

## WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the first of 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.

### MATTHEW CARPENTER NAMED NEW CEO OF NORFOLK FA

Norfolk FA are delighted to announce the appointment of Matthew Carpenter as the Association's new Chief Executive.



Matt will succeed outgoing CEO Gavin Lemmon who has held the position for the past four seasons and will now embark on a new journey of his own, having been recently appointed as Regional Manager at The FA.

Currently in the role of Head of Football Services, Matt will commence his tenure as Chief Executive in the coming weeks, starting a new chapter in his time at Norfolk FA which already spans an impressive 12 years.

To read the full story of Matt's appointment please [click here](#).

### STEP 4 UPDATE ON 'NON- ELITE' FOOTBALL

Earlier this month, The FA provided an update on 'non-elite' football regarding Step 4 of the Government's roadmap.

This updated guidance which covers Steps 3-6 of the National League System (NLS), Tiers 3-6 of the Women's Football Pyramid and grassroots football (including Regional NLS Feeder Leagues), came into effect on Monday 19 July.



To read the full guidance please [click here](#).

### NORFOLK FA STATEMENT: DISCRIMINATORY ABUSE

Norfolk County Football Association strongly condemns all forms of discrimination, and like most of the Country, we are appalled by the online racism that has been aimed at members of the England Men's Senior Team on social media.

We support The FA, and our fellow County FA's in the request for Social Media companies to do more, as well as appropriate legislation being brought in to bring real life consequences to these actions.



To read the full statement, please [click here](#).

### AFFILIATION AND PLAYER REGISTRATION FOR THE 21/22 SEASON

Club Affiliation remains free for the 2021/22 Season as we recognise the impact COVID-19 has had on many of our grassroots Clubs. However, we will be reintroducing a £5 per team supplement fee.

Furthermore, our insurance partner Sportsguard have also confirmed that all personal accident insurance fees will be reduced compared to the previous Season due to the impact of the pandemic. To read more about 2021-22 affiliations please [click here](#).



For the 2021/22 season, we are keen to ensure that all those involved in registering players for the club have their relevant training on the new Club Portal. The new [Club Portal](#) replaced the Whole Game System back in March for Player Registration so many of you may be familiar with the system already.

We are running drop-in sessions where the registration team will be on hand to answer any questions or queries you may have.

To find out more please [click here](#)



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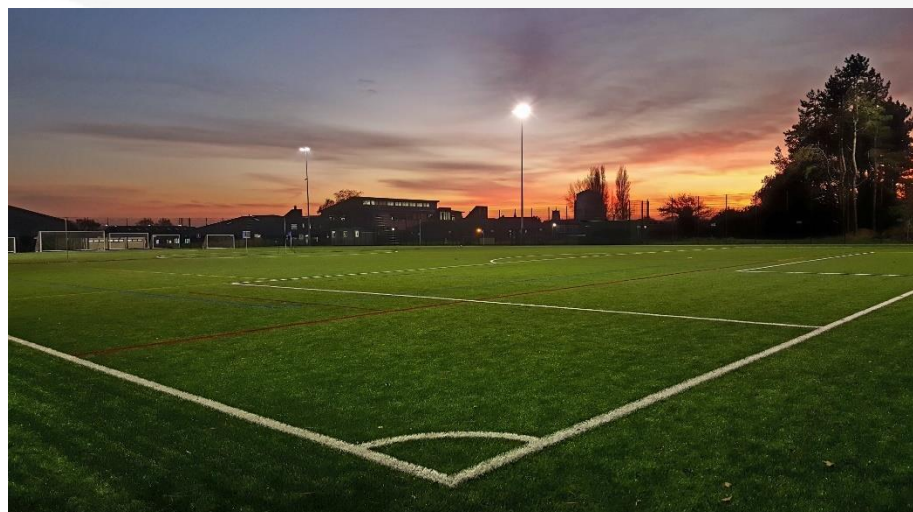


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## SUMMER PAY & PLAY AT THEFDC@FLEGG

theFDC@Flegg is pleased to announce that Pay and Play will once again be available throughout the Summer Holidays.

Pay & Play gives everyone the chance to play football on the Norfolk County Football Association's newest 3G artificial pitch for just £3 per person for as long as the centre is open!



To view all the Pay & Play times please [click here](#).

## NEW LOOK REFEREE DEPARTMENT

The Norfolk FA Referee Department will have a new look for the 2021/22 season.

After 7 years of dedicated service, our current Referee Development Officer, David Robinson, officially retired from his role on 30th June. Replacing David as Referee Development Officer is Harvey Newstead. Harvey has been an active member of the referee community for the past 6 years and a Norfolk FA employee for the past 2 years.



We also have a new face joining the team from 19th July as we welcome Ryan Starkey as the Association's newest staff member, taking up the role of Referee Appointment Officer (Saturday). To read more please [click here](#).

