



Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



February 2021

Latest News

County Office

The [remote county office](#) will be closed during half term from 1.30pm on Friday 12 February re-opening at 9.30am on Monday 22 February.

Subscriptions

Subscription for members of Girlguiding Hertfordshire for 2021 will be £35.00 (i.e. £17.70 HQ, £10.00 Anglia and £7.30 Hertfordshire). Please remember your division and/or district may have added their own levy on top of this. Please note the following important dates:-

Now: Trial invoices are ready to view and download from the Subscription system.

Unit leaders should check:

- unit invoices and look at numbers of girls and volunteers to be paid for
- update records for girls who have left and ensure all girls attending meetings are recorded on GO

- ensure there will be sufficient cleared funds to pay the invoice promptly
- Commissioners should:
- check invoices for all units in their area and ensure volunteer records are correct
 - ensure that new leaders are aware of what they need to do and receive the necessary support
 - ensure there will be sufficient cleared funds in unit and district accounts to pay invoices promptly

7pm, 22 February: No more changes can be made to trial invoices

Noon, 23 February: Official and payable invoices will be available to download and send with payment

Noon, 1 April: All subscription payments must be received in full by this date.

Payments must be made by cheque with 2 signatures - no personal cheques will be accepted. For more information about the annual subscriptions process and where you can find help and support, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk/subs.

Please remember that it is not permitted to move girls from your active member list to your waiting list. If you think you may struggle to pay, please contact your commissioner as help is available. Unit leaders should contact their local commissioner or key user if they have any query about the process. Commissioners with queries or questions should contact the County Treasurer, Elaine Wilson: CTreasurer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

Unit Bank Accounts

Just to remind you all that you must have a bank account in the name of your unit with at least three unrelated signatories by **31 March 2021**, if you do not already. All signatories must be on GO, with at least two signatories from the unit level on GO. Please also ensure that if you have online banking this has a dual authorisation process. We are aware that it is currently difficult to open an account and make any changes so if you have any problems, please contact your local commissioner.

Membership Systems (GO) Update

[Click on this link](#) to read the latest Membership Systems Update providing information on the following topics:

- Subscriptions - How to change Membership Status
- First Response - Back-dated external courses need new e-learning
- New roles - Active-Pending
- YLQ Completions

Please email: membership@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk for all Membership Systems (GO) queries.



Unit First Aid Sessions

If you would like a first aid session, lasting 40 minutes, as part of your Zoom unit meeting, covering Skills Builders or adapted to suit your girls please contact [Verity Maclachlan](#), County First Aid Adviser. [Click here for more](#)

information



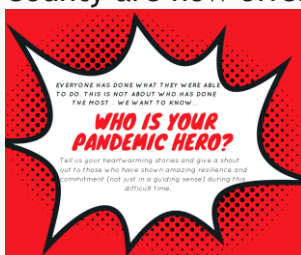
County PR Team Vacancy

The County PR team would love to have a member from EVERY division in Hertfordshire - so who from North or South East Divisions will complete our team? (we've just had an offer from Harpenden and Redbourn) and also looking for someone to take the lead in establishing a presence on LinkedIn. Could this be you? Do you know someone else with enthusiasm and a little time? If so, please contact Hazel on pr@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk



Flexible Guiding Units

County are now offering flexible guiding units for Brownies, Guides and Rangers. For more information/details on how girls can join, please visit the [latest news post](#)



Who is Your Pandemic Hero?

Girlguiding would like to recognise members who through their actions have shown a positive response to the current pandemic. This will be for members of any age in any section or any staff member. Nominations ([click here for flyer and nomination form](#)) need to be sent to Janice Hyde by email:

awards@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk and must be received by **26 February 2021**

County Website

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

- [Latest News](#)
- [*NEW* Challenge Badges, Virtual Ideas and Activities](#)
- [Youth Opportunities](#)
- [Resources](#) - various forms, useful links and other information can be found here
- [Noticeboard](#)
- Members Area - accessible to all members aged 18+ which provides a contact directory, county calendar and previous newsletters. Register for access via [this link](#).

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.



Level 3 A Safe Space Online trainings

As you may be aware, each unit needs to have a leader with Level 3 before they can meet face to face. Bookings for Level 3 sessions this year are being offered by Anglia via [their website](#).

Level 1 and 2 A Safe Space E-learning

If you haven't already completed Levels 1 and 2, please visit the [Girlguiding website](#) to complete the e-learning.

Please note all Levels are only valid for 3 years so please keep an eye on the

expiry date on GO and complete the appropriate Level training.



Session 2: How to make a Claim

[Tues, 2 February 2021](#), 8.00pm-9.15pm or

[Mon, 15 March 2021](#), 7.30pm-8.45pm

Where: Virtual

Who For: Leaders/Adults

All in one Session (covering registration and how to claim)

[Mon, 1 March 2021](#), 7.00pm-9.30pm

Where: Virtual

Who For: Leaders/Adults



Addressing issues of returning to face to face Guiding using risk assessments

[Mon, 15 March 2021](#), 7.30pm-8.15pm

[Tues, 16 March 2021](#), 7.30pm-8.15pm

[Thurs, 18 March 2021](#), 7.30pm-8.15pm

Where: Virtual

Who For: Leaders (who are finding reopening units challenging)

Upcoming Events

Please click on the event date for more information

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



Spring Social Virtual Quiz

[Sat, 13 March 2021](#), 7.30pm

Where: Virtual

Who for: Adults



2020/2021 Summer Round

[Fri-Sun, 25-27 June 2021](#)

Where: Wymondley Wood, Letchworth

Who For: Guides

2022 Round 2

[Sat, 26 March 2022](#)

Where: TBC

Who for: Guides

[*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](#).

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





Contact Us

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