



NORFOLK FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

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Dear Countrysiders Parents & Guardians,

Happy new year and I hope you are all well.

As I am sure you are aware we had hoped to reopen the Countrysiders Clubs this month subject to staffing in the YFC Office. In November there was an open meeting held with Countrysiders parents & guardians and Club Leaders to discuss the future of the Countrysiders Clubs. It was agreed by all those present that reopening the clubs in January was not feasible and the relaunch for the Countrysiders should be rescheduled for September 2022. This will allow both my amazing Executive Committee & myself time to relaunch as strong as possible, with further staffing support and all safeguarding measures met.

The safeguarding measures are to ensure that all of our volunteer leaders & supporters are up to date with their Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks and have been given the latest first aid and safeguarding training.

We had seen a decline in the Countrysiders membership prior to COVID-19, this has been coupled with a reduction in our available volunteers during the pandemic. At the meeting it was proposed that some clubs may merge to boost meeting attendance and to pool our resources, unfortunately some Countrysiders Clubs may be forced to close. At our next meeting the Countrysiders Club locations will be discussed in further detail.

If there are any Countrysiders who are eager to resume meetings in the meantime, we are encouraging you to contact your local Senior Club. It is currently at each Senior Club's discretion whether to accept under 16 members, however there is no obligation for the Senior Clubs to do so. A list of the contact details for all Senior Clubs can be found on our website ([www.norfolkyfc.co.uk/seniors](http://www.norfolkyfc.co.uk/seniors))

We will be holding another meeting on Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the McGregor Building at the Norfolk Showground starting at 7.30 pm. We will be sending another email in the near future to invite you all to this meeting, there will also be the opportunity to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams. Everyone is actively encouraged to attend to share your views and ideas for the future of the Countrysiders.

You may hear from your or another Countrysiders Club leader soon to follow up on this. If you are unable to make this meeting but would like your views known please email [office@norfolkyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@norfolkyfc.co.uk).

Thank you for time reading this letter.

Yours sincerely

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