

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

May 2021



WELCOME

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

NORFOLK COUNTY CUPS ROUND-UP

Ingrams Inspire Greens to Victory

Gorleston won the Ashtons Legal Senior Cup thanks to goals from Connor Ingram, Joel Watts & Kyle Ingram on Friday 21 May at the FDC, Bowthorpe. Read a full match report by [clicking here](#).



Seventh Heaven for Norwich City Women

Norwich City Women lifted the Harrod Sport Women's Cup after beating Mulbarton Wanderers 7-0 at the FDC, Bowthorpe on Wednesday 19 May. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



CSKA Emneth lift the Sunday Senior Cup

CSKA Emneth beat Acle Rangers on penalties in the Norfolk Sunday Senior Cup, in association with One Broker. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



FA ISSUES UPDATE ON 'NON-ELITE' FOOTBALL

The FA has provided an update on 'non-elite' football in line with Step 3 of the Government's roadmap.

From Monday 17 May, as part of the next step of the Government's roadmap out of national lockdown, there will be further changes to the restrictions on 'non-elite' football.



The FA's guidance has therefore been updated to reflect this. The key changes to note are in relation to spectators, indoor hospitality and indoor football and futsal.

Read the updated guidance and documents by [clicking here](#).

THE FA LAUNCH ENGLAND FOOTBALL TO INSPIRE PARTICIPATION

The Football Association has announced the launch of England Football as the new name and visual identity to represent, unite, and promote football participation in England.



England Football aims to create more chances for people to play, coach and support football and better connect the grassroots game with England's National Teams.

Mark Bullingham, Chief Executive of The FA, said: "This is a significant change as we unite all our grassroots initiatives and programmes under one banner. England Football will harness the unique ability of the England teams to inspire future generations and positively impact participation at all levels of the game. Kids want to be the next Steph Houghton, Harry Kane, Nikita Parris or Raheem Sterling."

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

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ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION

England Football Accreditation is the new way to recognise Leagues and Clubs that raise the bar and lead by example for football in England.

We are extremely proud to have so many high quality Leagues and Clubs in Norfolk who are committed to creating the best places to play and enjoy the game.



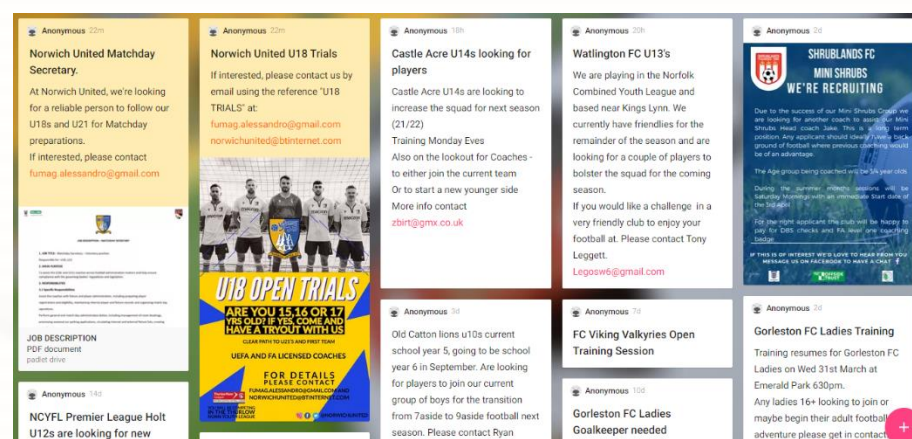
England Football Accredited Leagues and England Football Accredited Clubs set the standards, raise the bar and fly the flag of respect and diversity for football in England. They will lead the game by example, as safer, stronger, more effective and more enjoyable places to play and enjoy football.

To read more about England Football Accreditation 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.

We are using an improved platform for the 2020-21 season. Using Padlet, 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.

SUMMER 11EVENS IS BACK WITH A BANG

Summer 11EVENS will again be returning to the FDC@OpenAcademy and this year it's expected to be bigger and better than ever.

Summer 11EVENS is our flexible adult 11v11 league run exclusively over the Summer months, when traditional football takes a break. It's the ideal way to get a head start on your pre-season or to just enjoy a summer kick about with your mates. The only slight difference this year is that all matches will be played on Sundays with kick offs at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.



Fixtures start on Sunday 4 July and will be 50 minutes, costing £50 – so less than £5 per player. For that, you'll get the chance to compete for the bragging rights of winning your division and lifting the trophy. To read more [click here](#).

WE'RE RECRUITING!

We are looking to recruit a permanent Referee Appointment Officer (Saturday) for a 45 week per annum contract (mid-July to late May).



If you feel you demonstrate the necessary skills and attributes required to fulfil the criteria for the role, we would welcome your application. Applications must be submitted by 1pm on Tuesday 1 June 2021, with interviews for the position taking place on Wednesday 9 June 2021.

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

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NORFOLK FA LONG SERVICE AWARDS 2021

If within your respective club, league or association you have a person that deserves recognition of the long service they have given then nominate them for a Norfolk County FA Long Service Award.



