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Girlguiding Hampshire East County

LEADER NEWSLETTER

September 2021



Message from Lyndsey

It was so lovely to see so many leaders at our thank you tea at the Marriott hotel on Sunday. As you can imagine the amount of chatter and laughter was immense.

I was privileged to present 14 silver standard awards, 5 gold standard awards and 1 strawberry brooch - all of these ladies having been nominated by their fellow leaders. Alongside this there were six 30 year long service awards, one 40 year and a staggering four 50 years - an amazing grand total of 420 years service to Guiding!!

If you weren't able to attend, I also thank you so much for all you have done for guiding over the past year.

Lyndsey
County Commissioner

Return to Face to Face Guiding Risk Assessment

We are really pleased to see the number of units which are returning to indoor face to face meetings.

Remember, you do need to complete a risk assessment. We know these take time, we've all had to do them too! The reasons commissioners need to keep signing off face to face risk assessments are:

- To give extra support to leaders when it comes to managing Covid-19 status and restrictions.
- To promote the importance of all volunteers thoroughly risk assessing guiding activities.
- To give parents and carers peace of mind when there's still a lot of anxiety.

Ultimately, they are there to protect the girls and your leadership team.

Please ensure you use the correct one on the website and not the previous version. Remember this is a template for you to personalise, do not just submit it as it is. The risk assessment must be signed as approved by your commissioner. You must have a leader with current A Safe Space 3 and First Response qualifications present. If anyone of these is not met you cannot meet with your unit.

You don't need to resubmit another risk assessment for sign off unless:

1. This is your first time meeting face to face since March 2020.
2. There has been a big change in circumstance i.e. a change to your venue or your planning to move from outdoor to indoor guiding. Remember, you should still review it regularly yourself even if it has been signed off to make sure it reflects any changes in guidance too.

Lyndsey
County Commissioner



First Response Training

The next training dates on offer are:

1st Response Practical Session

Wednesday 22nd September at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Padnell Road, Cowplain
Allocated time slots from 7.30pm

1st Response Training

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 October
7pm - 9pm virtual sessions

1st Response Practical session
Saturday 16th October at Bedhampton Church Hall, St Nicholas Church, Belmont Grove, Bedhampton
Allocated time slots from 9.30am

1st Response Training
Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 November
7pm - 9pm virtual sessions

1st Response Practical session
Saturday 13 November at Waterlooville Guide HQ
Allocated time slots from 2pm

If you are interested in attending a 1st Response training, please complete a booking form and return to hantseastadm@outlook.com

Click on the button below to download the booking form.

[Booking Form](#)

Advocate & MC Recruitment

This week Girlguiding will be inviting units to apply for the youth panels (advice for and British Match Challenge Councils) for the first time (£200) and any training credits for the staff to be the same impact to Covid-19 can be nominated.

Full details of the programme are available on the panel here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/unit-recovery-panels> (Anglia, Ulster, Midlands and North East)

And commissioners can nominate units here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cmcmom>

The opportunities can be found here: <http://Girlguiding Youth Panels - Advocate and British Youth Council | Girlguiding>
Lyndsey Cook
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The Great Region Ramble

It's not too late to get involved in the Great Region Ramble. As a Region, we are currently on 27 laps with some great miles being logged by Hampshire East.

For more information on the Great Region Ramble, click [HERE](#)

Claire Reed
Outdoor Activities Adviser

Going Away Licence - Mentors Needed

County are looking for Going Away Licence mentors. Full training will be given to help and inspire leaders while undergoing their licence. No experience needed, only requirement is you need to hold a residential or camping licence yourself. If you are interested, please contact me: hantseastooa@outlook.com

Claire Reed
Outdoor Activities Adviser



Camp Badges

Now that we can take our girls away again don't forget to get some badges from Liz Dunning, County Badge Secretary, to mark the occasion.

We have a good supply of most of them, apart from pink Rainbow Sleepover, gold Brownie Holiday and orange Guide Camp of which we have less than 30. Badges are 70p each.

Liz Dunning
County Badge Secretary



Membership, Growth & Retention News

The 4 new County Recruitment banners are on display around the County. If you know of a good place in your Division to display one, let your Division Commissioner know.

The County will have a publicity stand at the Portchester Gala on 18th September, if you are able to help for an hour or so please let Liz Dunning know. We are still hoping to recruit some more chatters for such events, so let your Division Commissioner know if you would like to be part of the team.

