they will need to be able to referee grassroots football matches safely and effectively. It is for people aged 14 and over who want to referee mini soccer, 9 v 9 and/or 11 v 11 football.

Further details, including online booking information can be found on our Referee pages – [click here](#).

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THE FDC WOMEN'S & GIRLS' CUP IS BACK

The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup returns this summer and is set to be a festival for female football. The tournament is taking place on the weekend of 25th and 26th June 2022.



The FDC Women's & Girls' Cup will be held on the fully enclosed 3G artificial grass pitches at The FDC in Bowthorpe, Norwich. The tournament is a brilliant way to continue playing over the summer and also serves as a great way to get together with friends.

You can enter a Team into the following categories:

- U11
- U12
- U13
- U14
- U15
- U16
- Women

The tournament costs £30 per team and you can enter online by [clicking here](#).

LIONESSES TO TAKE ON SPAIN AT CARROW ROAD

England Women will take on Spain at Carrow Road in February in a new round robin tournament that has been unveiled as the Arnold Clark Cup, and tickets are on sale now.

The Arnold Clark Cup will see four of the world's top 10 teams clash this February, with Canada, joining England, Germany and Spain in the inaugural tournament.



Each team will play a round-robin match in Middlesbrough, Norwich, and Wolverhampton, giving fans across England the opportunity to see many of the world's top footballers.

To read more and purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

NORFOLK COACHES CPD WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to announce the dates of two upcoming Coaching CPD workshops.

Norfolk FA Female Coaching Community

Join the latest Female Coaches Community session, which offers females who are actively coaching in Norfolk Football an opportunity to connect with other likeminded individuals.

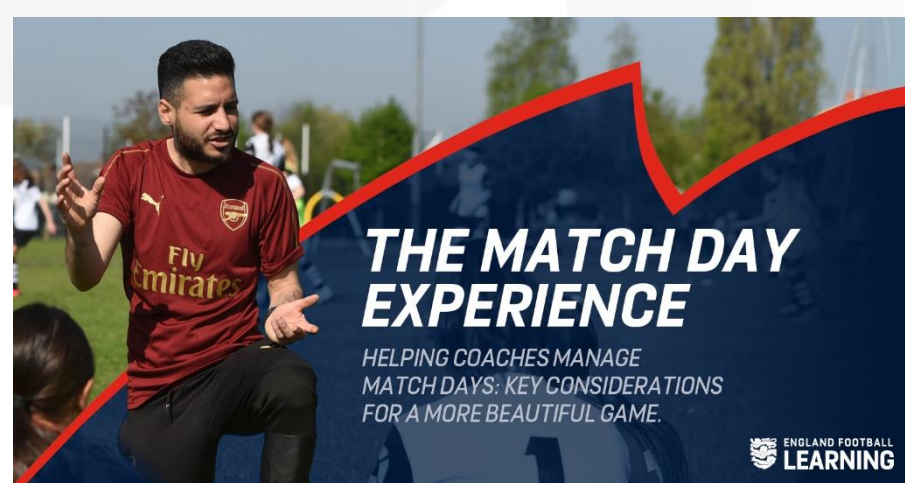
- **DATE:** Thursday 17th February 2022
- **TIME:** 6.30pm-7.30pm
- **VENUE:** Online (Microsoft Teams)
- **HOST:** Jo Williams (FA Coach Development Officer) & Harry Diggins (Football Development Officer)



The Match Day Experience

This workshop is designed to help coaches manage match days and understand the key considerations for a more beautiful game.

- **TOPIC:** The Match Day Experience
- **DATE:** Tuesday 22nd February 2022
- **TIME:** 6.30pm-9pm
- **VENUE:** The FDC (NR5 9ED)
- **HOST:** Amanda Greenslade (FA Coach Development Officer) & Harry Diggins (Football Development Officer)



To read more and book onto a CPD event, please [click here](#).