## THE NORFOLK FA NOTICEBOARD

The [Norfolk FA Noticeboard](#) is where you can post content related to #NorfolkFootball such as advertising for players, coaches or volunteers.

You are now able to post opportunities or advertisements on the noticeboard without the need to contact Norfolk FA directly. Posts can include hyperlinks such as email addresses and websites, not to mention graphics and photos.

The Noticeboard will be regularly monitored by Norfolk FA staff and we reserve the right to remove unsuitable or inappropriate posts.

## THE NORFOLK FA COACHES CLUB RETURNS FOR 2021-22

Norfolk FA is pleased to announce the return of the Norfolk FA Coaches Club for the 2021/22 season. The club will allow coaches in Norfolk Football an opportunity to commit to their development by accessing events and exclusive coaching content across the season.



Following The Football Association's announcement in relation to Coach Education courses, Norfolk FA will only provide localised CPD for our coaches in Norfolk Football. We are committed to bring likeminded and dedicated individuals from our coaching community together, to continue to develop their knowledge of the game within our Coaches Club.

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

## REFEREE COURSES FOR THE 2021-22 SEASON

Norfolk County FA are pleased to announce the upcoming dates for The FA Referee course.

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.



To read more about The FA Refereeing Course and book on please [click here](#).



## NEW WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL AT THE FDC

We are running Women's walking football sessions at the FDC in Bowthorpe.



There is no cost to attend the sessions and is open to all women aged over 16. No previous playing experience is required, and it is a great way to make new friends as well as keeping active and healthy.

The next session is Thursday 5 August and to find out more please e-mail [Harry.Diggs@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Harry.Diggs@NorfolkFA.com).

## ENGLISH FOOTBALL INTRODUCES NEW GUIDANCE FOR HEADING AHEAD OF 2021-22 SEASON

English football will introduce heading guidance across every level of the professional and amateur game from the start of the 2021-22 season.



The new guidance, which is specifically focused on training sessions where most of the heading occurs, has been designed to meet the requirements of each level of English football. The guidance will be applicable to clubs in the Premier League, EFL, Barclays Women's Super League, FA Women's Championship, the National League System, the Women's Football Pyramid Tiers 3 and below, all grassroots football, and across the England national teams.

Read the new guidance by [clicking here](#).

## NEW COUNTY 5IVES LEAGUES

A new season of County 5IVES is starting soon at the FDC in Norwich. Have fun and keep fit with your mates in 50-minute games of 5-a-side football. As the re-registration period for these divisions continues, [get in touch](#) to find out about available vacancies.

The FDC in Bowthorpe also hosts a Women's League on a Monday evening with games being played between 7pm-10pm and only costing £25. To find out more about the Women's league please e-mail [County5IVES@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:County5IVES@NorfolkFA.com) or [click here](#).

Norfolk's largest small-sided football leagues are coming to Aylsham!

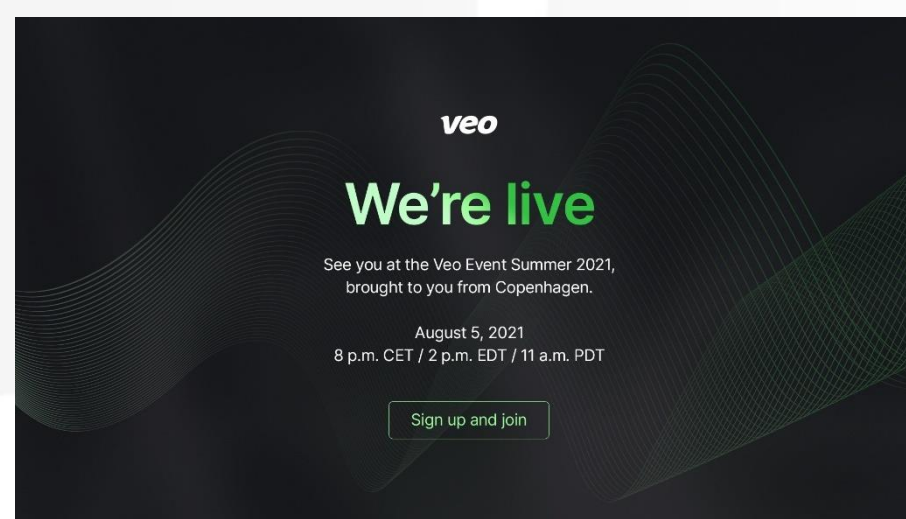
- **Venue:** Aylsham Sports Hub,
- **Date & Time:** Thursday Nights, 7:30pm-10pm
- **Fixtures:** 40 Minute Fixtures
- **SPECIAL PRICE:** ONLY £25 PER MATCH



[Register your interest](#) now for the league starting on Thursday 23 September.

## VEO LIVE – SUMMER 2021

Our partners, Veo, are hosting an online event on Thursday 5 August and you can sign up for free by [clicking here](#).



During the event they will be launching a sports technology innovation that will allow every team to level up and change grassroots sports forever.

## 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