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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

## LEADER NEWSLETTER

October 2021

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**Once Upon An Autumn Day** Joseph T. Renaldi

Once Upon an autumn day,  
Colourful leaves began to fade  
In the midst of a chilly, frosty air  
As multitude of trees grew steadily bare.





### **Message from Lyndsey**

How can it be October already, where has that year gone? Such a year of contrasts and changes. Nearly all units are back face to face and indoors. Has anyone like me forgotten how noisy they are in a hall? It is really pleasing to see that our numbers have increased by 270 since the end of August. Enjoy planning autumn term and, dare I say it, Christmas events.

Lyndsey  
County Commissioner

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### **County Commissioner Succession**

As you are aware my five year term of office as County Commissioner finishes on 31st December. It has been a fun, interesting and sometimes challenging 5 years but is a very rewarding role to take on. I couldn't have done it without my Assistant CCs Kathy, Vilma, Liz, Claire and previously Jacqui, Pam as President and all the advisors and Division Commissioners. There is a great team to support.

However, now is the time for you to put your think caps on for my successor. Who do you think would be good in the role or could it be you? All leaders should have received a letter from Laura Cottey, Region Chief Commissioner, last week (please check your spam folders).

Please let Laura have your thoughts by 19th October.

Email: [chiefcommissioner@ggswe.org.uk](mailto:chiefcommissioner@ggswe.org.uk)

Lyndsey  
County Commissioner

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### **Children in Need**

Launching on 14th October with more information to come, please keep in your diaries because things look really exciting this year. Units transferring fundraising to Girlguiding is being worked on to make it easier, HQ are aware this was a bit of an issue last year. HQ will be in touch with PR opportunities further down the line.



### **Independent Guiding Offer**

The Girl Experience department is exploring how best to develop the independent guiding offer. After

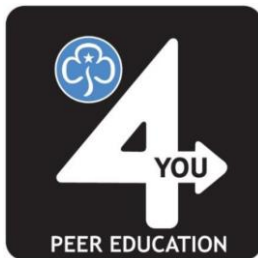
over 18 months of hybrid guiding many more members have benefitted from engaging in remote guiding experiences, especially those who were never part of independent guiding. To find out how we can develop this form of guiding we'll be asking youth members and volunteers who are (or have been) involved in independent guiding to opt into some consultation and piloting opportunities over the coming months.

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### Region Chief's Team

The Region Chief's team have a Twitter account @GGSWIEchiefteam on which they share where they have been and what they have done. Please share this with your parents as it highlights the fun side of Guiding.

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### Peer Education

Please pass on the attached information to eligible girls.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Basic Training flyer Jan 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Topic Training flyer Jan 2022

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### Bring A Friend Night

For the month of November 2021 the East Hants County are running a Bring A Friend Month.

It's simply a night when every girl is encouraged to bring a friend to your unit, within your numbers of girls to leaders and hall capacity. It's a great way to introduce girls to Girlguiding who might not have thought of guiding before.

Many units are low in numbers after returning to meetings after COVID and this is an "off the peg" night to raise numbers.

It's full of suggestions for activities but you could also invite friends to any suitable night. You might also want to move the date further ahead to suit your program, just let us know here at County so we can track your success.

### WHAT TO DO

Download the PDF and Invitations and all instructions can be found on the PDF.



## **PLAN IT**

- Choose a night in November
- Send invites
- Remember consent forms
- Order badges
- Remember the COVID reminders

## **TAKE PART**

Please let the County Recruitment Team know if you are taking part by email to [gg.lynunsworth@gmail.com](mailto:gg.lynunsworth@gmail.com) with the following:-

### **Before the Event**

- Unit Name:
- Date of your event:
- Number invited:
- Maximum number girls who can attend (remember ratios):
- Ideas:

### **After the Event**

- Unit Name:
- Number Attended:
- Tell us how it went:

Enjoy your event.

Lyn Unsworth  
Member of Hants East Growth & Retention Working Group  
Havant Division Commissioner  
07919161571

[Bring a Friend - pdf](#)

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## **Portsmouth Race for Life**

Portsmouth Race for Life have volunteering opportunities for units and Leaders, if you are interested please contact Liz Dunning.

## **Portsmouth Pretty Muddy - Saturday 30th October 2021**

**Volunteers needed:** 9.30am - 2.30pm approx

**Roles needed:**

**Obstacle Marshals** - interacting with the participants using the mud and water at the obstacle, monitoring the capacity of the obstacle and watching for any incidents. Each obstacle will require at least 1 person that is over the age of 18 on it.

**Course Marshals** - cheering on and directing participants around the course between obstacles.

**Start Line** - guiding participants into the Disney queuing system, setting off confetti canons and giving participants a great start line experience.

**Finish Line** - our medals / water is self serve this year due to Covid but this role will help replenish stock on the tables and cheer people over the line.

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All volunteers will be given a full briefing on the day, snack pack, water and volunteer t-shirt. Volunteers under the age of 18 are welcome, but if they are on an obstacle or course location they need to be with someone who is over 18 and responsible for them.

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**International Trips**

As the world is starting to open back up again, the International Team are in the process of putting support in place for leaders who have trips planned for later in 2021, or throughout 2022 and 2023.

If you have a trip planned, they'd really appreciate you filling in their survey to help them get an idea of how many groups are intending to travel and what support is required. We understand for many of you, the planning stages of your trips have involved a lot of challenges and unexpected decisions, and want to try to ensure that you, as trip leaders, are well supported as international travel once again becomes an option.

As a reminder, all Permission to Plan and REN forms for International travel should be sent through to Region for approval for the time being.

[CLICK HERE](#) to fill in the survey.

Sarah Woodman  
County International Adviser

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### **Winter Wonderland Adventure Challenge**

Wiltshire North and South have created a Winter Wonderland Adventure challenge.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out what you activities you need to do to complete the badge.



### **Long Service Awards**

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

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

Jill Martyn - Gosport South

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

Kim Denmead - Fareham

Millie Bassindale Cutbush - Gosport South

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

Gemma Boulton - Hayling Island

Lorna Hancock - Horndean

Sorcha Caudery - Gosport South

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

Alison Spowart - Fareham

Becky Hartt - Portsmouth North

Paula Perkins - Gosport South

### **Hampshire Rose Brooches**

*Congratulations to the following who have been presented with the Hampshire Rose brooch:*

Christine Halstead - Fareham

Fiona Rose - Bere Forest

Heather Boosey - Petersfield

Janet Jackson - Hayling Island  
Linda Kimber - Havant  
Marie Anthony - Gosport South  
Nicky Bull - Bere Forest  
Patsy Boullin - Gosport South  
Phoebe Hiscock - Petersfield  
Shirley Crockford - Petersfield

### **Leadership Qualification**

*Congratulations to the following leader on gaining their Leadership Qualification:*

Evie Weston [Modules 1-3 Guides] - Petersfield

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### **Dates for your Diary 2021**

13 & 14 October - 1st Response training *[virtual sessions]*

16 October - 1st Response Practical

8 & 9 November - 1st Response training *[virtual sessions]*

13 November - 1st Response Practical

28 November - LQ Training Day *[to be confirmed]*

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