



## Leaders Newsletter - May 2017

Welcome to this month's newsletter.  
There is lots of information in this month's edition as well as an article on Brownie trip to Paris so please take time to read it as something in her will be relevant to you

### **County Administrator**

Karen O'Connor is the new administrator

Karen can be contacted at

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Or 10 Denewulf Close Bishps Waltham  
SO32 1GZ. Phone:07746645944

Please can you send all training application forms to Karen from now  
Karen works limited hours per week so please do not expect her to answer the phone if not working just leave a message!

### **New Website is now LIVE**

Good news! Our revamped County Website is now live. To find all the latest information go to [www.girlguidinghantseast.org.uk](http://www.girlguidinghantseast.org.uk) and enter **summertime** in the member's login.

**The member's area is for Guiding Leaders only please do not share the login with parents**

The new look website makes it easier to find all the County information that you need with plenty of tabs to aid your searches. Any updated items will be posted in the latest information section and then moved after a fortnight, so keep checking the site to see what is going on.

As usual we value your input and would appreciate photos and a bit of blurb about things that you have done, this will keep the website fresh.

We aim to keep the website as up to date as possible so if you think anything is out of date or missing please let me know.

Thanks, Liz Dunning

### **WANTED County Safeguarding Adviser**

Are you a volunteer in Guiding and have work based/volunteer experience of managing safeguarding procedures for children? If so why not become the County Safeguarding Adviser.

The job description is listed below:

- \* Support and advise leaders in the County as appropriate to your expertise and knowledge.
- \* Support the County Commissioner in term of safeguarding issues
- \*Manages and assists at local level with child protection/vulnerable adult investigations
- \*Coordinates the administration and records of disclosures
- \*Acts as a point of contact for HQ and Region Safeguarding teams
- \*Assists in the dissemination of information to the County of info from HQ and Region.
- \*Communicates with the Region Safeguarding team issues or concerns that need to be raised with HQ
- \* Attends training and meetings with Region team

Expressions of interest should be made to:

Lyndsey Cook County Commissioner  
[lyndseycc@outlook.com](mailto:lyndseycc@outlook.com)



## Code of Conduct Update by GGUK

This has been revised and updated by GGUK and needs to be read by every Guider please

1. Girl Guiding has revised its code of conduct for all volunteers

As a Girlguiding volunteer **you must always:**

- be a **good role model** with behaviour and an attitude that are in line with our **values** and [the Promise](#)
- **comply with all applicable UK laws and guidance**. If your unit is based outside the UK or you are part of an activity outside the UK, you must also abide by the law of that country
- make sure you follow Girlguiding [policies and procedures](#) and re-read them from time to time as they may be amended
- be **responsible and accountable** in the way you perform your role
- be **fair** and treat everyone with **respect and dignity** in accordance with our [Equality and Diversity policy](#)
- **respect others' privacy** in line with our policies and guidance
- **communicate** with others in an **open and respectful** way whether in person, by phone, writing or digital media
- **work together** with Girlguiding members, their parents/carers and members of the public to promote Girlguiding's [mission and values](#).

As a Girlguiding volunteer you must **not** act fraudulently or dishonestly, or do anything which brings (or is likely

to bring) Girlguiding into disrepute or have a negative impact on Girlguiding or its reputation.

As members we must all adhere to this. Sadly most complaints received within the County are due to breaches of this code.

There is new Guidance help with the issue in the form of the Managing Concerns about Adult Volunteers procedures. The outline of which is below.

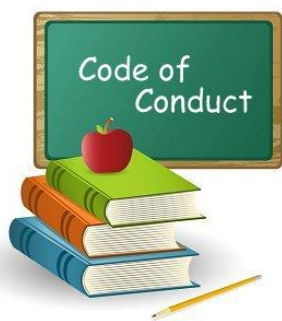
As Girlguiding adult volunteers you are part of a diverse group of people from all walks of life, each with unique skills and experiences.

You are united by an important responsibility: to help girls and young women reach their full potential through great guiding experiences and by always being a positive role model.

Girlguiding will give you support and management to make sure that you are always clear on this responsibility, on what we expect from you and on the standards of behaviour you must reach.

Part of our management of volunteers includes taking action if we have concerns about an adult volunteer's conduct. This can be for a number of reasons, for example a lack of self-awareness or not understanding what is expected of you as a volunteer.

In these circumstances Girlguiding might have to formally manage that person's role and/or their membership. When we do this we always aim to do it with respect and sensitivity.



Adviser for Disabilities 

Would Guiders who have girls with disabilities please contact Lorraine if you would like any advice or help with the challenges you may meet. Lorraine is happy to offer support to you and your unit.

