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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

LEADER NEWSLETTER

December 2021



Message from Lyndsey

Happy Christmas. I love this time of year it for nothing else but the chance to put lights up everywhere and to look at all the others as you drive around. Hoping your Christmas is a happy one and you can second it with those you love.

My final message as County Commissioner

1825 days, 160 LQ certificates, 8 thank you events, 15 county execs, 11 new commissioners, 6 training days, over 100 awards, thousands of emails and visits to units and events. That is my last 5 years as County Commissioner in a nutshell. But where has that time gone? It has been a pleasure to be CC for Hampshire East and to work with so many fantastic commissioners, advisers, leaders, helpers and of course all our amazing young members. You all provide so many opportunities for our members to enjoy, experience new things and to grow in confidence. It has been a strange last 2 years and sadly I have missed all the invitations to events and meetings but am amazed at the ingenuity you have all shown in providing guiding in so many different ways.

I would also like to give an enormous thank you to my 5 assistants, Kathy, Vilma, Liz, Claire and Jacqui, without whom I would not have been able to carry out this role. As well as these ladies a big thank you

to Pam, my President and to Carol and Wendy too.

You all make for a fantastic county to be part of. I know you will grow from strength to strength under the leadership of Victoria and her team. I won't be far away, I will still be a Brownie leader, trainer and mentor in the county.

Very best of wishes to all of you.

Lyndsey

New Email Address

Lyndsey's new email address is lyndseycook66@googlemail.com

Updated Covid-19 Advice

Hopefully you have all seen the updated advice from HQ based on recommendations from the NYA.

03/12/21 Stay Covid responsible

Follow these guidelines for guiding in England:

- There is no limit on group size for your meetings, or on the number of volunteers you can have. And you do not need to split groups into bubbles.
- Day trips and adult meetings are allowed. Make sure to follow the rules of the venue and include Covid responsible measures in your plans and risk assessments.
- **At indoor meetings, face coverings must be worn by Guides, Rangers and volunteers unless exempt. Face coverings are not required when eating or drinking.**
- Social distancing is not required, but it is recommended in crowded spaces, spaces with no fresh air, and when you need to get close to another person, so you can stay Covid responsible, unless you are medically exempt.
- If your meeting place has a QR code, adults should scan in using the NHS Covid-19 app.
- **It is advisable that you review your risk assessment to ensure that you are still meeting in a Covid responsible way, including adding any updates required around use of face coverings.**

There is also updated advice about lateral flow tests for residential and international travel is still not permitted.

Please ensure all who have to be wearing masks when meeting indoors and that you and the team review your risk assessment.

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

1st Response



1st Response Training

The next 1st Response training dates are as follows:

1st Response Training

Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 February 2022

7pm to 9pm - virtual sessions

1st Response Training Practical Session

Saturday 5 February 2022

Petersfield - *venue and timings to be confirmed*

1st Response Training

Monday 7 & Tuesday 15 March 2022

7pm to 9pm - virtual sessions

1st Response Training Practical Session

Saturday 19 March 2022

Slots allocated from 1:30pm

Portsmouth North - *venue to be confirmed*

If you are interested in attending a 1st Response training, please complete a booking form and return to hantseastadm@outlook.com

Click on the button below to download the booking form.

[Booking Form](#)

Spring Training Day - Saturday 14 May 2022

Please save this date in your diaries. In the morning there will be options for programme linked trainings and a focus on well-being/craft sessions in the afternoon. More information to follow over the coming months.



INTOPS

What is INTOPS?

INTOPS or International Opportunities are experiences available to all Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Adult Members to travel abroad with Guiding. These opportunities could be with your Unit, County, Region or even Country.

With exceptions in the last couple of years due to covid, every year groups from across Hampshire East go abroad with Guiding. In the last few years we have had groups go to France, Switzerland, Croatia, Cyprus and India, to name just a few.

Recently, we have had Adult Members help lead Region trips to Romania, Switzerland and Mexico. Activities on these trips have included visiting World Centres, snow sports and service projects in an orphanage and conservation of turtles.