GROUP TICKETS TO UEFA WOMEN'S EURO 2022 NOW AVAILABLE

Tournament year is upon us and to celebrate we're giving groups an exciting opportunity to secure their tickets to UEFA Women's EURO 2022 in England this summer, ahead of general sale. The offer is open to all groups looking to attend the tournament from Schools, Colleges and Universities, to sports clubs, businesses and other community groups.



The tournament takes place across England, with matches being played in cities across the country including London, Manchester, Trafford, Wigan & Leigh, Sheffield, Rotherham, Milton Keynes, Brighton & Hove, and Southampton. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis, and start from just £5 Concessions (U16s) and £10 Adults plus for every nine concession tickets sold an adult goes free.

To find out more and purchase your tickets, please [click here](#).

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE FDC

Celebrate your child's special day with friends and family by hosting their Birthday party at The FDC!

With access to one of eight state-of-the-art 3G pitches, and it's cool new private party room, The FDC can deliver a fun and exhilarating football experience for your child and their friends.



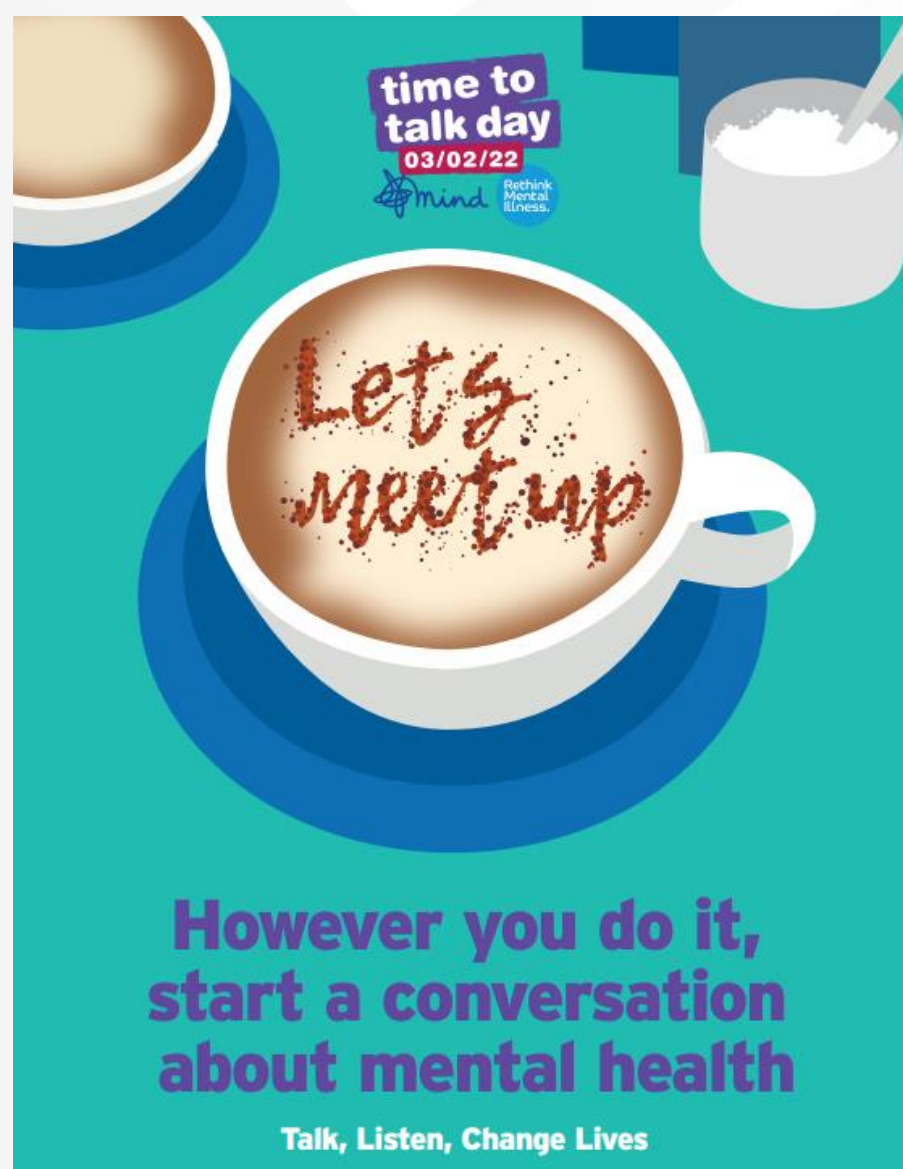
The Champions League party option includes a hot food package, Norfolk FA coach and dedicated party host - ensuring the group is fully entertained and supervised - delivering a relaxing, stress-free experience for the adults! The Birthday child also gets a special football themed gift and all of the children in the party group receive awesome party bags.

