



Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



December 2020

Latest News

A Message from the County Commissioner

I know many of you are keen to meet up with the girls before Christmas but at this stage we await further guidance from Girlguiding as to what we are able to do under the tier system. We are expecting to get an update any day now. If we can meet, risk assessments will need to be reviewed. Please discuss these with your commissioner and allow her time to respond - they have a lot to deal with at the moment. In the meantime, I hope you are able to plan something flexible to enjoy the festive season and we all look forward to a better year in 2021.

Jenny Maskrey

New Appointments

- **Joanna Bunce** - Hatfield District Commissioner
- **Jenny Satchell** - Stevenage South District Commissioner

- **Karen Dance** - Hemel Hempstead South District Commissioner from 10 December

County Office

The county office will be closed from 1.30pm Friday 18 Dec reopening at 9.30am on Monday 4 Jan 2021. County office staff are currently working remotely from home but are contactable by email: countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk. If you have an urgent enquiry, please contact your local commissioner.

2021 Subscriptions

As explained last month, subscriptions for members of Girlguiding Hertfordshire for 2021 will be £35.00. Please remember your division and/or district may add their own levy on top. Help is available for those who may not be able to afford to pay as we have been offered grants from Girlguiding Anglia that is expected to pay part or all of the annual subscription for units. We expect that no unit will close as a result of having to pay the subscription this year. We encourage all units to apply using this form if they feel they would like some additional help this year. Please complete this [County Sustainability Form](#) and email, together with up to date accounts: ctreasurer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk by **31 Jan 2021**. We will be reviewing applications on 14 Jan as well as in early Feb. Please include details of how you usually collect subscription payments (i.e. included in termly subs or directly from the parents) and what your usual fixed costs are, i.e. venue hire, property management, etc.

Please also remember that a [County Bursary Form](#) is also available for any girls/adults who may need financial help for an event/activity or just termly subscriptions.

Deadline for claiming 2020 expenses directly from County Treasurer

Please ensure any expenses (claimed directly from County Treasurer, Elaine Wilson, this includes county/division commissioners, trainers, division OAs) incurred during 2020 but not yet claimed are submitted by email to ctreasurer@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk by **18 Dec 2020** so they can be paid before 31 Dec. Any difficulties meeting this deadline email Elaine with details. **There is no guarantee expenses for 2020 not claimed by 18 Dec**

will be paid if we do not hear from you.

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 Update

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

- **Safe Space**
- **Safe Space - Recording of Safe Space E-learning**
- **Changes coming into force on 1 Jan 2021**

Please use the membership@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk email address for all Membership Systems queries. Wishing you all a very Merry, if somewhat unusual, Christmas!

Sheila Hill, Membership Systems Coordinator

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](#)

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

The last posting day in 2020 for Gold, Silver and Bronze awards will be the 14 Dec. Please email badges@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk with plenty of time before the last posting date to allow processing of orders. Posting will resume on 11 Jan. You are more than welcome to email orders over Christmas and New Year, however responses may be slower than normal.

County Website

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

- [Latest News](#)
- [Vacancies](#) - contains information on opportunities within 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 (Covid-secure face to face trainings):

When: [Sun, 13 December 2020](#)

Where: Guide Hut, West Street, Hertford

Who for: Leaders unable to complete a First Response Refresher session, especially Leaders in Training

Cost: £15

When: [Sat, 9 January 2021](#)

Where: St Mary's Church Hall, Rickmansworth

Who for: Leaders unable to complete a First Response Refresher session, especially Leaders in Training

Cost: £15

When: [Sat, 23 January 2020](#)

Where: Guide Hut, Sawbridgeworth

Who for: Leaders unable to complete a First Response Refresher session, especially Leaders in Training

Cost: £15

1st Response Refreshers:

When: [Thurs, 3 December 2020](#)

Where: Virtually

Who for: Leaders

When: [Mon, 7 December 2020](#)

Where: Virtually

Who for: Leaders

Gift Aid:

Virtual Gift Aid Session 1: What it is and How to Register

When: [Tues, 19 January 2021](#)

Where: Virtually

Who For: Leaders/Adults

Virtual Gift Aid Session 2: How to make a claim

When: [Tues, 2 February 2021](#)

Where: Virtually

Who For: Leaders/Adults

Virtual Gift Aid all in one session (covering registration and claim)

When: [Mon, 1 March 2021](#)

Where: Virtually

Who For: Leaders/Adults

Virtual Gift Aid Session 2: How to make a claim

When: [Mon, 15 March 2021](#)

Where: Virtually

Who For: Leaders/Adults

A Safe Space - 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 **31 December 2020**.

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.

Social Walk

When: [Sat, 5 December 2020](#)

Where: Chess Valley Farmland, Sarratt, Hertfordshire

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

Girlguiding Inspire 18-30's Quiz

When: [Sun, 6 December 2020](#)

Where: Virtually

For: Members aged 18-30

Christmas Wreath Making Events

When: [Tues, 8 December 2020](#) (using floral foam)
and/or

When: [Wed, 9 December 2020](#) (using wired wreath)

Where: Virtually

Who for: Adults

Seasonal Social Quiz

When: [Fri, 11 December 2020](#)

Where: Virtually

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

Great Patrol Hunt - 2020/2021 Round 2

When: [Sat, 20 March 2021](#)

Where: Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans

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](#).

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.



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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