



Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



October 2020

Latest News

A message from the County Commissioner

A month into the new term and we are gradually seeing a return to face to face guiding in some units. There are reports of excited girls and very happy leaders. It is so lovely to hear and great to know that many units continue to offer online meetings which are getting more and more adventurous and creative. Some units are not in the position to offer guiding in these other formats and I encourage districts to pull together to support these units in whatever way they can to keep them going and the girls engaged. Thank you for all you continue to do for guiding and our county.

Keep Safe,
Jenny

Return to Guiding

Face to face guiding is now permitted with restrictions. We would love to see

girls back together enjoying the great things guiding has to offer but leaders have to be comfortable with this. Please note that if anyone in the bubble develops symptoms the whole bubble must isolate for 14 days. This could have a significant consequence on schooling and jobs and therefore it is important no-one feels pressured into meeting.

- Outdoor guiding - Since the start of August, outdoor guiding has been permitted and we have seen many units meet face to face in this way. Please find information, templates and restrictions [here](#).
- Indoor guiding - From 24 September units can meet indoors following strict guidelines. Information can be found [here](#).
- Properties - If you manage a Girlguiding property, you must ensure it is COVID secure before opening to the public or guiding groups. There are legal requirements such as the NHS QR code for track and trace and guidance around cleaning. Checklists and other useful information can be found [here](#).
- Virtual sessions - sharing of ideas - In spite of moves to enable units to meet face to face, many units are beginning or continuing to meet virtually. In order to support units meeting online, there is a dedicated [Activities page](#) on the county website with ideas and links. Please share your ideas and success stories by emailing virtualideas@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk with details of what went well online, so we can include them on the county website and inspire others in the county.

New Appointments

- **Anne Johns** - Assistant County Commissioner - Properties
- **Anne Johns** - Chair of HGC Management Committee
- **Janet Eavis** - South West Division Commissioner
- **Elaine Wilson** - St Albans West District Commissioner
- **Emma Banders** - Hitchin West District Commissioner (from 1 January 2021)

End of term

A huge thank you to Gill Park and Julia Jeffery for their hard work and dedication to Hertfordshire Guide Centre, Cottered. They have now finished their term on the committee and we are very grateful for everything they

have done.

County Office

County office staff are currently working remotely from home but are contactable by email: countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk. The remote county office will be closed during half term from 1.30pm on Fri, 23 October re-opening at 9.30am on Mon, 02 November.

Awards

This year's Annual Awards ceremony unfortunately had to be cancelled. We hoped to reschedule to Autumn but sadly this is not an option. It has been agreed that all this years' Awards will be presented virtually. More information on these presentations can be viewed [here](#). Nominations for the next round of Awards should be made now and details and forms are available on the county website's [Awards page](#). Nominations for Anglia and National Awards can be made at any time throughout the year. Guiding Star Award nominations which are often time sensitive can be made at any time and will, if need be, be acted on immediately.

County Commissioner Team Structure

We are very pleased to welcome Anne Johns to the County Commissioner Team. Anne was division commissioner for South West and has recently been awarded her 20 year Long Service Brooch. Whilst the team works closely together, each of the assistant commissioners have been given specific responsibility areas to support the county commissioner in delivering the County Strategy.

- Anne Johns - Properties
- Ruth Ashdown - Appointment of district commissioners & commissioner support. Volunteers are encouraged to raise any issues and concerns with their district commissioner and/or division commissioner but if further support is needed please get in touch with Ruth: RuthACC@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk
- Sally Settle - Members (including Growth and Retention)
- Tina Cornish - Activities

Details of the other county team roles can be viewed on the website's [County](#)

[Team page](#).

Membership Systems Update

Please read the latest Membership Systems Update via [this link](#) for information on the following topics:

- Long Service Awards awarded June 2020 - List of recipients
- Coronavirus Updates and FAQs
- Safe Space

Please use the membership@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk email address for all Membership Systems queries.