Please contact Lorraine on

[lorrainemole@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lorrainemole@tiscali.co.uk) or  
01489581102

### GO Records

I would like to thank all of you that have taken the time to sort out the GO records for your unit.

Most units have now moved the assigned girls across to the contacted list although I am still working on a very few units that are not complying with the 21 day rule!

Now we need to look at the contacted lists. Have the parents replied to you since you made contact. If not and two weeks has passed can I suggest that you make contact in a different way i.e. if you emailed try a phone call. If you still get no response after another 2 weeks then please remove from the GO system

I hope we are also finding ways to get the Brownies and Guides on our waiting lists that are in the correct age into units. I can understand waiting lists for Rainbows many are under age but not Brownies or

Guides. Adult ratios in your unit meeting are different to outside so unless your venue is particularly small let's get those Brownies and Guides off the waiting lists and into units please



Hello everyone

We have a new sleepover date released for October, this is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Royal Navy Submarine Museum.

A minimum of 50 young people is needed for the sleepover to take place, adults and leaders are free.

The group get to go on board HMS Alliance and explore our two other submarines Holland I and X-24 and a carousel of activities before sleeping inside the main museum building which itself is shaped like a submarine, watch a film 'night at the museum' before sleeping over. Costs are £28 per young person, which includes the evening of activities, film and cereal and fruit breakfast the following morning

In addition we have the following dates available for 2018:

- 3rd Feb
- 30th March
- 27th April
- 25th May
- 29th June
- 21st September
- 19th October
- 30th November
- 7th December

Please let me know if you would be interested in booking as we have limited availability and interest is likely to be very high.

Thank you  
Kind Regards

Daniel

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**Meon Valley Division Brownies International Trip  
– Paris 2017**



11 Brownies, 1 Rainbow, 3 Guides [known as Brownie Helpers], 3 Young Leaders and 8 Leaders set out very early on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February on a 12 hour coach trip departing from Swanmore College. We were all off to Paris for a few days.

You can imagine our excitement as we boarded the coach and set off to catch and set off to catch the ferry to Dunkirk from Dover. There was fun to be had on the ferry, with the majority of brownies and one little rainbow playing in the soft play area. The time passed really quickly and soon we were back on our coach and heading towards our destination, Lésigny near Paris. We were staying in the Chateau de Grande Romaine which is run by PGL. We finally arrived at around 5.30pm, just in time for dinner!

On our first day, we made our own packed lunches, had breakfast and then boarded our coach for the journey into the centre of Paris. After an hour we arrived at the foot of the Eiffel Tower. We had to go through some security checks and then we started the long climb up the many stairs to the first floor. Once there, we made our way up more stairs to the second floor. The views were amazing. We made our way back down to the first floor, where one Leader was presented with

her Gold DofE award then we made our descent down the Eiffel Tower and walked over to the River Seine where we boarded the Bateaux de Parisienne for an hour long boat ride.

Whilst on the boat taking in the sites we ate our lunches. When the boat journey was over, we boarded our coach and set off towards the Montmartre.

Imagine our faces when we saw how many more steps we had to climb!! Once we had climbed to the top we went into the Sacre Coeur to look around. Afterwards, we walked round to a small square where there were some artists selling paintings and a few souvenir shops where we spent some of our Euros buying presents. We made our descent down to the coach and travelled back to the Chateau in time for dinner.

After dinner, we had fun making crepes and eating them. We then sang happy birthday to one of the Young Leaders and ate some cake. After stuffing ourselves, we made our way back to our rooms and got ready for bed.

On our second day, we excitedly made our packed lunches, ate breakfast and then boarded the coach for a 30 minute journey to the Disneyland parks. We spent an enjoyable day at the parks, going on lots of rides [some quite extreme!!], watching some shows and spotting Disney characters. Soon it was time to get back on the coach and head back to the Chateau. After dinner we had a disco. We did lots of dancing as well as playing musical chairs and musical statues. A lot of us were feeling very tired and it wasn't very long before everyone was asleep.

On Thursday we travelled back home, this time the journey taking longer due to storm Doris! Some of us found the ferry crossing back a bit bumpy, there were a few green faces but we all finally made it back safely.

We all agree that we had a fantastic time in Paris and can't wait until the next time we go.....

We would like to thank Meon Valley Lions and Bishops Waltham Rotary Club for their ferry to Dunkirk from Dover. There was fun to be had on the ferry, with the majority of brownies and one little rainbow playing in the soft play area. The time passed really quickly and soon we were back on our coach and heading towards our destination, Lésigny near Paris. We were staying in the Chateau de Grande Romaine which is run by PGL. We finally arrived at around 5.30pm, just in time for dinner