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Girlguiding Hampshire East County's

## LEADER NEWSLETTER

July/August 2019



### **Hello from Lyndsey**

As we approach the summer break I'd like to thank you all for all you do to give the girls and young women of Hants East Guiding such wonderful opportunities, experiences and adventures.

Many of you will already be working on the new programme and others will be new to it in September as the old programme is no longer valid.

Enjoy your unit camps and holidays, your own holidays, and maybe a rest from Guiding.

Best Wishes  
Lyndsey  
County Commissioner

### **Transition Days**

Last November Petersfield Division held a Brownie to Guide transition day where the Brownies sampled some Guide activities to encourage them to move to Guides. Every girl who attended is now either in Guides or on a waiting list - this is a tremendous result. The Membership, Growth & Retention team are keen that this type of event is repeated in all Divisions. We have a resource pack that you can use which has lots of ideas, of course you can add yours too! Divisions can join with a neighbouring Division to run the event if they want to - just remember that it needs to be accessible to all 9 year old Brownies in your

Division. So, if you are a Guide Leader or Unit Helper please let your Division Commissioner know that you are willing to organise and run a Transition Day. We look forward to hearing how it went, we may even come and visit!

Liz Dunning

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### Meet our new County Inclusion Advisers

I am pleased to be able to introduce 2 new members of the County team. Dee Humphris and Michelle Tandy are our new joint Inclusion Advisers. Please make contact with them if you have any queries regarding inclusion of girls in your unit or advice with special needs / medical conditions. Their email address is [inclusionhantseast1@outlook.com](mailto:inclusionhantseast1@outlook.com).

Lyndsey  
County Commissioner



My name is Dee. I am a Guide Leader in Bedhampton and have been involved in Guiding since I was a Rainbow 30 years ago. For the past 15 years I have worked as an Occupational Therapist in various roles within the NHS working with both adults and children.

My day-to-day job involves assessing people of all ages and determining how illness or disability affects their everyday occupations and plan intervention to overcome the barriers. I also work with those supporting the individual such as parents, carers and teachers to teach them how to best support the individual in their care.

I'm interested to hear from any units who may have some examples of positive inclusion within their settings or from anyone who is needing advice.

Dee Humphris  
Inclusion Adviser

I passionately believe in Inclusion. As an Occupational Therapist of 12 years it is my job to promote independence and inclusion for people in all aspects of their daily living. I have worked with all ages across the physical, mental health and learning disability classifications. Without being involved in Girlguiding I wouldn't be undertaking this profession. I have been a member of all sections and as a leader with a young family of 3, who has been a single parent, I have had to be flexible in how I support my district and division. It doesn't have to be a 1-2 hour weekly meeting, there are other ways to include and involve adults in supporting our units.

In the last year I have supported unit meetings running the new programme across all the age ranges of Girlguiding. As a parent to a Rainbow and Brownie I to have that perspective. I believe each District and Division already has a wealth of experience that we will need to tap into but we could do more to make Girlguiding in Hampshire East accessible to all members. We all have busy lives with different pressures and/or health conditions - one size doesn't fit all and we need to evolve to embrace being more inclusive. As we develop our role we will keep you updated as to how we can support. In the meantime, if you have new or existing members in your unit who may have additional needs, please do contact us if you need some guidance in how to support them inclusively.



Michelle Tandy  
Inclusion Adviser

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### **Safeguarding Adviser**

Vicki Snelling, County Safeguarding Adviser, has a new email address;  
[safeguardinghantseast@outlook.com](mailto:safeguardinghantseast@outlook.com).

Please use this email if you need to contact Vicki about any safeguarding queries.



### **County Finance Committee**

Would you be interested in being part of the Finance Committee as a co-opted member? Responsibilities include helping to manage the finances of the County on behalf of the County Executive Committee, to ensure proper records are kept, and help set, approve and monitor the annual budget spend. The Committee meets at least 3 times per year and each meeting lasts around 2-2.5 hours. If you are interested and would like to be considered and are able to commit to attending the meetings during the year, please contact Karen O'Connor, Chair of Finance Committee - [hfinancecommittee@outlook.com](mailto:hfinancecommittee@outlook.com) and/or Lyndsey Cook - [hantseastcc@outlook.com](mailto:hantseastcc@outlook.com)

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### **Archery and Fencing Qualifications**

We are in the process of updating our list of qualifications in the County. Do you currently hold an Archery and/or Fencing Qualification? Would you be willing to visit units in the County to run activities for the girls? If so, we would like to hear from you - contact Lyndsey Cook [hantseastcc@outlook.com](mailto:hantseastcc@outlook.com).





