

MARCH NEWSLETTER

Introducing your new Fed Reps

We are pleased to announce that the following new Federation Representatives have now been appointed to Northumbria Branch Council:

Northern Area Command: PC 2170 Adele Armstrong, PC 8402 James Younas and Sgt 8096 Peter McCall

Central Area Command: PC 2420 Gary Sharpe

Southern Area Command: Sgt 8999 Wayne Wright

Crime Department: PC 2599 Nick Heywood & PC 3276 Lee Robertson

List Seats: PC 629 Nicola Henderson, PC 1103 Laura Anderson & Chief Inspector 7848 Kevin Waring

Removal of Discriminatory Provisions from The Police Pension Schemes - Update

Our National Office have recently issued an update regarding the remedy to remove discriminatory provisions from the Police Pension Schemes. This document covers the PFEW input to the Scheme Advisory Board, together with the current status of the legal proceedings. [Click here to read the full update.](#)

Travel Insurance and the Corona Virus

Our travel insurance providers Aviva, in line with many other insurers, have not issued any specific guidance with regard to travelling under the threat of Corona virus, as the situation is constantly evolving. In the meantime, our brokers have produced some guidance points which will hopefully be of assistance should you have any concerns. [Click here to read our broker's guidance notes.](#)

Forthcoming Surgeries

Your Federation continues to facilitate a variety of surgeries every month for the benefit of **both** Police Officers **and** Police Staff. These include **Mortgages, Wills, Pre-Retirement Financial Planning, Family Law** as well as **general Financial Advice**. All initial one hour sessions are **free of charge**. [Click here for full details including how to book.](#)

Pre-Retirement Courses and Seminars

Two Day Pre Retirement Courses delivered by Carss Financial Partners continue to be held at the [Beefeater Moor Farm, Annitsford](#). The following dates are now booked for Pre Retirement Courses in during 2020:

Thursday/Friday 21/22 May

Thursday/Friday 17/18 September

Thursday/Friday 9/10 July

Thursday/Friday 19/20 November

These Courses are *completely free of charge to our members* and cover such useful subjects as **Financial and Estate planning, Recruitment and CV preparation, as well as Mortgage/Property issues**. Duty time is afforded for all attendees and all food and refreshments are provided.

If you are a *subscribing* Federation member within 18 months of retirement and would like to attend a Pre-Retirement Course, please email info@norpolfed.org.uk to register your interest in the first instance, stating your proposed retirement date.

IMPORTANT - Please Update your Group Insurance Scheme Beneficiary Details

Serving officers who are members of our [Group Insurance Scheme](#) currently enjoy life cover of **£120,000**, which your nominated beneficiary will receive in the event of your death. It is therefore *very important* that the beneficiary information we hold for you is *current* and *accurate* ensuring there is no confusion as to your wishes, or delay in the relevant payment.

[Please click here to download a Beneficiary form](#) which should be completed and returned by email to info@norpolfed.org.uk or by internal mail to the Federation Office.

Just a reminder that our [Group Insurance Scheme](#) is currently a comprehensive seven part Scheme offering **Life Insurance, Personal Accident Cover, Half Pay Sickness Cover, Worldwide Travel Insurance for member/partner/children, Legal Expenses Cover, and UK/European Motor Breakdown cover, plus Access to a 24 Hour Counselling Helpline & Support Service** all for around **60p** per day! If you are not yet a member and wish to join, [please click here for an application form](#) which should be completed and returned to the Federation Office for processing. **Please note applications are welcomed from both Police Officers and both Police Staff.**

Exclusive Personal Contract Hire deals at Lookers Volkswagen, Newcastle

Lookers Volkswagen Newcastle are pleased to announce *exclusive* offers for Federation members and their families on Volkswagen personal contract hire vehicles. Offers only available through Lookers Volkswagen Newcastle Scotswood Road. [Click here for full details](#)

OUR HOLIDAY HOMES

As you know, we now own and manage four Holiday Homes, two for the benefit of our [Group Insurance Scheme Members](#) and two for the benefit of our [Healthcare Scheme Members](#). The purpose of these Holiday Homes is to offer *high quality, affordable* breaks to members of these Schemes.

Holiday Lodge Windermere

Dates up to **June 2021** for our [Holiday Lodge in Windermere](#) have now been released at specially reduced prices for members of our [Group Insurance Scheme](#). [Click here for 2021 prices](#). We also still have very limited availability left for 2020. [Click here to check all availability and to submit a booking enquiry](#).

The Old Byre, Wandylaw, Northumberland – Short Breaks now available from March 2020

[The Old Byre](#) (sleeps 5) is a three bedroomed stone-built barn conversion located less than half a mile from the A1, is within easy reach of Alnwick, Berwick and Edinburgh. It is available for hire at substantially discounted prices by members of our [Group Insurance Scheme](#) . **for 3, 4 and 7 night bookings from March 2020!** [Click here for full details, prices and to access the online booking calendar for 2020 dates](#).

The Stables and Wandylaw Cottage

Members of our [Healthcare Scheme](#) can book a break in one of our two luxury barn conversions in Wandylaw, Near Chathill, Northumberland at *very competitive prices*. [Click here for full details, prices and to access the online booking calendar for 2020 dates](#)

Jim Gray
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