Liz Dunning
ACC Voice

Insurance for International Travel

Girlguiding have released some updated information about insurance and what to look for in a policy, this can be found here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/finance-insurance-and-property/insurance/travel-insurance/>

They are also looking into the legalities of taking a second top-up policy and will provide additional guidance in due course.

Have you thought about approaching your local supermarket for marketing or help?

Local supermarkets can be a good source of advertising for Guiding! Most bigger stores now have a community commitment coordinator who will be able to support local charities with marketing opportunities (even if it's just putting up a poster), help applying for grants / token schemes, donations of resources or organising fundraising such as bag packing events.

Supermarkets can reach a large local audience often with little effort, so it's worth popping in and asking to be put in touch with the community coordinator or using the links below to contact them online (these are just some of the links)

Asda: <https://www.asda.com/creating-change-for-better/better-communities/communitychampions>

Co-op: <https://www.coop.co.uk/communities>

Tesco: <https://www.tescopl.com/sustainability/places/our-approach/community-champions/>

Sainsburys: <https://www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/making-a-difference/be-a-place-where-we-all-love-to-work/community>

Morrison's: <https://my.morrisons.com/community-and-charity/>

Marks & Spencer: <https://corporate.marksandspencer.com/sustainability/community-engagement>

Aldi: <https://www.aldi.co.uk/about-aldi/corporate-responsibility/communities>

Lidl: <https://www.abettertomorrow-lidl.ie/community/#voucher-donation-fund>

Nisa: <https://www.nisalocally.co.uk/community/>



Long Service Awards

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

SW Region - 3 Year Service Award

Bridget McCann - Havant
Ellie Scott-Allen - Titchfield
Ellie Wright - Portsmouth South
Kelly Smith - Gosport South
Megan Restarick - Bere Forest
Sandra Wilde - Titchfield

5 Year Service Award

Faye Bugg - Titchfield
Kayleigh Marsh - Hayling island
Marie Turner - Titchfield

10 Year Service Award

Emma Ansell - Gosport South
Lisa Barrow - Petersfield
Lucy Oram - Portsmouth North
Phoebe Sellence - Portsmouth North

20 Year Service Award

Michelle Tandy - Havant

30 Year Service Award

Katharine Lander - Havant
Liz Evans - Horndean
Lynne Meechan - Bere Forest
Siona Jeffery - Meon Valley
Tracey Morphett - Bere Forest

40 Year Service Award

Lorraine Mole - Titchfield

50 Year Service Award

Carol Cleeve - Fareham

Carole McColl - Portsmouth North
Carole Ross - Fareham
Kathy Davis - Bere Forest

County Strawberry Brooch

Congratulations to the following leader who was presented with the County Strawberry Brooch:
Carole McColl - Portsmouth North

County Gold Standard Award

Congratulations to the following who were presented with the County Gold Standard award
Caroline Rogers - Meon Valley
Gill Osmond - Titchfield
Karen O'Connor - Meon Valley
Nettie Goddard - Fareham
Victoria Ling-White - Petersfield

County Silver Standard Award

Congratulations to the following who were presented with the County Silver Standard award
Angela Thorpe - Portsmouth North
Dee Humphris - Havant
Ellie Savidge - Portsmouth North
Gemma Bull - Bere Forest
Hannah Pilcher - Portsmouth North
Hayley Gillians - Havant
Hilary Hetherington - Gosport North
Imogen Dunning - Fareham
Jenny Mattingley - Portsmouth North
Katharine Lander - Havant / Horndean
Kirstie Mitchell - Fareham
Kirsty Harley - Bere Forest
Maria Oram - Portsmouth North
Neet Peddell - Portsmouth North

County Gold Rose Award

Congratulations to the following who were presented with the County Gold Rose award
Claire Smith - Portsmouth North
Nikki Munday - Portsmouth North

Leadership Qualification

Congratulations to the following leaders on gaining their Leadership Qualification:
Amelia Adams [Modules 1-3 Brownies] - Fareham
Becci Goddard [Module 4] - Fareham
Danni Woods [Module 1 Brownies] - Petersfield
Heather Windust [Modules 1-3 Brownies] - Fareham
Kat Robbins [Module 4] - Havant
Otilie Peterson [Modules 1-3 Guides] - Petersfield



**Dates for your Diary
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