

WELCOME

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

GRASSROOTS VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED AT 2021 AWARDS

Football's finest were recognised and rewarded last week as Norfolk FA held its Volunteer Awards which were once again supported by Chaplin Farrant.

Long standing partners to Norfolk FA, Chaplin Farrant sponsored the Awards for the fourth time with Director Mark Camidge being welcomed onto stage by Chairman Michael Banham in the opening speech to receive a token of appreciation for his support over the years. In particular, Chaplin Farrant's sponsorship of the Norfolk U18 Representative Squad during which time Mark was goalkeeper coach.



The occasion also saw the formal announcement of Norfolk FA's new partnership with Norfolk and Waveney Mind. The mental health charity is Norfolk FA's official charity partner for the next three seasons and represent the Association's commitment to improving mental health awareness as highlighted in their new three-year strategy.



The event saw nearly 150 people in attendance enjoy an entertaining Q&A with Darren Eadie, as well as an insightful and candid talk from the former Norwich City player about the ups and downs of his career and his own struggles with mental health.



To read more about the event and see a full list of winners please [click here](#).

To view a full album of photos from the evening please [click here](#).



NORFOLK AND WAVENEY MIND BECOMES OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNER

Norfolk County Football Association has announced Norfolk and Waveney Mind as its official charity partner for the next three seasons.



Mind is a mental health charity in England and Wales that offers information and advice to support people with their mental health and lobbies government and local authorities on their behalf. It also works to raise public awareness and understanding of issues relating to mental health.

Being local associations to National bodies, it's hoped that the two organisations' strategies will collaborate effectively to have a positive impact on the local population. [Click here](#) to read more.

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CHAPLIN FARRANT SUPPORTS 2021 VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Norfolk County FA are delighted to announce that Chaplin Farrant has renewed their support of Norfolk Football's volunteer workforce.



One of East Anglia's leading multi-disciplinary companies has renewed their partnership with Norfolk FA for another season which saw them once again sponsor the Association's annual Volunteer Awards.

Chaplin Farrant, based in the East of England, offering architecture, engineering, cost consultancy and CDM services, put people at the heart of everything they do. This is reflected in their support of rewarding Norfolk Football's finest at the County FA's Volunteer Awards since 2017.

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

WENSUM PRINT EXPANDS SUPPORT OF NORFOLK FOOTBALL

Norfolk FA are delighted to announce that Wensum Print have renewed their status as an official partner to the Association until 2024.



The newly extended partnership will continue to see Wensum Print sponsor the Norfolk Sunday Junior Cup Competition for the next three seasons, as well as expanding to see them sponsor a 3G pitch at the Football Development Centre (TheFDC) in Bowthorpe, Norwich for the duration of the agreement.

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

NORFOLK FOOTBALL NEEDS YOU - TAKE UP THE WHISTLE

Norfolk FA calls for more to take up the whistle as Referee shortage poses a serious threat to local football fixtures.

Norfolk is currently experiencing a serious challenge regarding referee coverage across the County's grassroots football scene, a problem which is causing great concern to Norfolk County Football Association and its sanctioned leagues.



To try and address the issue and ensure matches are being covered across the County, Norfolk FA are calling on people to take up the whistle louder than ever before. Having already delivered two FA Referee courses this season, the Governing Body has organised four more courses to take place over the next two months, all over the County.

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

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 an upcoming course, please [click here](#)

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COUNTIES LAUNCH CPD REFEREES' PROGRAMME

Three County FAs are joining forces to launch an ongoing CPD programme for referees.

Norfolk will be joining forces with Cambridgeshire and Suffolk to launch the programme for referees throughout the East Anglia Region. Sessions will be held online via Microsoft Teams on the first Monday evening of each month – open to all referees within the area.



Included within each workshop will be a development topic to support grassroots referees, as well as an opportunity for referees to share experiences and successes and to seek advice and support from colleagues. To find out more about refereeing and the online CPD, 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.

Noticeboard posts require approval from Norfolk FA and will be regularly monitored by Norfolk FA staff. Your post should appear on the Noticeboard within 3-5 working days and we reserve the right to remove unsuitable or inappropriate posts.

BACK TO FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEW SEASON

The summer break is a distant memory which means it's time to spring into action and get back to fundraising.



[easyfundraising](#) puts the easy back into fundraising. Turning online purchases into free donations for your football club, it's a practical and low-effort way of raising money all year round. To find out more please [click 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-side football. As the re-registration period for these divisions continues, get in touch to find out about available vacancies. Please e-mail County5IVES@NorfolkFA.com.



The FDC in Bowthorpe is also hosting a Women's League on a Friday 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 or [click here](#).

SAFEGUARDING IN NORFOLK FOOTBALL

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 or call 01603 704050 if you have any concerns.

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