## **Peer Education Basic Weekend Training**

### **Who and What are Peer Educators?**

Peer Educators are trained members between 14 and 25 who run sessions for Brownies, Guides and Rangers. They also work with other youth groups or schools. These sessions focus on issues or skills that are important to them and their peers such as: Mental Health, Self Esteem, Gender Stereotypes.

### **How do I become a Peer Educator?**

To gain the skills required to become a Peer Educator you need to complete the peer education e-learning, Safe Space Levels 1 & 2 and attend a Peer Education Basic Training weekend.

The training is being held on 11th - 13th October at Uphill Scout HQ, Weston-Super-Mare and costs £30.

For further details and to book, visit [South West Region events - Peer Education Basic training](#)

[Peer Education Basic Training Flyer](#)

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## **Special Invitation to the Scrapstore**

Saturday 27th July from 9.30am to 11.30am has been set aside for a special invitation to the Scrapstore for leaders in Hampshire East.

This event will enable leaders to look at the scrap available and there will be a display of crafts that have been completed using the scrap that has been donated. Refreshments will be provided.



Please see the [SCRAPSTORE NEWSLETTER](#) for more information.

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### **SWEBOTS On the Net**

South West Region have launched their new STEM resource called 'On the Net' - it's designed to get the girls interested in all things cyber, including internet safety. The resource and badges are fantastic! SW Region are also holding a Cyberfirst event for Guides and Rangers on Saturday 13th July.

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BLUEBIRD THE STORYTELLER.

*Stuck for an idea for a winters evening, why not ask Bluebird the Storyteller to visit for an evening. This can support the Storytelling ideas in the New programme.*

*Oral storytelling to enchant and enthrall all ages, including creating a comfortable storytelling space, stories, songs and interactive improvised tales.*



*Traditional stories, fables, fairy tales, wonder stories and much more.*

*Approx. 45-60 mins, freestyle or any chosen theme tales.*

*Stories to tell suitable for all ages from Rainbows to Trefoils.*

*Contact Janet Goring.*

*Tel 02392 611847.*

*Email [janet@bluebirdstorytelling.co.uk](mailto:janet@bluebirdstorytelling.co.uk)*

*Cost; Discounted Prices for GG Units*

*Rainbows 25.00 plus travel; Brownies £28.00 plus travel; Guides and Trefoil Guilds £35.00 plus travel.*





### **Long Service Awards**

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

#### **SW Region - 1 Year Service Award**

Charlotte Turner  
Elizabeth Jenneson  
Katie Sherriff  
Nikki James  
Sarah Cooper  
Steve Prest

#### **SW Region - 3 Year Service Award**

Vanessa Marston

#### **5 Year Service Award**

Fenella Beard - Bere Forest  
Tanya Manns - Bere Forest

#### **10 Year Service Award**

Lorna Danter - Bere Forest  
Jackie Swift - Bere Forest

#### **20 Year Service Award**

Claire Lyne - Bere Forest  
Becky Hodges - Bere Forest

#### **Leadership Qualification**

Congratulations to the following leader who has successfully gained her Leadership Qualification:  
Katie Green [Modules 1-3 Brownies] - Hordean

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### **Dates for your Diary 2019**

19 Jul	Leaders Social and Award Event (evening)
16 Sep	Young Members Presentation Evening
22 Sep	First Response/First Response Renewal Training - NO SPACES
9 Oct	First Response Renewal Training
20 Nov	First Response Renewal Training
2 Nov	First Response Training
3 Nov	Leaders Social and Award Event (afternoon)
24 Nov	Safe Space Level 2/Safe Space Level 3
24 Nov	LQ Day for New Leaders

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