We have also had Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders represent the County at Region level on trips to Iceland, Kenya, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada and Mexico. Had they not been cancelled due to lockdown, we had girls preparing to represent the Region on trips to Ghana, Poland and Greece.

Travelling internationally with Girlguiding is always a fantastic experience, perhaps to countries you would never otherwise visit, attending jamborees, completing service projects e.g. conservation, teaching, building schools, being hosted or visiting local Girl Guides or Girl Scouts - the possibilities are endless and often end in lasting friendships across the World.

How can I go on an International guiding trip?

- Plan a trip with a unit/district/division group from your local area. Switzerland and Euro Disney are popular destinations and there are multiple travel companies to support such trips for groups. Please speak to your commissioner and international adviser before planning begins.
- Put yourself and girls from your unit forward for selection for County and/or Region international events. Selection events are held annually for adults and girls wishing to join trips.
 - Adult INTOPS - is 23-24 April 2022 at Foxlease. For more details and to apply keep an eye out in the County and Region newsletters. If you would like to find out more about what is involved or speak to someone who has previously taken part, please contact Sarah Woodman, International Adviser, who will be able to put you in touch with someone.
 - Girls INTOPS
 - County selection day is Sunday March 13th 2022 at Sandy Acres for girls who will be under 19 by the time they travel in 2023/2024.

- Girls will complete a variety of different activities during the day and some of the girls will be asked to represent the County at the Region Participants INTOPS weekend to be held on 24 to 26 June 2022 at Foxlease. For more information regarding the County Participants INTOPS event please click on the button below.
- The interest from the girls attending the County INTOPS day will aid the county team in county international planning.
- Grants may be available to support adults and girls on INTOPS events and trips.
- ICE - International Community Experience, organised by South West Region. There are two selection events; 23-25 September 2022 in Bristol and 14-16 October 2022 in Berkshire. ICE trips tend to be closer to home (previous trips have been to Belgium, Ireland, Holland) and include a community service project. The next trip is Easter 2023 and girls need to be aged 10-14 at the time of travel. We are lucky that two of the leaders going on the next ICE trip are from Hampshire East.
- Go for Gold - look out in national newsletters for details of Gold events and trips which will be going ahead again from this year. Applicants need to be 18-30.

Adult Members who would like to gain the international section of the Going Away With Scheme or would like to know more about travelling internationally please speak to your local commissioner or Sarah Woodman, the County International Adviser, email HantsEastIA@outlook.com

[County INTOPS Flyer](#)

Claim Forms for Expenses

If you hold a county role and need to claim back any expenses through county, please can you ensure you send in your claim form together with any receipts and post to Liz Linkins, County Treasurer, Jaspers, Stamford Avenue, Hayling Island, PO11 0BJ as soon as possible after 31st December 2021 as this is the year end for the county accounts.



Long Service Awards

Congratulations to the following Leaders and Unit Helpers on gaining their long service awards:

SW Region - 1 Year Service Award

Becky Buckle - Havant
Elaine Phillips - Hayling Island
Jennifer MacMull - Portsmouth North
Julie Mears - Hayling Island
Martha Austin - Fareham
Sarah Buckle - Havant
Tracy Wooster - Bere Forest

SW Region - 3 Year Service Award

Fiona Hebben - Portsmouth North
Kate Marsh - Bere Forest

5 Year Service Award

Eleanor Brett - Gosport South
Rebecca Caves - Portsmouth South

10 Year Service Award

Ellie Lawrence - Petersfield
Emily Baker - Portsmouth South
Frances Stephens - Petersfield

Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to the following leaders on gaining their Leadership Qualification:

Hannah Bulpitt [Modules 1-3 Guides] - Titchfield
Jade Hallett [Modules 1-3 Rainbows] - Havant
Kate Humby [Modules 1-4 Brownies] - Fareham
Nicola Harckham-Edwards [Module 1 Brownies] - Havant



Dates for your Diary

2022

2 & 3 February - 1st Response Training *[virtual sessions]*

5 February - 1st Response Practical

7 & 15 March - 1st Response Training *[virtual sessions]*

19 March - 1st Response Practical

14 May - Spring Training Day



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