



Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



September 2020

Latest News

Returning to face to face guiding

Although no official word has come from Girlguiding HQ, we are being told that we can continue to plan and hold outdoor activities and are encouraged to offer a blended approach to our unit meetings for the Autumn term. Please ensure that all guidelines are adhered to and a full and thorough risk assessment is carried out and approved by your commissioner. All government and local rules must be followed. We do NOT have permission to meet indoors and any properties who lease to third parties must complete a risk assessment and checklist. Further details on this will be sent to property contacts. We are very keen to offer guiding of some sort to all of our members and if you feel you cannot offer anything at the moment, please contact your commissioner so that we can ensure those girls are catered for. Have fun but please follow the rules and stay safe.

New Appointments

- **Carol Hildrop** - North Division Commissioner (from 1 Sept)

County Office

County office staff are currently working remotely from home but are contactable by email: countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk

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**
- **Coronavirus Updates and FAQs**
- **Safe Space**

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

Youth Opportunities

The new Youth Opportunities team are looking to coordinate all options available for 13+ Guides, Rangers, young leaders and adults so a new [county webpage](#) has been created to provide more information and newsletters specifically for youth opportunities which we would be grateful if you could promote.

County Website

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

- [Latest News](#) - here you will find latest news and information for 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](#).

Flexible Guiding

For those who are struggling with waiting lists or are not offering guiding at the moment, we have a great team of volunteers who are willing to offer flexible guiding to Brownies, Guides and Rangers. This could be in the form of virtual meetings or sending them things to do via email or post. Going forward this team will be able to support girls who can't get to or don't want to attend a regular meeting. Please

contact flexibleguiding@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk if you want to get involved or have girls who would benefit from this.

Facebook Interactive - The Leaders Toolbox

Girlguiding Anglia are holding their third Facebook interactive session, on Saturday 5 September 2020 from 9.30am to 12.30pm called 'The Leader's Toolbox'. The morning will be full of 'tools' and information that will support and guide you in many different areas of your guiding journey. Further information can be found via the [Girlguiding Anglia Facebook page](#)

Laurel Award

We were delighted to award Verity Maclachlan with the prestigious Laurel award via Zoom last night. We were joined by the walking team and members from Radlett district as well as members of the county and region teams. Well done Verity!

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.

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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advice. We will update the county website events page when notified of any changes.

Night Navigation Training

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

Where: Panshanger Park, Hertford

Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

Great Patrol Hunt 2020/2021 - Round 1

When: [Sat, 10 Oct 2020](#)

Where: TBC

Who For: Guides

Hertfordshire Peak Assault

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

Where: TBC

Who For: Rangers/Young Leaders/Adults

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 day of the month at the latest.

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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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