

Norfolk County FA Bulletin

June 2021



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Norfolk County FA bulletin and the last of 2020-21 season. As always, we aim to provide you with all the latest information as grassroots football continues to be played across the County.

GAVIN LEMMON TO LEAVE NORFOLK FA

It's with great sadness that we announce that our current Chief Executive, Gavin Lemmon, will be leaving Norfolk FA at the end of the Summer.



Gavin has been with the Association for over 15 years, starting out as a Football Development Officer, progressing to County Development Manager and then Facilities, Investment & Development Manager, before becoming CEO in July 2017.

Gaining the role of Regional Manager for The FA, Gavin will now oversee the progression and development of Norfolk FA along with several other County FA's in the region.

We wish Gavin all the best in his new role, and thank him for not only the years of service to NCFA, but the tremendous job he has done for Norfolk Football, not least navigating us all through the past 18 months.

Recruitment for a replacement has begun, details of which can be found below.

VACANCY: NORFOLK COUNTY FA CEO

We are looking to recruit an inspiring and enthusiastic Chief Executive that will lead our team at Norfolk FA.

Applications must be submitted using the links below by no later than 1pm on Monday 19 July 2021.

Interviews for the position will take place in person at the FDC (NR5 9ED) on Wednesday 28 July 2021.

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

FA ISSUES UPDATE ON 'NON-ELITE' FOOTBALL

Following the delay to the easing of lockdown, please continue to follow the current step three guidance for grassroots football which will remain in place until 19 July unless informed otherwise by Government.



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

NORFOLK'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS 2021 ANNOUNCED

We are proud to announce Norfolk's winners of The FA & McDonald's Grassroots Football Awards 2021.



Without the commitment of our army of volunteers, clubs and leagues in Norfolk would struggle to survive and it is the dedication and enthusiasm of such individuals that makes the game so special.

The winners of this year's awards are as follows:

- Club of the Year: **King's Lynn Community FC**
- Coach of the Year (Youth Teams): **Dan Henry**
- Coach of the Year (Adult Teams): **Martin Francis**
- Grounds Team of the Year: **Nigel Armes**
- Highly commended: **Tim Hales**
- League of the Year: **Central & South Norfolk League**
- Match Official of the Year: **Ryan Starkey**
- Project of the Year: **UEA – Paul Neary**
- Rising Star of the Year: **Luke Fossett**

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- Highly commended: **Madelaine Pitt**
- Volunteer of the Year: **Philip Yates**
- Highly commended: **Shane Fish & Duane James**
- Spirit of Grassroots Football Award: **Costessey Sports U10 Eagles**
- Highly commended: **Tim Sadler**

AFFILIATION 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](#).

ENGLAND FOOTBALL LAUNCHES INTRODUCTION TO COACHING FOOTBALL

Enrolment is now officially open for England Football's new Introduction to Coaching Football course.



The course is perfect for anyone currently coaching a team or looking to get into coaching. You'll learn how to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable environment for players of all ages within the grassroots game.

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

PLAYER REGISTRATION TRAINING 2021/22

Ahead of the 2021/22 player registration window opening on Monday 5th July, 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.

The FA held training sessions back in March and have a recording of one of the training sessions that covers all aspects of the new Club Portal, this can be found [here](#).

There is also a lot of useful information on player registrations on the Grassroots Technology Support Portal, this can be found [here](#). To read more please [click here](#).

FA ASIAN INCLUSION STRATEGY UPDATE

The FA has provided an update on the Asian inclusion strategy, which is aimed at increasing Asian participation in football across the country.



To find out 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.

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NORFOLK COUNTY CUPS ROUND-UP

Stratton edge out Steamers from the spot

Long Stratton beat FC Steamers 4-2 on penalties at TheFDC, after the Wensum Print Sunday Junior Cup Final finished 3-3 in normal time. Read a full match report by [clicking here](#).



Cringleford score five in Veterans Cup win

Cringleford overcame Mulbarton Wanderers to lift the Norfolk Veterans Cup in association with Christiaan Partridge Photography. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



Wroxham lift The John Savage Cup

Wroxham beat Sprowston to lift the John Savage Cup, in association with Veo. To read a full match report [click here](#).



AC Mill Lane secure the Stuart Dracup Cup

AC Mill Lane overcame Horsford at The FDC in the Stuart Dracup Cup Final in association with Wensum Print. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



Seasiders hold on to sink Robins in Junior Cup

An own goal, coupled with a smart finish from Joe Harrison was enough to see off a Leon Edwards header and give the Seasiders the victory despite going down to ten men early in the second half. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



Wroxham lift the Norfolk U12's Cup

Wroxham scored four to beat KLSC after conceding an early goal in the Norfolk U12's Cup final, in association with 4Trophies. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



10-man Upwell come from behind to secure Primary Cup

Upwell Town twice came from behind to overcome Watlington Sports & Social Club in the 4Work Primary Cup. To read a full match report please [click here](#).



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ENGLAND FOOTBALL LAUNCHES FOOTBALL YOUR WAY

England Football, The Football Association's new home for participation and the grassroots game, has launched Football Your Way.

Football Your Way is 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](#).

NEW WOMEN'S SUMMER 7EVENS LEAGUE – FRIDAY NIGHTS AT THE FDC

We are running a new County 5IVES Women's League called SUMMER 7EVENS.



The league will be 7-side with squads of 10 permitted on game nights. Fixtures will be 50 minutes each and take place on Friday evenings during July and August at TheFDC in Norwich (NR5 9ED).

Price: £25 per team, per game.

The deadline to enter is Wednesday 7th July. [Click here](#) to find out more and enter your team.

NEW MONDAY NIGHT COUNTY 5IVES LEAGUE

A new season of County 5IVES starts at the FDC in Norwich on Monday 5th July. 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.

Price: £30 per team, per game.



[Sign up here](#) or email County5IVES@NorfolkFA.com for more information.

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