

WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin. As the football season draws to a close, the last month has seen many Cup finals take place, congratulations to all that have lifted silverware this season.

THE NORFOLK FA COUNTY CUP FINALS

All 11 of the Norfolk County Cup finals have taken place in the last month with the Ashtons Legal Senior Cup and Harrod Sport Women's Cup taking place at the home of Norwich City FC, Carrow Road. The remaining nine cup finals all took place at Harrod Sport Arena, The FDC. Please see below the winners of this year's competitions:

The Ashtons Legal Senior Cup Winners 2022

Mulbarton Wanderers

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The Norfolk Junior Cup Winners 2022

Wymondham Town

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The Norfolk Intermediate Cup Winners 2022

UEA 'A'

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The 4Work Primary Cup Winners 2022

Sprowston 'A'

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The Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup Winners 2022

Long Stratton

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The Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Winners 2022

Young Boys

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The John Savage Cup Winners 2022

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The Stuart Dracup Cup Winners 2022

Blofield United Youth

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The Norfolk Under 12's Cup Winners 2022

Attleborough Town

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The One Broker Veteran's Cup Winners 2022

Costessey Sports Y.B.V

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The Harrod Sport Women's Cup Winners 2022

Wymondham Town

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ONE BROKER RIDERS ON 70-MILE CYCLE

14 cyclists rode 70 miles to raise money for The Papworth Trust, The Ambulance Staff Charity and St Martins Housing Trust.

In recent years, Norfolk FA have been no stranger to tackling mammoth cycling challenges, having cycled all across our County in efforts to raise money for good causes. Recently, one of our partners, One Broker and its business associates undertook a similar feat, riding the not inconsiderable distance of 70 miles – all in the name of charity.



The ride took the intrepid cyclists from One Broker's Cambridge office and out into the countryside, where they followed a carefully mapped-out route to finish at the company's Norwich base.

Spurring them along was their fundraising total, which they set at £1,500. The funds raised will be split equally between three causes that lie close to One Broker's heart: The Papworth Trust, The Ambulance Staff Charity and St Martins Housing Trust.

Congratulations to all riders! To make a donation, please visit their GoFundMe page by [clicking here](#).

CLUB AFFILIATION FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON

Norfolk County FA are pleased to announce that the Club Affiliation window for the 2022/23 Season is now open.



We have restructured our Club affiliation model to ensure that the pricing more accurately reflects the level of service and support provided by Norfolk FA at different levels of the game and across the various formats of football that we facilitate. This means that unlike in previous seasons, Clubs will no longer be required to pay a club level affiliation fee as we move to an entirely team based pricing structure.

To read more about Club Affiliations for the 2022/23 season, please [click here](#).

WE NEED YOUR HELP - ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB TO 'TALK TO US!'

Earlier this season we launched the new 'Talk to us!' initiative which encourages both adults and children to report any potential concerns regarding safeguarding and poor practice.

By streamlining the reporting process through providing a quick and easy online form (which can be filled in anonymously) we have aimed to give people more confidence when it comes to reporting and empower them to whistle blow if they see something that doesn't seem right.

We have also utilised our new child friendly mascots 'The Safe Squad' to spread this important message to Norfolk's youth footballers in a new, dedicated section of the website known as ['The Cub House'](#).



Click on the image above to visit the new page on our website which enables people to access the form at the touch of a button.

In addition, we have created several marketing assets featuring scannable QR codes to highlight our new safeguarding promotion, promote The FA's 'Play Safe' message and for people to access the form with their smartphone or tablet.

The 'Talk to us!' initiative has proven successful so far, and we are now asking Norfolk clubs and leagues to support the 'Talk to us!' message by promoting it to their members.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Add a link to the ['Talk to us!'](#) page on your website
- Promote the 'Talk to us!' link on your social media
- Have a conversation with your members about the 'Talk to us!' initiative and the importance of reporting concerns
- Encourage youth footballers to visit 'The Cub House' section of our website to learn more about playing safe
- Download our selection of marketing materials and share to your members digitally
- Print our selection of marketing materials and display in your clubhouse or matchday facilities

For more information about ensuring your club is doing all it can to promote Safeguarding and good practice, please email Safeguarding@NorfolkFA.com.

For support in promoting Safeguarding messaging to your members, please email Marketing@NorfolkFA.com.

