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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

## LEADER NEWSLETTER

March 2021



### Message from Lyndsey

As we head towards spring there is sight of more promising times ahead and a return to some sort of normality. Keep strong. Thank you for all you do.

Best wishes  
Lyndsey  
County Commissioner



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### **Return to Face to Face Guiding**

Now that the government have set out their roadmap we will gradually be able to return to 'normal' guiding providing the government dates are to be followed.

As you will have seen in the recent edition of Discover and Grow, face-to-face outdoor Guiding can restart from 29th March as long as government guidance allows it.

This is for up to 15 girls, plus leaders. You must have a risk assessment signed off by your Division Commissioner. You'll need details of who in the unit has A Safe Space Level 3 and how first aid will be provided. Please give your Commissioner time to sign off the risk assessment before you start back. You can still do virtual guiding if you are not able to meet face-to-face.

If you've already sent a risk assessment, you will need to check it again to make sure everything has remained the same and resubmit it ensuring it also shows the additional information mentioned above.

Lyndsey Cook  
County Commissioner

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### Annual Subscription Membership Fees

A reminder that your 2021 annual subscription payment is now due as of 23 February 2021. No further changes can be made to invoices and all invoices must be paid in full.

Please ensure you make arrangements to pay your unit invoice as soon as possible. Once your payment has been received your invoice status on the system will change to 'payment in progress'. If there are no problems with your payment, your invoice status will change to 'paid in full' after 5 working days. You will then need to print a copy of this for your accounts. Any cheques received by Girlguiding after 1 April 2021 will not be processed and will be destroyed.

Although there are a lot of pending invoices, there are still a number of units who have not yet viewed or downloaded their invoice. Please do not leave it until the last minute to pay your invoice. If you have any queries or are experiencing problems with paying your invoice, please speak to your local Commissioner immediately.

Let's be the first County in the Region where all invoices are either in progress or paid before 1 April 2021!

Karen O'Connor  
Chair of Finance

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### Despite

The County 36 are advised to book to link the event to the group and please like Sunday 5th September online and keep your fingers crossed we can go ahead with the long awaited chance to get together. We would like to apologise to the coordinator to link people together and liaise with the Region Adviser. Please contact Lyndsey (CC) if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.

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### County Team Contacts

A reminder that if you are contacting any of the County Team about anything within their roles, the county

emails and not personal emails must be used please.

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### **Appointments from 1st April**

Petersfield Division Commissioner - Dawn Clay

Meon Valley Division Commissioner - Nicky Hammond

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### **A Safe Space**

A reminder for all leaders and volunteers to ensure they keep their Safe Space training up to date. As we are at the 3-year anniversary of Safe Space training being introduced a higher than usual number of leaders' qualifications are up for renewal.

Please don't overlook this as a unit cannot meet, even virtually, without a leader present who holds Level 3 Safe Space. The need for units to be fully compliant did not stop at the end of 2020.

Leaders and volunteers can access Safe Space Levels 1 & 2 via e-learning on the Girlguiding UK website here: [A Safe Space training](#)

For leaders needing to renew their Level 3 Safe Space, Region have a number of sessions during March and April which are free to book onto. Details of these and how to book can be found here: <https://www.girlguidingsouthwestevents.co.uk>

Please do not hold off renewing until you can meet as there may not be enough places at the sessions available!

Claire Rees  
ACC Excellence

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### **First Response Training - NEW Sessions**

Thanks to one of our dedicated Trainers we are delighted to let you know that we are able to offer two sessions of the new First Response course this month. With a little adaptation we are able to deliver the virtual sessions at the current time and have plans in place to support safe access to the practical session to complete the course a little later on.

In order to complete the training Leaders will need to be available to complete both evening sessions and the practical session.

The courses we are offering are being targeted at Leaders in Training who need their First Response qualification to complete their Leadership qualification and Leaders where their existing First Response has expired.

- Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm
- Tuesday 29 & Wednesday 30 March 7pm to 9pm

All participants will also be required to attend the Module 3 practical session on 24 or 25 April [please note this is dependent on Government guidelines at the time].

If you are interested in attending a First Response training, please complete a booking form and return to [hantseastadm@outlook.com](mailto:hantseastadm@outlook.com)

Click on the button below to access the booking form.

[Booking Form](#)

In addition to these sessions South West Region is also offering a number of First Response training sessions, so please look here for alternative dates: <https://www.girlguidingsouthwestevents.co.uk>

Claire Rees  
ACC Excellence

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## HAMPSHIRE YOUTH NETWORK

### **Hampshire Youth Network**

Bella, from Hampshire North, has been our Guiding representative on the Hampshire Youth Network team since it was set up. Unfortunately, she is stepping down so we need to find a replacement. Please could you share the item below with your Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders.

The Hampshire Youth Network [HYN] is a group brought together at the request of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire that aims to unite young people, aged 11 to 18 years, across the Hampshire county through communication and events that matter to them. The group is made up of senior members from the youth organisations and young people from those organisations.

Girlguiding Hampshire is represented by a Leader and a Guide or Ranger from one of the 3 Hampshires who report back to all 3 Hampshires via the County Commissioners.

HYN meets about six times a year to coordinate opportunities and events for Hampshire's young people. Our Guide or Ranger will have a voice at these meetings and be actively encouraged to share her thoughts and ideas. The young people keep in touch via social media and manage website and Facebook pages and are the driving force of HYN.

If you would like to be part of this innovative team, please let your Leader or Commissioner know.

Liz Dunning  
ACC Voice



## Membership, Growth and Retention Working Party

### **News from the MGR Team**

Thank you for all you're doing in continuing to offer a Guiding experience to the girls of Hampshire East. We know this hasn't been easy and we wish it would end soon.