Let The FDC staff make your child feel like the Ballon d'or winner on their birthday, while giving you peace of mind to sit back and relax. To read more, please [click here](#).

TIME TO TALK DAY 2022

It's [Time to Talk Day](#) on Thursday 3 February 2022: a day centred around creating supportive communities by having conversations with family, friends, and colleagues about mental health.

We know that talking and listening about mental health has the power to change lives. Each conversation we have contributes to reducing mental health stigma, helping to create supportive communities where we can talk openly about mental health and feel empowered to seek help when we need it.



This Time to Talk Day we are inviting local business to host a Tea and Talk event to encourage mental health conversations within our communities. Pop the kettle on, enjoy a biscuit, get together, and have a conversation about mental health. If you want to spread the love even further, why not host a bake sale and help us raise much needed funds to ensure no one in Norfolk and Waveney has to face a mental health problem alone.

Talking about mental health doesn't need to be awkward so to help you celebrate and share the positivity this Time to Talk Day, you can download some conversation starter tools, bunting, a poster template, and social media graphics by [clicking here](#).

You could use your social media accounts to get as many people as possible within your networks involved in Time to Talk Day too. Here's some suggestions to get you started and remember to use #TimeToTalk hashtag and tag in Norfolk and Waveney Mind using our social handles below to show your support, and of course your selfies with brew in hand!

Twitter [@NorfolkMind](#), Instagram [@norfolkandwaveneymind](#), Facebook [@norfolkandwaveneymind](#), LinkedIn [@norfolkandwaveneymind](#).

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SPONSOR A PITCH AT THE FDC

Our Football Development Centre in Bowthorpe comprises of multiple small-sided 3G pitches, and a soon to be 3G 11-a-side pitch.



The small-sided pitches can be seen clearly by users of the centre and are a great way to promote your company or business. Please see above an example of the latest pitch sponsored by our long-term partners, [Wensum Print](https://www.wensumprint.co.uk).

As well as having the physical visibility of the pitch banner surrounding, the pitch will obtain your organisation's naming rights. In addition to this, you will become an official supporter of Norfolk football and have a website presence on NorfolkFA.com.

If you are interested in sponsoring a pitch at The FDC or want to find out more information about becoming a partner of Norfolk FA, please e-mail Marketing@NorfolkFA.com.

HARROD SPORT'S RON HARROD FOUNDATION

In 2018, Harrod Sport created the Ron Harrod Foundation with the sole aim of providing vital funding to talented sportsmen and women under 25 in the East of England. The money can be used for a number of things including competition entry fees, equipment costs, travel and more.



Applications are now open for nominations for an athlete or athletes to receive up to £5,000 of funding in 2022. They welcome nominations from all including previous nominees and those who may have been unsuccessful in the preceding years. Be quick, nominations close on Friday 4 February, just complete the form by [clicking here](#).

MADE TO ORDER MEDALS & TROPHIES WITH 4TROPHIES

It's getting to the time of year where you and your club are beginning to plan for end of season awards and summer tournament awards. Visit 4sportsgroup.com/trophies-catalogue to see the brand new Trendsetting Awards 2022 catalogue.

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AND FINALLY

We will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance while grassroots football is being played, and we ask that everybody continues to pull together and support one another as much as possible.

Best wishes,
Norfolk County FA