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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

LEADER NEWSLETTER

November 2021



Message from Lyndsey

I'm sat writing this with the curtains closed and it's only 5.30pm, how dark are the evenings now? But, with the clocks changing and us moving into autumn and winter comes bright, crisp days, cosy nights in and a chance to do activities in the dark as my Brownies did last week. We had great fun with skittles in the dark!

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

Annual Subscriptions

You will have recently seen the announcement from Girlguiding regarding the membership subscription for 2022. There is a modest increase of £3.30 this year and an increase of £7 for 2023. Girlguiding have worked hard to make this increase as small as it can be but even before covid hit were using reserves rapidly. Covid has had a significant effect on membership and as 80% of Girlguiding's funding comes from membership fees this has had a major impact. Girlguiding has reduced costs by reducing staffing by 30% and by looking into grants and other income streams. However, in order to support us at grass roots level there are many costs –safeguarding, health and safety and insurance, but to name a few that have to be paid for.

Girlguiding have given us assurance they will now always announce membership fees a year in advance.

The Region membership levy for 2022 will continue to be frozen at £10.50.

County did not charge a fee at all last year and also supported some units with leader's costs. We are

increasing our membership levy by £1 to £6.50 for 2022 and hope to remain with this level in 2023. The County budget will still be running at a loss and using reserves in order to achieve this small increase.

The total in 2022 for each member will be £38.00 plus any division levy. We had advised leaders to budget for £40.

There is help available if your unit is in difficulty: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/finance-insurance-and-property/subscriptions/support-with-subs/>

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

County Commissioner Successor

As you are aware my term and office and that of my ACC team comes to an end on 31st December. I'm very pleased to say that a successor has been appointed and I will work with her on a handover in the coming weeks.

See below message from Laura Cottey , Region Chief Commissioner -

Dear Members

Thank you for forwarding your thoughts regarding Lyndsey Cook's successor as County Commissioner for Hampshire East.

I am pleased to advise you that Victoria Ling-White has accepted my invitation to become County Commissioner for Girlguiding Hampshire East for a period of five years. Victoria's term of office will commence on 1 January 2022.

I am sure that you will support Victoria as she undertakes this new and challenging role.

Thank you for all that you do for Guiding in Hampshire East.

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

Leadership Qualification Mentoring

I have asked the Mentoring Coordinators to set the dates for next year's mentoring meetings. This will allow Leaders in Training to plan ahead for these meetings. If you are struggling to get back into your leadership qualification or just want things clarified, please either contact your mentoring coordinator or email me and I will either set up a zoom call or phone you. My email address is vilmaacc@outlook.com



Vilma Cooke
County Mentoring Coordinator

Membership Growth & Retention

The MGR team have grown in number over the past few years, there are 14 of us but we are always happy to welcome more members!

We are proud of what we have achieved; information leaflets about the next section up for those already in Guiding, shout out cards to hand to parents after their daughter/ward has attended, LQ welcome pack has been redesigned, trained 'chatters' for publicity events, encouraged nominations for awards and expressed our thanks to the County via thanks and recognition teas, cards and badges, encouraged transition days at Division level, looked at waiting lists and offered support and advice where we can.

This year we were able to use our 'new' gazebo at Portchester Gala with a supporting stall run by Fareham Friends of Guiding - we were a visible presence and lots of people stopped to chat with 5 adults approaching us because they wanted to know more about volunteering. The Chatters were there too, and it was a great publicity opportunity.



Our latest project is also going well. We have 4 large banners that are displayed around the county at all times. Each banner is shared by 3 Divisions who take it in turn to display it on a public route for a short while. Already Gosport South have had a positive response with several new Leader enquiries. If you can think of a good spot to hang it in your Division, let your Division Commissioner know.



We hope that you are all supporting the Bring a Friend initiative this month - it will be good to hear how many came and how many joined your unit.

The team are attending the virtual Region MGR conference on November 27th - there are still places available if you would like to sign up too. Just go to <https://www.girlguidingsouthwestevents.co.uk/> and find out more.

Thank you to the MGR team for all their support, if you can think of anything else we can do please get in touch.

Liz Dunning
Membership, Growth & Retention
ACC Voice



Fifth Foxlease Fundraising Festive Function

Another exciting Friends of Foxlease event via Zoom will take place on Saturday 4th December. Click on links below for invite and application form. The deadline for replies to the Secretary is Monday 29th November.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Invitation and application form to Fifth Foxlease Fundraising Festive Function

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Friends of Foxlease Membership Form



Sandy Acres Campsite, Shedfield

<https://sandy-acres.org.uk/>

After eighteen months of Covid-19 restrictions we are now open for business.

The Lodge has been thoroughly cleaned and the water checked. We already have some bookings for 2022 but there are plenty of dates still available (see the calendars on the website). There are two campsites with shelters and the Lodge sleeps 32. We do not have the activities that are offered at Foxlease, but why not try some real camping on a beautiful site where the girls are safe and there is peace and quiet.



From Monday to Thursday the site is empty. So it is available for daytime and / or evening activities and campfires. Trefoil Guilds are also welcome to use the site.

Private hire is also available. We have had two weddings this year plus a special birthday. All the details are on the website plus prices and availability.

Marian Fisher
Booking 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

Karen Edge - Fareham
Kayla Iles - Portsmouth North

5 Year Service Award

Charlotte Richards - Portsmouth South
Kerry Brown - Horndean
Suzie Peckham - Petersfield

10 Year Service Award

Alice Goddard - Fareham
Emily Barrow - Meon Valley
Emma Stevens - Titchfield
Joanne Woods - Fareham
Michele Seaton - Portsmouth North
Stacey Merrell - Horndean

30 Year Service Award

Alison Richer - Havant
Nicola Harckham-Edwards - Havant

Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to the following leaders on gaining their Leadership Qualification:

Dawn Clay [Module 1 Rainbows] - Petersfield
Kayleigh Rivett [Modules 1-3 Guides] - Horndean
Rose Jeffery [Modules 1-3 Brownies] - Meon Valley



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