

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for WOLSEY DISTRICT

Confidential Nominations/Applications are sought for the role of District Commissioner

After leading Wolsey District for three years Steve Leach is to relinquish the role of District Commissioner.

Wolsey District will be moving into its next phase of development and we are looking for a new District Commissioner, a volunteer manager who will ensure it is led, supported and developed ensuring young people get the best quality Scouting possible.

How can you help?

A Search Group has been formed to assist the County Commissioner in the search for a new District Commissioner. We know there are some amazing people out there and we want to ensure as far as possible everyone gets the opportunity to nominate those they feel could effectively undertake this role.

You are invited to contribute to the search by submitting a nomination, or multiple nominations of those whom you feel should be considered for this important and rewarding role. You may put yourself forward for consideration too.

Please do not be put off from nominating someone because you believe they would not be interested or accept the role; if you think they are capable then please put their name forward. The Search Group is sufficiently open-minded to consider recommending the County Commissioner makes an appointment on a role share basis where the right candidates and circumstances are evident. It is genuinely hoped this will encourage individuals to self-nominate/apply who might otherwise not do so. Please do not discuss any of your nominations with your nominees or anyone else.

A copy of this letter, the Vacancy Pack along with Nomination and Application forms is available on the County website on the Volunteer Vacancies page at <https://www.suffolkscouts.org.uk/about/volunteer-vacancies>.

Who can I nominate?

Self-nominations are actively encouraged. Let's be honest, if you believe you can bring the right skills and expertise to the role and are both enthusiastic and motivated then why not put yourself forward? If you don't you may miss this rewarding opportunity if you are not nominated by someone else.

To nominate please complete the nomination form included. If you wish to self-nominate then use the Application Form.

It does not matter if the individual you wish to nominate is new to Scouting; we welcome nominations for external candidates. Scouting has a comprehensive training scheme which will provide training and support for anyone new to Scouting and indeed to someone familiar to Scouting to enable the individual to develop the necessary skills. What is important is for them to bring the leadership and skills which will continue to help move Wolsey District forward.

What's in it for them?

In the role of District Commissioner he/she can be safe in the knowledge that they are making a real difference to the local young people by working with a team of like-minded adults to develop the District. The District Commissioner will be responsible for ensuring each adult has what they need to be confident in their role by creating a network of support to help and guide them. They will have access to the training relevant to the role and an induction to ensure they get the very best start in their new role.

How do I nominate?

This is the easy part. Please complete the enclosed nomination form and forward it to me, as detailed below. For those wishing to self-nominate it is the Application Form which should be completed and submitted. Please note the form will need to be printed away from this electronic Paper then completed by hand, scanned and either sent electronically or by post. No nominations will be saved electronically; one month after the new District Commissioner's appointment is confirmed all nominations and applications will be destroyed.

Nomination Forms should only be submitted to the Search Group:

By post:

Send completed Nomination/Application Forms to:
Keith Barber, 13 Lime Walk, Felsham, Bury St Edmunds IP30 0QL

OR by e-mail to

Keith Barber, Deputy County Commissioner at keith.barber@suffolkscouts.org.uk

In the case of an electronic submission please ensure that you ask for an acknowledgement – a read receipt.

The submission of forms closes at midnight on Monday 12 August 2019 so please ensure your Form(s) is/are received by this date at the latest. Late submissions regrettably *will not* be accepted.

Then what happens?

Nominations and Applications will be reviewed by the Search Group and a shortlist drawn up for consideration by the County Commissioner.

If you are unsure about self-nomination/application and would like a chat about the role without commitment or any Nominations you wish to make then please do contact me for a confidential chat.

Yours faithfully,

Keith Barber
Deputy County Commissioner – Search Group Lead

Enclosures – available from the County website: link – [Volunteer Vacancies](#)

- Volunteer Vacancy Pack: District Commissioner Vacancy Pack
- Application Form [for personal applications only]
- Nomination Form