Please complete the online Form no later than 1 July for the nomination to be considered by the Board of Directors at the July Board Meeting.

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

ASHTONS LEGAL SPONSOR NORFOLK JUNIOR CUP

We're delighted to announce that our legal partner, Ashtons Legal has agreed to sponsor the 2020/21 Norfolk Junior Cup competition.



The organisation that prides themselves on putting their customers and clients first signed a deal to support Norfolk Football and the Norfolk Senior Cup, our most prestigious Cup competition, in early 2020 and have now agreed to expand their support of Saturday football across the County.

To read more about the expansion of the partnership please [click here](#).

ENGLAND TALENT ID DAY 2021

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our England Talent ID Day on Saturday 5th June 2021. The England Talent Day is the entry point to the FA Disability Pathway. The day will consist of a short welcome for players and parents, by the FA Talent ID lead, followed by a two-hour football session, hosted by Norwich City Community Sports Foundation's fully qualified coaches.



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

COURSE DELIVERY REMINDER

As announced last September The FA decided that all coach education delivery will be transitioning to an online learning platform, administered by The FA centrally.

Please [click here](#) to read our full announcement. For information on courses available visit [The FA's Boot Room](#) page on their website or contact The FA direct on Education@TheFA.com

FRIDAY NIGHT OFFER AT THE FDC

We're pleased to present a special pitch hire offer for Friday nights at the FDC in Bowthorpe, Norwich.

Book a pitch on a Friday evening for 4 weeks and save over £50 ! (Offer available on both 7-side and 5-side pitches)



For more information call 01603 704050 or email theFDC@NorfolkFA.com. (Subject to availability)

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CALLUM PARKE BECOMES NORFOLK'S MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPION

Norfolk FA is pleased to be part of a new mental health champions scheme launched by The FA, to provide advice and support to grassroots match officials across the county.



The transformative scheme, believed to be the first of its kind for grassroots match officials in any sport, aims to create an open environment so that everyone involved in the refereeing community in Norfolk can talk openly about mental health and be supported. To read more please [click here](#).

CHANGE OF FOOTBALL SERVICES WORKING HOURS

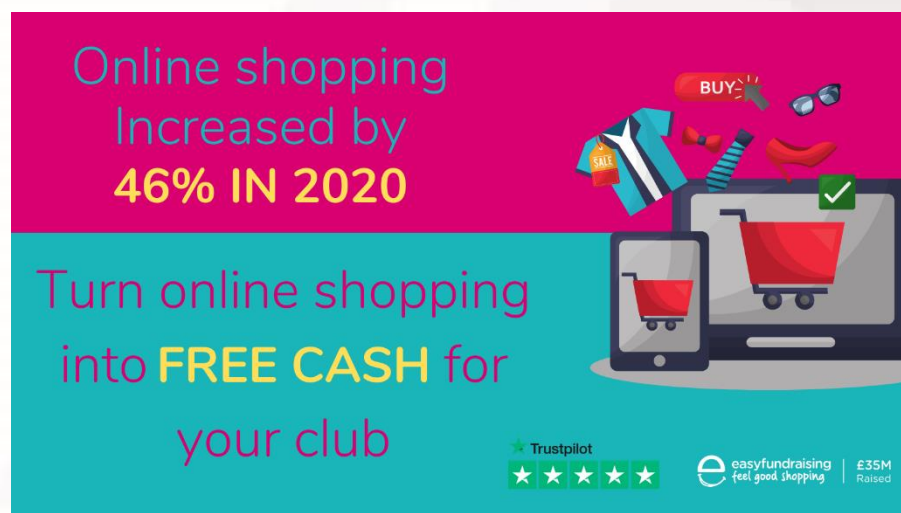
Please note that our Football Services Team are now operating out-of-season hours meaning they will not be contactable on Saturday mornings.



The Norfolk FA phone lines are open 9am-5pm on all weekdays. For how to contact all staff, including our Football Services Team, please [click here](#).

TURNING ONLINE SHOPPING INTO FREE DONATIONS FOR YOUR CLUB

Online shopping grew by a huge 46% in 2020 and now accounts for over a quarter of all purchases in the UK. This means many of your players, members and supporters are shopping online regularly and can raise donations for your club by using the **easyfundraising** website to shop.



easyfundraising partners with 5000+ leading retailers who will send your club a donation when your supporters make a purchase with them. Find out more [here](#).

REMINDER: NORFOLK FA'S HEADQUARTERS HAVE MOVED

Norfolk County FA Headquarters has moved from Meridian Business Park to the FDC, Bowthorpe.

Please see below for the new full address for Norfolk County FA:

Norfolk County FA, the FDC, Clover Hill Road, Norwich, NR5 9ED

ENGLAND FOOTBALL LAUNCHES FOOTBALL YOUR WAY

England Football, The Football Association's new home for participation and the grassroots game, is launching Football Your Way, a new campaign to help disabled footballers' return to the sport and reclaim the moments they have missed, as Covid-19 restrictions are lifted across the country.



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

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