

# Norfolk County FA Bulletin

November 2019



## WELCOME

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

## GLOBAL SPORTS MANUFACTURER SUPPORTS FOOTBALL IN NORFOLK

Norfolk County Football Association are delighted to announce that [Harrod Sport](#) have become an official partner to the association and a supporter of grassroots football in Norfolk.



One of the world's biggest sports equipment manufacturers has signed a three-year agreement with Norfolk County FA which will see them become a lead partner to the Association.

Gavin Lemmon, Chief Executive of Norfolk FA said: **"Harrod Sport are a globally recognised company and I'm delighted that they have chosen to become a partner to Norfolk FA. They are an organisation that is trying to make a difference; the formation of the Ron Harrod Foundation is evidence of that."**

Find out more about the partnership by [clicking here](#).

## NORFOLK FA ENTERS GROUND-BREAKING AI PARTNERSHIP

A Danish sport recording and analysis company has shown support for grassroots football in the County by sponsoring Norfolk FA's official media brand, NCFA TV.

Based in Copenhagen, Veo specialises in football match recording and analysis. The Veo camera uses artificial intelligence to cleverly film and piece together footage

captured by two lenses, allowing teams to 'record without a cameraman'.



Market Manager (UK) at Veo, Oli Perkins said: **"After visiting the Norfolk FA and realising how dedicated they were to creating communities around football and developing talent, a partnership was an absolute no-brainer."**

As part of the partnership, Norfolk clubs will be able to receive a **£100 discount** on the product using the code **100norfolk**. To learn more please [click here](#).

## #NORFOLKFOOTBALL PLEDGE PROJECT

The pledge project is designed to promote disability football within Norfolk. We want clubs to take the pledge to improve disability football by committing to do what they can to create opportunities within the game across the County.



Your club can select from either of the three different levels of pledge available, bronze, silver or gold. Each category has certain criteria which means you can select the relevant level suitable for your club. Whatever level you select you will be having a massive impact on #NorfolkFootball and contributing to the growth of disability football.

We want more opportunities to play disability football in Norfolk and you can help. Whether your commitment is small or large we want you to get involved and make a difference to #NorfolkFootball. Clubs can access funding to outsource to external organisations to deliver initial sessions within the club or to deliver sessions to instigate interest i.e. school's delivery. Clubs can access funding up to £450 via the disability starter pack. This funding can be used for marketing, coach education, facility hire or equipment.

Read more be [clicking here](#).



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## INGOLDISTHORPE FC BENEFIT FROM FA HEART SAFE CLUBS INITIATIVE

Ingoldisthorpe Sports and Social Club has had a new defibrillator installed thanks to funding from the Parish Council and a discount through The Football Association. The FA's Heart Safe Clubs scheme was first launched in 2017 to allow all grassroots clubs in England to apply for a defibrillator via the dedicated website – [Click here](#).



Norfolk County FA Football Development Officer, Anna Larkins, said: **"It is great to see the Club taking these steps to further ensure the safety of their players and members. We would urge any clubs without a defibrillator to make the most of this FA initiative before it expires at the end of December."**

Read more by [clicking here](#).

## PLAY AT THEFDC@OPENACADEMY ON A SATURDAY MORNING

With the weather taking a turn for the worse, theFDC@OpenAcademy still has pitch availability on a Saturday morning – perfect for your game play or an extra training session. Saturday morning hire is discounted – starting at just £20 per quarter per hour. If you're interested, then please call us on 01603 704050 ext. 3.



## 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 is 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? Our first meeting will take place at County HQ on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm.

Please email Senior Football Development Officer (Inclusion), Rachel Cossey, [Rachel.Cossey@NorfolkFA.com](mailto:Rachel.Cossey@NorfolkFA.com) to book your place.

## CHARTER STANDARD UPDATE

### Annual Health Checks

Congratulations to the 53 Charter Standard clubs who have already been awarded. This is an incredible achievement and one you should be proud of! You have all been entered into the prize draw at the end of the month.

If your Annual Health Check is awarded by 5pm on 29th November, your club will be entered into a draw to win vouchers for Nike, Amazon or DiscountFootballKits.com worth up to £200!

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

Click on the image to start the process!



### Charter Standard WebEx: Community and Development Club Update

A full update on all things Charter Standard for Norfolk FA Community & Development Clubs, all from the comfort of your own home! This online meeting will inform you of the



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changes, benefits and opportunities for 2019-20 season onwards, with the opportunity to share best practice as well!

