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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

LEADER NEWSLETTER

July 2020



Message from Lyndsey

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and beginning to enjoy some of the activities that the easing of lockdown is allowing us.

My highlight today was a visit to the hairdressers, never knew I had so much grey hair but miraculously it's all gone again!!

Thank you for all you have been doing to keep Girlguiding alive for the girls during the time of no unit meetings.

Enjoy the summer and hopefully you might be able to get away. I'm going to explore two parts of this country I don't know so well.

Return to Guiding

Hopefully, you have all seen the information in Wednesday's 'Discover & Grow' email.

Please remember that face-to-face indoor meetings are currently still suspended.

However, Girlguiding have been planning for the return to Guiding for weeks and would like your thoughts to help them find out what support you need when indoor meetings start up again. I urge you to please complete this survey.

Indoor meetings may be some way off yet and will depend on the government further lifting of restrictions, permission from Girlguiding and that your meeting place is open and having made risk assessments in place to ensure it is covid secure.

Before this happens there will be some very limited opportunities to meet with small groups of your young members [not full units] outdoors later this month if you are abiding by local government rules, have followed new guidelines and processes, observe social distancing and have two volunteers present if you are meeting young members.

For those who can't, or don't feel ready to, Adventures at Home will continue and we're providing support and training for online guiding.

No Girlguiding activities can take place without a full risk assessment and this risk assessment being approved by your local commissioner.

Commissioners will only be receiving their training on this process during the week of 13th July, so please don't bombard them with questions, we no no more than you do at this stage!!

All the information about return to guiding will be sent to all leaders on Wednesday 15th July. The Risk Assessment form and FAQs will then be on the website.

ID verifiers will be able to start DBS checks, and can verify documents face-to-face while maintaining social distance and following government guidelines.

Lyndsey

Lyndsey Cook
County Commissioner Hants East



Subscriptions 2021

I know this is a worry for lots of units. Girlguiding are working on the details for subscriptions for 2021 and are hoping to release this by the beginning of September. The County Finance Committee has made some suggestions that may help units and we will let you know about these once they have been finalised.

Brownie Kingswood Trip

You will have received a letter from Nicky Bull on behalf of the County team and the organising committee. A lot of effort has gone in to trying to keep this trip in the County diary but obviously due to restrictions we did not feel it either safe or to be the trip we wanted if we went ahead in October. Kingswood have worked with us to find a new date for exclusive use of the venue. We are aware the change of date may cause issues for some girls and details of what to do about this are in the

letter. If you have any queries ref payments and refunds please contact Kathy Davis kathyacc@outlook.com

Please ensure you let Nicky have your information before 31st August. We will then open up the trip to other girls including younger Guides.

Virtual Sleepover

We hope you and your unit are going to join our virtual sleepover. This can be done as a unit with or without Zoom sessions or stand alone by girls wherever they might be, even on holiday.

Click the button below to the flyer giving more details. Please send this to your girls to encourage more participants.

Applications for this event MUST be made by 21st July.

[Virtual Sleepover Flyer](#)

Safe Space Training

Girlguiding are unlikely to extend the deadline for compliance for this. Levels 1 and 2 have been available online for some time. Level 4 is now possible via virtual training and there are plans for the same for Level 3. If your Level 1 and 2 are expiring you must complete this online as soon as you can. I did mine last week and it took me a lot less than an hour to do both!



Lyndsey

National Information

Virtual Guiding New Starter Form

We've launched a new starter form for all those that have started guiding during Covid-19. You can email this to parents and ask them to complete and email back to you. Even if you're not currently holding online meetings but are sending emails, newsletters etc this form must be used.

Guiding Essentials Catalogue Delayed

Trading won't be sending you the *Guiding Essentials* catalogue next month but plan to launch one early next year. In the meantime, check out the online shop for the latest product launches and offers.

A Safe Space

The following statement from the recent National Safe Space Trainer meeting might help leaders to understand why completion of a Safe Space training is so important:-

'The Working Together to Safeguard Children' national document states

"all practitioners working in voluntary and charitable organisations and agencies who are working with

children and their families are subject to the same safeguarding responsibilities, whether paid or a volunteer". The guidance also highlights that: "charity trustees are responsible for ensuring that those benefitting from, or working with, their charity, are not harmed in any way through contact with it".

Please note

Volunteers are expected to work in partnership with the Safeguarding team. Just reporting an incident is not the end of their involvement. The Safeguarding team will always direct what will happen next. They may ask the leader to provide additional information or to have a conversation with the family.

Scout Inquest

You may be aware of the scout who was killed during a Snowden Expedition back in August 2018. The first inquest was held in February of this year. As a result of the evidence heard the coroner issued 'A Report to Prevent Future Deaths' identifying 20 points of concern. These make for sombre reading and could so easily apply to Girlguiding. This illustrates the importance of all volunteers attending safeguarding training by the compliance deadline both to keep our members safe and to protect the reputation of our organisation. If you wish to know more you can search scout inquest online.