County Virtual AGM

All Girlguiding Hertfordshire members are entitled to attend this short meeting being held virtually via Zoom at 7.30pm on Wed, 21 October. Please visit the website's [Latest News post](#) regarding new Trustees appointed. Please email [county office](#) if you would like to join the meeting.

County Communications & PR Team Members

The County Communications & PR Team is looking for new members. More information can be found on the county website's [Latest News](#) page or you can contact Hazel Carmichael, Communications and PR Adviser on pr@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk.

County Website

The county website has various pages which you may find useful/beneficial to your role:

- [Vacancies](#) - contains information on opportunities within the county.
- [Resources](#) - various forms, useful links and other information can be found here
- [Noticeboard](#) - contains information from divisions, districts, units and county teams to promote guiding events/activities as well as from outside organisations
- Members Area - accessible to all members aged 18+ which provides a contact directory, county calendar and previous newsletters. Register

for access via [this link](#).

Hertfordshire Guide Centre

For latest news and more, please visit the Herts Guide Centre [website](#). For availability please email the [Booking Secretary](#) with dates.

Trainings

Please click on the training date for more information

Please note trainings may be postponed/cancelled in line with Government advice. We will update the county website events page when notified of any changes.

1st Response Trainings

When: [Thurs, 15 October 2020](#) 7-9pm - FULLY BOOKED

Where: Virtually

Who For: Adults

When: [Mon, 19 October 2020](#) 7-9pm - FULLY BOOKED

Where: Virtually

Who For: Adults

A Safe Space Trainings - For an update on A Safe Space training in Girlguiding Hertfordshire, please click [here](#)



Live online delivery of Levels 3 and 4 Safe Space trainings are now being

offered by Girlguiding and Girlguiding Anglia. Those that require the training and have completed the levels before will be personally invited to a selection of trainings. Do watch out for these emails over the next few months. In the meantime, if you haven't completed Levels 1 and 2, please visit the [Girlguiding website](#) to complete the e-learnings. Safe Space training must be completed by 1 January 2021.

R.O.V.E (Reaching Out Virtually to Everyone) - run by Girlguiding Anglia

When: [17 October 2020](#)

Where: Virtually

Who For: All members

Plans are underway for a fantastic event, with sessions on adapting the programme, managing your leadership team, mental wellbeing, 5-minute fun, and much more! If you have any other ideas for sessions you would like to attend, please send an email to landd@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk

Anglia Region Level 2 Walking Scheme Training and Assessment

When: [Fri-Sun, 13-15 Nov 2020](#)

Where: Peak District

Who For: Rangers 18+/Leaders/Trefoil Guild Members

Upcoming Events

Please click on the event date for more information

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Social Walk (COVID-secure)

When: [Sat, 10 October 2020](#) (am)

Where: Panshanger Park, Hertford

Who for: Leaders/Trefoil Guild members/Young Leaders/Rangers

Night Navigation Training (COVID-secure)

When: [Tues, 20 October 2020](#)

Where: Panshanger Park, Hertford
Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

Great Patrol Hunt - 2020/2021 Round 2

When: [Sat, 20 March 2021](#)
Where: Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans
Who for: Guides

European Jamboree 2020 (postponed to 2021)

When: [Mon-Fri, 2-13 August 2021](#), dates may vary, TBC
Where: Gdansk, Poland
Who for: Guides (aged 14+)/Rangers/Young Leaders

[*New Printable Training/Events List*](#)

Would district commissioners and contacts please remember to pass the information in this newsletter on to anyone in their district who does not have access to an email address. Leaders of Rangers are asked to cascade to Ranger members in their units and D of E volunteers.

If you have any items to add to the next e-newsletter please submit the details, ensuring all information is correct, to [county office](#) by the last working day of the month at the latest. The relevant dates can be viewed [here](#).

If you do not wish to receive future copies of the e-newsletter, please use the facility at the end of the newsletter to unsubscribe.

Please check the [website](#) for up to date details of events and trainings.





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