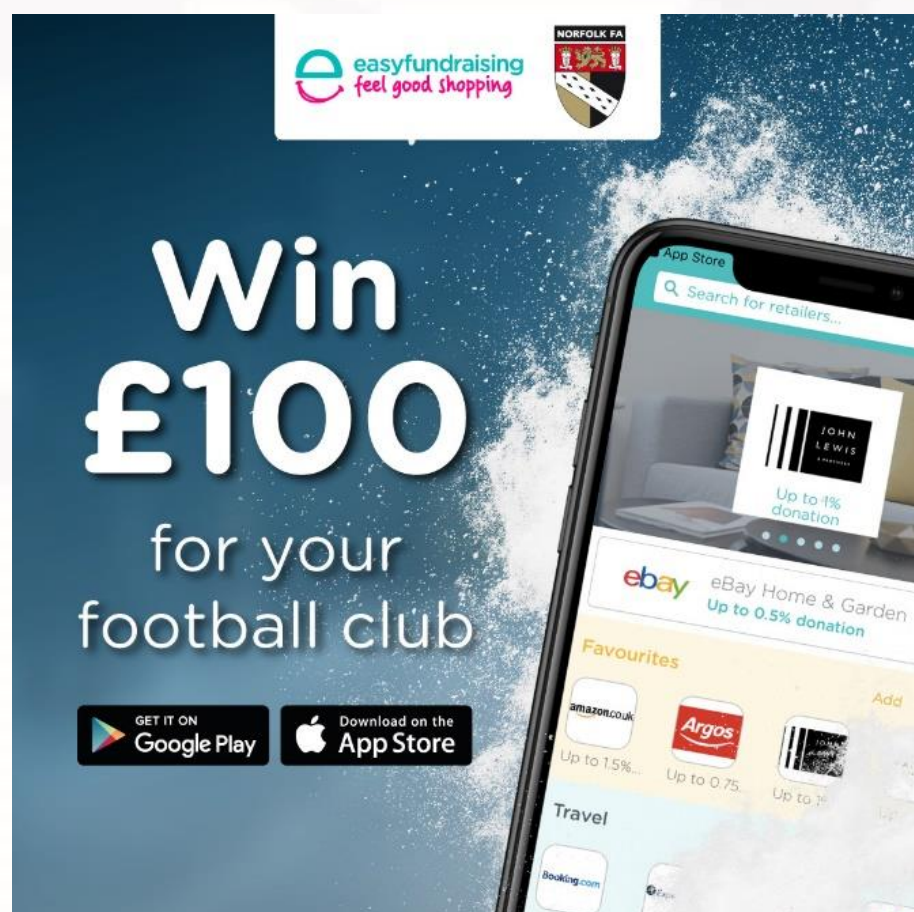
**WebEx will take place on 3rd December at 7pm.**

Any Youth Charter Standard Clubs interested in becoming a Development Club are more than welcome to join the WebEx to gather further knowledge of what will be involved!

Book your place on the WebEx here: [WebEx: Community & Development Club Update](#)

## FREE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CLUB WITH EASYFUNDRAISING

5,400 football clubs are already using free fundraising website [easyfundraising](#) to help turn their online shopping into free cashback donations. To date, they've raised close to £700,000.



As an added bonus this Christmas, easyfundraising are giving your club the chance to win a £100 donation.

For a chance to win, ask people connected to your club to download the free easyfundraising app before December 15th and they can help give back to your club simply by doing their everyday online shopping. [Click here.](#)

## NEW FUNDING TO SUPPORT REFEREEING IN WEST NORFOLK

The RB Trucks North West Norfolk League have announced details of a bursary that they are offering to help support Norfolk County FA in addressing the shortage of Referees in West Norfolk.

With coverage in the League dropping below 80% for the first two months of the season, more Referees are needed in the area to help support the local game.



Norfolk FA are running a Referee's Course at Alive LynnSport commencing on Friday 10th January 2020 and the League bursary will be available to anybody who completes the course and becomes fully qualified, providing they then Referee games in the RB Trucks North West Norfolk League. Read more by [clicking 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.

## WOMEN'S WALKING FOOTBALL SESSIONS

theFDC@OpenAcademy is starting a new Women's Walking Football Session running every Friday for any female aged 16+!





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Walking Football is exactly as the name suggests – you play football, walking. This inclusive, fun and sociable version of the game is slow-paced but lacks none of the passion or excitement of the original game.

Whether you're looking to keep active, stay fit, or simply want to play for the love of the game, walking football offers the perfect opportunity to take to the pitch.

The sessions at theFDC@OpenAcademy will run weekly start on Friday 10th January 2020 from 7pm to 8pm. If you are interested in giving Walking Football a go why not express your interest by [clicking here](#).

## 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 and The FA Vase this month.

Results from The FA Cup 4<sup>th</sup> Qualifying Round:

- Nantwich Town 1-0 **King's Lynn Town**

Results from The Women's FA Cup 3<sup>rd</sup> Round Qualifying:

- Ipswich Town 6-1 **Norwich City**

Results from The FA Youth Cup 1<sup>st</sup> Round Proper:

- **Dereham Town** 0-1 Peterborough United (AET)
- Ipswich Town 6-1 **King's Lynn Town**

Results from The FA Vase 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Proper:

- **Wroxham** 5-2 White Ensign
- **Norwich United** 1-2 Kirkley & Pakefield



## NOTICEBOARD

Are you a club looking for players, a player looking for a new team?

The Norfolk FA Noticeboard is where you can advertise anything related to Norfolk Football. Need equipment? Looking for volunteers? Submit your post now!

To view the Noticeboard please [click here](#).

## 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 season thus far and good luck for the rest of the campaign.

Best wishes

**Norfolk County FA**