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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

LEADER NEWSLETTER

May 2021



Message from Lyndsey

It is great to hear that many units are back, or will be, face to face with their units, mainly outdoors at the moment. Thank you to those of you who are taking this step back to normal guiding meetings. This is not compulsory and we know that for a variety of reasons this is not possible for everyone. Please keep zoom meetings going.

We have lost 25% of our membership so our focus needs to be retaining those members we do have and ensuring we respond quickly to new enquiries so these girls don't join another club before we make contact.

Again, thank you for all you are doing and for those of you meeting your unit in real life. I hope you are enjoying it and haven't got quite as wet as our unit has!

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

Face to Face Guiding Risk Assessment

Please ensure you complete a risk assessment for either indoor or outdoor meetings and give your commissioner plenty of time to review it before they approve it. They have lots to check so please remember this in your timescales. No unit can meet without a signed risk assessment.

There are templates for both indoor and outdoor meetings on the Girlguiding website. Please ensure you are using the new version now. These are for guidance and need to be personalised to your own unit. For example, in the section about vulnerable girls don't just leave the statement 'Ensure you are aware of any girls or volunteers who have a medical condition which makes them especially vulnerable at this time' but say who they are and how you will make any adaptations or that you have no vulnerable girls in your unit.

Lyndsey
County Commissioner



First Response Training

Have you considered taking the new Girlguiding 1st Response training? Have you thought about taking on a new skill?

Our new look 1st Response training takes place over two virtual sessions plus a short practical. In order to achieve the qualification you will need to be able to attend both the virtual and the practical sessions plus commit time to a small amount of independent on-line learning. Once completed the qualification is valid for 3 years.

The next training dates on offer are:

1st Response Training session D
Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 May
7pm - 9pm virtual sessions

1st Response Training session E
Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th June
7pm - 9pm virtual sessions

Practical session for both courses
Saturday 5th June - a 30 minute slot for up to 4 trainees

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

Click on the button below to access the booking form.

[Booking Form](#)

Claire Rees
ACC Excellence

County Training Week

Look out for the information later this month about the County Training week which we will be offering in early June with a chance for you to brush up on your knowledge and skills.

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County Resource Centre

Fareham Guide Shop and Resource Centre

We have decided to close the shop in Fareham and are busy re-housing everything. The publicity equipment will now be held in the County Storage Unit in Cosham along with the archery and fencing equipment and other various items. If you want anything from there you will need to contact Kathy Davis.

Uniform, books, resources etc can be purchased through your local depot or from the County Badge Secretary, Liz Dunning. If the order is at least £35 it can be delivered straight to your home address from trading at no postage cost to you.

There are several items that we no longer need and you can find photos of these by clicking on the button below.

[Shop List](#)

On 5th June the shop will be open from 10am to 12 noon and from 12.30pm to 2pm. If you would like any of these items please come along on the day and make your selection - some items will have a fixed price

on them, others will be taken for a donation. This offer is open to anyone so please tell friends and anyone who is involved with youth work or a charity.

The shutter will only be partially open and we will make sure that only 2 'customers' are in the shop at any time so you may have to queue. Bring a bag with you and don't forget your mask! Payment preferably by cash - we may not have much change so please be prepared - or by cheque payable to Hampshire East Girlguiding.

If you have any questions please contact Liz Dunning.

County Appointments

Caroline Rogers - Chair of Finance, hefinancecommittee@outlook.com

Sarah Woodman - International Adviser, HantsEastIA@outlook.com

Lou Majnusz - Queens Guide Adviser, HantseastQGA@outlook.com

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Are any of your young members aged 15+ interested in working towards their D of E Silver Award? If so, please contact Marie Anthony - gavin.anthony@btinternet.com



Daisy Jones

Daisy Jones, a member of 2nd West Hayling Guides, has chosen to abseil down the Spinnaker Tower for part 2 of her Guide Gold Award Challenge. As you can see from her fundraising site: [Daisy Jones Fundraiser](#) Daisy is very positive about her Guiding experiences, and attributes her choice of charities she is supporting to these.

If you can support Daisy in any way, including being at Gunwharf on 30th May to cheer her on or spreading the word about this event, it would be very much appreciated.



Long Service Awards

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

SW Region - 1 Year Service Award

Katy Charlesworth - Gosport South

SW Region - 3 Year Service Award

Kat Robbins - Havant

Katie Moore - Havant

Nikki James - Portsmouth North

Rachel Harris - Havant

5 Year Service Award

Charlotte Dopson - Horndean

Joanne Rooke - Gosport South

Katie Sibley - Horndean

20 Year Service Award

Maria Oram - Portsmouth North

Ruth Charles - Portsmouth South

30 Year Service Award

Jane Tomblin - Fareham

Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to the following leader on gaining her Leadership Qualification:

Abbie James [Modules 1-4 Brownies] - Horndean

Thank You Badges

The following leaders in Portsmouth North received a Thank You badge:

Celia Oxley

Claire Austin

Claire Rees

Fiona Hebben

Hannah Tuck

Jo Ward

Joy Searley

Kerry Woodward
Liz Jones
Lucy Oram
Rebecca Tuck
Sue Jenkins



Dates for your Diary 2021

18 & 19 May 1st Response virtual sessions
5 June 1st Response Practical session
7 & 8 June 1st Response virtual sessions
5 Sept Thank You Event [dependent on Government guidelines]



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