Obviously the MGR team have put our major publicity plans on hold for now but there are still some things we and you can do.

- We need to keep Girlguiding in the public eye, so continue to post on social sites about the activities that you are doing and encourage parents to do the same.
- If you have a local magazine, such as a parish magazine, see if you can include a regular article on what is happening locally, you could ask a parent to take this on for you.
- Have a 'bring a friend' night on one of your Zoom sessions - you may have to stagger this over a few nights if every girl wants to be involved - just make sure a virtual consent form is completed.
- Do not forget to thank the parents for their support - Zoom sessions wouldn't work as well if they weren't enthused too - perhaps one of your sessions can be a girl / parent joint session or how about having a separate session for the parents to meet to chat and meet other parents.

Please share your successes with us so we can let others in the County know.

Stay safe.

Liz Dunning  
ACC Voice

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### **Publicising Girlguiding at County Shows**

We have trained our first three volunteers to be 'Chatters' at county-wide shows and events. A huge thanks to Nicky Bull, Claire Lyne and Angela Stapley for being part of this new venture.

We do need more volunteers for these roles so that you only have to commit to one event a year (you can do more if you want of course!). If you would like to know more, please chat to one of our volunteers or Lyn Unsworth and Liz Dunning. A training session lasts about 2 hours and is currently delivered via Zoom.

Let's tell everyone how great Girlguiding is for adults as well as girls!

Liz Dunning  
ACC Voice

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### **Transition Events**

We are very pleased that the possibility of face-to-face Guiding is getting more likely but the likelihood of holding a Division transition event is still some way off. However, we can hold Virtual Transition Events until then which is really important to maintain our numbers.

#### *How can these work?*

It is really important that the girls get to meet the Leaders from the section they are moving to before the virtual transition event. So Ranger Leaders invite yourself to Guide zooms, Guide Leaders invite yourself to Brownie zooms and Brownie Leaders invite yourself to Rainbow zooms. You don't have to attend the whole session, just long enough to introduce yourself and so the girls can get to know you.

Once this is done you can arrange a Division zoom for each section and invite the 6 year old Rainbows, the 9 year old Brownies and the 13 year old Guides - just as you would to a face-to-face. We recommend that the session lasts no longer than 90 minutes. You could complete a UMA in the first part and then do a craft or cooking activity in the second half with a 10-minute Q&A session with the parents at the end. Each section should invite some of their girls to be Sixers or Patrol Leaders for the activities in the break out rooms. This helps those moving up to see what it is like being a Brownie/Guide etc. It is advisable to have Leaders from the section the girls are moving to on the zoom, not the Leaders from their existing section.

Important things to remember:

- The activities included should be fun and suitable for the age and ability of the girls attending.
- An event specific zoom consent form has to be completed for each girl that wishes to attend.
- There needs to be a Leader or Unit Helper in each break out room.
- Parents and girls should be made aware of all the available units in the Division of the section they are moving to - it is not the Leader's place to dictate which unit the girl must move to - it is the parent and girl's choice.

The MGR team hope that you will be able to organise a virtual transition event in the coming term, please chat to the Leaders from your section in your Division to get the ball rolling. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Liz Dunning, Caroline Rogers or Victoria Ling-White.

Liz Dunning  
ACC Voice

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#### **Hampshire East, North and West Golden Challenge**

I still have some triangle badge sets for the Hampshires Golden Challenge, they are £1.50 per set. Please encourage your girls to complete the challenge, it's not too late!

Liz Dunning  
Badge Secretary

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### **Long Service Awards**

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

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

Bernadette Fisher - Gosport South  
Bethany Davis - Portsmouth South  
Carla Littler - Hayling Island  
Dee Mauraki - Havant  
Diane Kettle - Meon Valley  
Eleanor Potter - Portsmouth South  
Elinor Sandells - Portsmouth South  
Elizabeth Bulpitt - Fareham  
Jenny Benton - Meon Valley  
Jo Treacher - Gosport South  
Marie Turner - Titchfield  
Meghan Peach - Horndean  
Molly Gallagher - Portsmouth South  
Sarah Foster - Portsmouth North  
Suzy Sanderson - Portsmouth South

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

Ciara Hitchcock - Havant  
Claire Wood - Petersfield  
Gayle Gregson - Petersfield  
Gemma Murray - Portsmouth South  
Helen Boxell - Petersfield  
Katharine Lovegrove - Horndean  
Kirsten Devaney - Bere Forest  
Laura Mootham - Horndean  
Leah Varty - Gosport North  
Lorraine Kitchener - Fareham  
Lucy Stone - Gosport South  
Melanie Dann - Portsmouth North  
Natalie Walker - Hayling Island  
Sarah Cooper - Portsmouth South  
Sarah Firth - Gosport South

**5 Year Service Award**

Izzy Sumner - Portsmouth North

**10 Year Service Award**

Natalie Welton - Portsmouth South

Zoe White - Fareham

**20 Year Service Award**

Jenny Mattingley - Portsmouth North

Lou Majnusz - Fareham

Ruth Whiting - Petersfield

**Leadership Qualification**

Congratulations to the following leaders on gaining their Leadership Qualification:

Nikki Noyce [Module 4] - Fareham

Vicki Burr [Module 1 Rangers & Module 4] - Fareham

**Dates for your Diary  
2021**

23 & 24 Mar First Response Training

29 & 30 Mar First Response Training

24 or 25 Apr First Response Practical session [dependent on Government guidelines]

5 Sept Thank You Event [dependent on Government guidelines]



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