NORFOLK COUNTY FA'S SECOND EVER WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

We are delighted to announce that we will be running our second ever Women's Walking Football Festival on Sunday 12th June between 11am-2pm at The FDC.



The festival will be a relaxed, fun environment to enjoy a new adapted version of the game with a group of friends or established Women's Walking Football groups.

The games will be 7-a-side and played on the 3G enclosed pitches. The festival will be a Women's Euro theme, and each entered team will be allocated a Country who is competing in this summer's competition.

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

THE FDC WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' CUP

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.

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

TAKE UP THE WHISTLE IN THE 2022/23 SEASON

We are pleased to confirm the first set of dates for the 22/23 season's FA Referee Courses.



After an excellent season of Match Official recruitment which saw 145 newly qualified Referees, we are looking to add to our existing cohort. So, if you've ever thought about taking up the whistle, book your place now.

Refereeing is a great way to keep fit, meet new people, stay involved in football, and earn a bit of additional income. Committed Officials can be rewarded with County Cup Final appointments and Refereeing can even become a viable career opportunity for those progressing up the promotion pathway.



The first course of the upcoming season will take place at The FDC, Norwich on Tuesday 5th and Saturday 9th July. There is also a course at Downham Town FC taking place on Friday 8th and Sunday 10th July.



To read more about Referee Courses in the 2022/23 season, please [click here](#).

NORFOLK TEAMS TASTE REGIONAL SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce that seven Norfolk teams have achieved promotion within or into Regional Football Leagues.

Congratulations to Heacham FC who will compete at Step 6 next season after being crowned champions of the Fosters Solicitors Anglian Combination, Premier Division and gaining promotion into the Thurlow Nunn League, Division One North.

Congratulations to Sheringham FC who were crowned Thurlow Nunn, Division One North champions and will compete in the Thurlow Nunn, Premier Division next season. They will be joined by Harleston Town FC who won promotion into the same League after wins against Framlingham Town and Downham Town in the play-offs.



Congratulations to Gorleston FC who were crowned Thurlow Nunn League, Premier Division champions and will compete in the Pitching In League, Division One North next campaign. They will be joined by Wroxham FC who also gained promotion to step 4 after finishing second behind Gorleston.

Two teams have also been regionally promoted within the Women's Football Pyramid, in Norfolk.

Congratulations to Fakenham Town FC who finished third in the Norfolk Women & Girls' Football League, Division 1. The Ghosts will now play in the Eastern Region Women's Football League, Division One North.



Finally, congratulations to Wymondham Town FC who were crowned champions of the Eastern Region Women's Football League, Premier Division and will compete in The FA Women's National League, Division One South East alongside fellow Norfolk side, Norwich City FC.

KICK OFF YOUR CAREER IN FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

So, You Want A Career In Football? Well Now's Your Chance!

Work in a role where you can make a real difference to people's lives through football.



An exciting opportunity has become available for a driven and innovative individual with a passion for driving disability participation, to join the football development team on a part-time basis.

Do you have what it takes to make a difference and play your part in changing lives through the power of grassroots football? If so, we'd welcome your application.

To view the full job description and more information, please [click here](#).

SAFEGUARDING IN FOOTBALL FOR PARENTS/CARERS

The FA is committed to safeguarding children across the game in England. From ensuring best practice and recognising poor practice to understanding how to report concerns quickly and effectively, we believe that making football fun, enjoyable and safe is everyone's responsibility.



Our Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers' course is designed to help you to make an informed choice about the football setting you enrol your child in.

To complete the course, please [click here](#).

WELFARE OFFICERS COURSE

Dates are available in May, June & July for the FA Welfare Officers Course.



The online, interactive course is mandatory for anyone taking on the role of Welfare Officer at their club or league.

Delivered via a virtual classroom, learners should expect an interactive session and will be encouraged to participate through a chat function as well as via microphone, where relevant.

During this course you will cover:

- Safeguarding frameworks
- Taking action
- Recruitment, education, monitoring and compliance
- Children's voices

To book your place, visit The Boot Room by [clicking here](#).

AND FINALLY

As always, we will continue to do our best to offer support and guidance as we approach the end of 21/22 and prepare for 22/23, if you need us, do not hesitate to get in touch using the relevant channels provided.

Best wishes,
Norfolk County FA