



# Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



April 2020

## Latest News

### New Appointments

- Carol Connah - Potters Bar District Commissioner
- Karin Hunter - Stevenage Division Commissioner (from 1 July 2020)

### County Office

County office staff are currently working remotely from home but are contactable by email [countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk). The remote county office will be closed from 1.30pm Fri 3 April re-opening Mon 20 April at 9.30am. Emails will be monitored during this period; for urgent enquiries please contact your local commissioner.

### Message from Jenny Maskrey, County Commissioner

We find ourselves in a very strange situation. We are told to stay in the place that we know best yet many are feeling lost. There is a lot of uncertainty, a lot of worry and a lot of frustration all around us. Yet the Guiding family demonstrates a strong sense of community; as volunteers all over the county, region and country are pulling together to provide some kind of normality for our young members. Many people have a lot more time on their hands and are able to produce some wonderful resources. I would like to take this

opportunity to thank those people for sharing but I would also like to stress that we understand that a lot of our members work in key roles that are supporting the community more than ever and other members who don't have the time, energy or facilities to offer online resources or virtual meetings. No-one should feel under pressure and it is really important to look after yourselves and your families before anything else. Please look after each other in your divisions, districts and units. Keep in touch, check in on each other and keep the Guiding light alive. I sincerely hope that all of you and your families stay well.

### **Latest News and Activities for Guiding at Home**

We are finding new ways to communicate and keep our girls engaged with Guiding. Do follow and share on our [County Facebook page](#) (you don't need a Facebook account to view). Please continue to encourage parents to get involved too, and post photo comments in the daily activities, so we can create an interactive online Guiding community. Alternatively, daily activity posts can also be viewed via the [County website](#).

Many leaders are finding new ways to stay connected, and to keep their meetings going: via online platforms such as Skype or Zoom, WhatsApp groups, emailing parents activities for the girls or even posting activity packs. Do whatever you are comfortable with, or maybe try something new with assistance from another leader, young leader or parent. Girlguiding have just launched a new campaign called [Adventures At Home](#) making some of the programme activities available for girls to do at home.

### **Membership Systems Update**

Please read Membership Systems Information [via this link](#) for advice on the following topics:

- **\*Coronavirus - DBS Checks\***
- **\*Coronavirus - Virtual Meetings and the use of digital tools\***
- Commissioners - GO Active-Pending roles
- Recording of Safe Space E-learning

Please use the [membership@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:membership@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk) email address for all Membership Systems queries.

### Expenses Claims

Please would county advisers/commissioners submitting expenses claims to county send them to the county treasurer directly by email: [ctreasurer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk](mailto:ctreasurer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk)

### Share

Unfortunately due to the changing situation, the latest edition of Share Magazine has been delayed. With costs in mind at this uncertain time, we will be uploading an e-edition version which will be accessible on the county website [Share page](#) soon.

### Noticeboard

There are various [noticeboard posts](#) on the county website which may be of interest.

### Hertfordshire Guide Centre

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

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## 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.

### E-Learnings

Various e-learnings are available [via this webpage](#) which include A Safe Space, programme training and mental health information.

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

### 1st Response Trainings

[Sat, 11 July 2020](#) - Run by Herts Scouts covering Girlguiding requirements.  
Codicote Scout Hut, Codicote, Hitchin 9am for 9.30am start. Cost £15

### **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

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Please click on the event date for more information**

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### **Adult Social Walk**

When: [Sun, 31 May 2020](#)

Where: Whipsnade, Bedfordshire (incl Whipsnade Tree Cathedral)

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

### **Camping Skills Builder, Camping Weekend**

When: [Fri-Sun, 5-7 June 2020](#)

Where: Cherry Green Trees, London Colney

Who For: Guides (Guides/Rangers wishing to be assessed for their Guide Camp permit/lead away permit can do so alongside main camp)

### **Sensory Safari**

When: [Sat, 6 June 2020](#)

Where: Broxbourne, Hertfordshire

Who For: Rainbows/Brownies

### **Great Patrol Hunt - Round 3 Camp**

When: [Fri-Sun, 19-21 June 2020](#)

Where: Wymondley Woods Scout & Guide Centre, Letchworth

Who For: Guides

**Adult Social Walk**

When: [Sat, 11 July 2020](#)

Where: Wareside, Hertfordshire

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

**Mountain Experience Training Weekend**

When: [Fri-Sun, 17-19 July 2020](#)

Where: Glenbrook Guide Centre, Peak District

Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

**Anglia Region Social Walking Weekend**

Mountainous terrain, level 3 upwards

When: [Fri-Weds, 28 Aug-2 Sept 2020](#)

Where: Crianlarich, Trossachs National Park, Scotland

**Night Navigation Training**

When: [Thurs, 24 Sept 2020](#)

Where: Panshanger Park, Hertford

Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

**Hertfordshire Peak Assault**

When: [Fri-Sun, 16-18 Oct 2020](#)

Where: TBC

Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

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 day of the month at the latest.

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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#### Contact Us

The County Office is open 9.30-1.30 during the school term time. Check the website for further closures.

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