



To:
Members and supporters of Suffolk Scouts

November 2016

Dear friends,

Search for the next County Commissioner for Suffolk Scouts

After seven successful years as your County Commissioner Jenny Mullan will be standing down from her role soon and the process for finding a successor has begun.

I therefore now invite you to personally contribute to the search by submitting a nomination (or nominations) of persons whom you feel should be considered for this important appointment.

Nominations should be submitted by using the form which can be found attached to the same email as this letter (or request one by emailing me at regcomm.eastofengland@scouts.org.uk) or directly by email or letter (I know the form is not easy to use for some so please don't feel constrained by it). The information here also gives details on the key parts of the role and skills we are looking for in the new County Commissioner. Please do take time to read this and submit your nominations directly to me. As I say, if you find the form difficult to use then please feel free to write directly to me but do ensure that you answer the questions that the form poses.

Nominations should be received on or before **30th November 2016**.

In order to ensure the widest possible consultation you are asked, in addition to submitting your own nomination, to circulate this request as widely as possible. Every adult in Scouting, as well as friends, supporters, parents and others should have the opportunity to contribute and I hope you enthusiastically promote this search.

Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. If you wish to nominate yourself please do so using the same form.

I will be ably assisted in this process by a small panel consisting of:

Bethany Farnell, County Youth Commissioner
Peter Jones, Chairman, Suffolk Scouts
Hilary Prior, District Commissioner, Waveney Valley
Liz Walker, County Commissioner for Hertfordshire
Debbie Evans, Regional Services Team Manager

I would ask that you give serious and urgent consideration to the people with whom you work in Scouting, at work, or in the wider community, and to identify anyone who you believe has the qualities to be your County Commissioner. Nominees need not hold a current role in Scouting and Scouters can be nominated regardless of their current appointment or length of service and do not have to live in Suffolk. When considering a possible candidate please do not compare them against the current or any previous CCs. At this stage it is important to draw up a list with as wide a cross section of people as possible so that the search group can begin the process of preparing a shortlist.

Finally I would like to point out that as a recipient of this letter you are likely to be in the best position to know the needs of the County and potential candidates. Please play your part in ensuring that due consideration is given to all possible candidates by submitting your nominations.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the search group.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Mills', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Matt Mills
Regional Commissioner for the East of England