



# National Girlguiding Awards

More information can be found on the  
Girlguiding Website  
[www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)

## Thanks badge

The Thanks badge (either a brooch or a lapel pin) is given to either a member or non-member of Girlguiding as a sign of appreciation for their support.

Any member of Girlguiding may present a Thanks Badge after discussion with a Leader or Commissioner.

A Thanks Badge may only be given to a member of the Trefoil Guild if they have given service specifically to Girlguiding.



## Good Service brooch

The Good Service brooch may be given to an adult, who is a member of Girlguiding or a Branch Association, for excellent service to guiding, by:

- the Chief Guide, for service to Girlguiding or a Branch Association
- a Chief Commissioner, for service in a Country/Region (including BGIFC)
- a County Commissioner, for service in the County
- the Commissioner for a Branch Association, for service in a Branch Association.



To be eligible for a Good Service brooch the nominee must either:

- hold a current member and recognised volunteer card, or
- have completed a role no more than six months before the application is made.

The Good Service brooch is silver metal with blue and green enamel. It is accompanied by a certificate.

## Long Service awards

Girlguiding wishes to recognise everyone's contribution to guiding. Any adult member who volunteers regularly, irrespective of role, gender or age, is eligible for a Long Service Award. Service will be counted from the date the individual becomes a member, aged 16 or over, and actively carries out a role for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 years (not necessarily consecutively). A Recognised Volunteer Certificate can be presented to individuals who volunteer regularly in guiding but have chosen not to be a full adult member.



The Long Service award brooches are all of similar design with different finishes and metals signifying the years. All the brooches are accompanied by a certificate. The 5-year certificate is signed by the County Commissioner, the 10 and 20-year certificates are signed by the Country or Region Chief Commissioner and the 30, 40 and 50-year certificates are signed by the Chief Guide.

The brooches may be worn on the badge tab or on non-guiding clothing.

It is the responsibility of the County Commissioner to establish when active members in her County are due to receive their awards and to ensure that the awards are presented at an appropriate time and in appropriate manner.

If there is any query about the length of service, the decision of the County Commissioner is final.

## Discretionary awards

Nominations for the following awards must be made without the knowledge of the nominee or her relatives and on the appropriate form (available from the Country or Region Office), for the agreement of the Country or Region Awards Committee. Completed nomination forms must be submitted to the relevant Country or Region Office, the Commissioner for British Guides in Foreign Countries (BGIFC) or the Adviser for Branch Associations for endorsement prior to submission to the Association's Awards Committee.

All applications for discretionary awards must be made on the [Awards form](#).

## The Guiding Star Award

This award may be given to any member of Girlguiding (up to their 26th birthday) who has displayed exceptional courage or who has shown great initiative or responsibility at an incident.



## The Laurel Award

The Laurel Award is a Girlguiding award given in recognition of outstanding service to guiding. This award may be given to an active adult member of Girlguiding or one of the Branch Associations.



## The Silver Fish

The Silver Fish is Girlguiding's highest award. It is given in recognition of outstanding and distinguished service and an exceptional contribution to a wide section of Girlguiding, including international guiding either in the United Kingdom or abroad. This award may be given to an active adult member of Girlguiding or one of the Branch Associations.

## National Honours

National Honours (including CBE, OBE and MBE) are awarded in recognition of exceptional merit and service to the nation. Nominations for National Honours can be made for, or include, outstanding services to guiding.

For forms and further details on applications please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and search for "thanks and recognition" or a specific award.