Renewal

It is likely that the renewal process post compliance will be that leaders required to renew Levels 1 and 2 can do this via e-learning, the content of which is being updated. For Level 3 leaders will be required to attend either a face to face or live webinar Level 3 training. The new content and activities will ensure that the training experience is not a repeat of the previous Level 3 training.

The compliance deadline is unlikely to be extended. It is therefore vitally important that if you receive an email to say you need to complete a Safe Space Level 1 or 2 online that you do so. They are very easy to access and straight forward to complete, taking very little of your time.

Virtual Training

Girlguiding has worked hard to transfer the current ASS levels 3 and 4 onto a virtual platform. Procedures have been put in place to ensure the safety of leaders who may be affected by the content and will be accessing the training with no support.

The Level 4 webinar pilot is complete and commissioners can now apply to attend L4 webinar trainings at both National and Region level. Level 4 is delivered over 2 x 2-hour sessions and commissioners must have completed ASS levels 1-3 before they can attend the training.

Level 3 is now being trialled and sessions will be available from 6th July (national) and it is hoped that the training materials will be released to C/Rs from early August. The level 3 is delivered at one 2.5-hour session and leaders must have completed ASS levels 1-2 before they can attend.



Unit Waiting Lists

We have recently received a report from Region showing that we have over 100 units in Hampshire East that have eligible girls on their waiting list and spaces in their units.

I think these may be mainly girls that were going to join after Easter and as we have not had face to face meetings that has not been possible.

However, time is moving on and at the moment face to face meetings are unlikely to commence any time soon so we hope by now all units are in communication with their girls virtually and offering activities and maybe zoom sessions to keep the girls involved and offer something within Guiding they can do and enjoy.

If your unit has space, please could you now invite all those on your waiting list that are eligible and should have started to participate in your virtual Guiding be it by closed Facebook groups, email or zoom etc.

We hope to see you all at the County Virtual Sleepover.

Take care
Kathy Davis

Fareham Guide Shop

The Fareham shop will remain closed for the foreseeable future but if you need books/uniform/resources and do not have a local depot then you can contact Liz Dunning who will get the items from the shop for you. You can then collect them from her, or they can be posted to you - postage rates will be appropriate to the size of the parcel.

Southsea Guide Depot

As we adapt to current changes, Southsea Guide Depot are now accepting orders. Please use the button below to access the order form for you to complete and return via email.

Once your order has arrived, they will contact you using the details provided on the order form to arrange a suitable address and allocated timeslot for you to collect your order. As the depot will not be open please do not turn up at the depot, they will try to choose appropriate pick up points to suit you the best they can. If you have outstanding orders from before March, they will arrange these orders with you too.

Please note: Unfortunately, they are not able to take any uniform orders at present.

If you have any questions regarding your orders, please contact the Southsea Guide Depot using the email address quoted on page 1 of the order form.

[Southsea Guide Depot - Order Form](#)



Long Service Awards

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

SW Region - 1 Year Service Award

Alice Lynch - Petersfield
Becky Morton - Petersfield
Hayley Gray - Gosport South
Joanne Matthews - Portsmouth North
Katie McBride - Gosport South
Kim White - Bere Forest

SW Region - 3 Year Service Award

Jane Moss - Portsmouth North

5 Year Service Award

Abbie James - Portsmouth North
Angela Thorpe - Portsmouth North
Anna Doyle - Portsmouth North
Emma Brickell - Horndean
Katie Green - Horndean
Kirstie Mitchell - Fareham
Laura Archer - Portsmouth North
Rebecca Aldridge - Portsmouth North
Sian Evans - Fareham
Valerie Rossiter - Hayling Island

10 Year Service Award

Becky Goss - Horndean
Claire Smith - Portsmouth North
Eleri Bradford - Fareham
Kathryn Bate - Horndean

40 Year Service Award

Beverley Kent - Fareham
Chris Matthews - Portsmouth North
Vanessa Davies - Horndean

50 Year Service Award

Linda Wynne - Portsmouth South

Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to the following leader on gaining her Leadership Qualification:

Jessica Pang [modules 1-3 Rainbows] - Portsmouth South

Lucy Stone [modules 1-3 Guides] - Gosport South



Dates for your Diary 2020

Please note these dates are subject to change as the coronavirus situation changes

27 Sep	1st Response
2-4 Oct	County Brownie Activity Weekend - POSTPONED TO SPRING 2021
6 Oct	Managing Finance & Accounts
14 Oct	1st Response Renewal
22 Nov	A Safe Space Level 3
22 Nov	LQ Day for New Leaders



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