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Girlguiding Hertfordshire Newsletter



March 2021

Latest News

Important Update on Essential Information emails and Newsletter:

From next month we will be contacting you in 2 different ways:

1) Essential Information email

As a registered volunteer in Girlguiding Hertfordshire, you will automatically receive this email which will include updates on subscriptions, trainings, Membership Systems (GO) and other essential information to carry out your role.

2) County Newsletter - An Activities, Events and Opportunities based newsletter which will include information on county and international events, volunteer opportunities, Challenge badges and more. To receive this newsletter, you will need to update your Marketing Preferences on GO by ticking the box to receive communications by email. Please encourage all members of your team to do this. Please note, although this is called "marketing", you will not receive anything from third parties and you can opt

out of receiving the Girlguiding Hertfordshire newsletter at any time by using the unsubscribe button at the end of the newsletter or updating your Marketing Preferences on GO.

If you wish to submit an article to feature in the county monthly newsletter, please complete this [Word form](#) and email it to countysec@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk or click on the button below to complete a Microsoft Form.

[Newsletter Article Submission Form](#)

New Appointments

- **Roni-Anna Crawford and Sally Thingsaker-Rothwell** - Kings Langley District Commissioners (Job Share) from 2 March 2021

County Office

The [remote county office](#) will be closed during the Easter holidays from 1.30pm on Friday 26 March re-opening at 9.30am on Monday 12 April.

Subscriptions 2021

Thank you to all those who have already downloaded their Subscription invoice and sent payment. For everyone else, please remember that all payments must be posted to reach Finance (Trading) by **noon on Thursday 1 April**. It is recommended that all subscription cheques are posted no later than Monday 22 March to ensure they arrive before the deadline. Please remember your cheque should be correctly dated, addressed to Girlguiding and signed by two signatories. This should be sent together with the payment slip completed to the address stated on the form. Please ensure you have sufficient cleared funds so your cheque isn't returned unpaid. No changes to the number of members or amount can be made now so please pay what is shown on the invoice even if you think it is not correct. Any problems with payment or queries, please contact your district/division commissioner. Commissioners with questions can contact Elaine Wilson, County Treasurer: 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

The latest Membership Systems Update provides information on the following topics:

- Safe Space - Renewal
- Safe Space - New Listing/Download Added to GO
- Virtual Starter Forms
- Unit Offer Tracker on GO
- 1st Response Validity

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

Membership System Update

Get Involved

We are looking for a team of volunteers to get involved in planning a county badge to do with both sport and disability awareness. Please email events@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk by 20 March if you are interested in helping create this.



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

In support of:



We are looking for volunteers to help put together a fully inclusive, sport & wellbeing related, county badge

Get Involved!

Contact events@girlguidinghertfordshire.org.uk
by 20th March

Aid Adviser. [Click here for more information](#)



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](#)

County Website

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

[Latest News](#), [Challenge Badges](#), [Virtual Ideas and Activities](#), [Youth Opportunities](#), [Resources](#) - various forms, useful links and other information, [Noticeboard](#) and 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.

Region and County Calendar

Girlguiding Anglia have created a new calendar showing training sessions available across counties in the region.

[Region and County Calendar](#)



A Safe Space Online Training Level 3

As you may be aware, each unit must have a leader with Level 3 before they can meet face to face and virtually. Girlguiding Anglia are providing Level 3 online sessions.

[Book Level 3 A Safe Space Session](#)

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.

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

Mon, 1 March 2021, 7.00pm-9.30pm

Where: Virtual

Who For: Leaders/Adults

Please note: booking deadline now passed

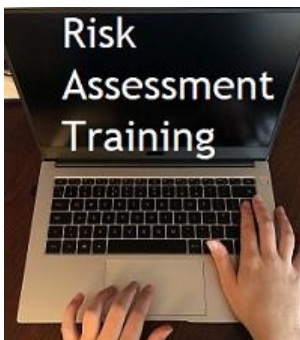


Session 2: How to make a Claim

Mon, 15 March 2021, 7.30pm-8.45pm

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 an article to add to the next county newsletter please complete this [Microsoft Form](#) or complete and email this [Newsletter Submission Word Form](#), ensuring all information is correct, to [county office](#) by the last working day of the month at the latest. Deadline dates can be viewed [here](#).

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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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