

Dear Volunteers of Surrey East,

Throughout the pandemic you have continued to be supportive to our young members and fellow leaders.

As we move through this difficult time I wish to again say thank you for all you do.

Our membership will change in all these difficult situations, but I would like to express thanks to all who take each situation in their stride and find a solution.

Being prepared is certainly the way forward along with out of the box thinking.

Enjoy half term and this autumn season.

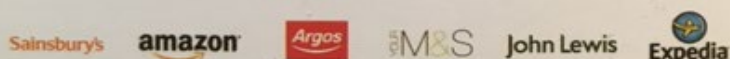
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Unit Health Check Form

Our unit health check form is closing very soon

If no response is received there will be no possibility of either financial or SPTG project support so I would please ask you to complete this as a matter of some urgency.

It is vital for us to gain your feedback as then we are able to focus on the things your units specifically need.

To complete the survey click [HERE](#)





The National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band BIRMINGHAM 2021



#NSGSO2021

#NSGCB2021

Applications for the 2021 NSGSO and NSGCB course are now open. They are accepting applications for both the Symphony Orchestra and the Concert Band. The residential course is held in Stourbridge, West Midlands, with concerts held at prestigious venues in the Birmingham area, as well as the first ever completely joint concert between the NSGSO and NSGCB at Coventry Cathedral. The course runs from Sunday 1st August - Sunday 8th August 2021 and the closing date for applications is **midnight on Saturday 12th December 2020**. Please click [HERE](#) for more information



Now is a good time to check your waiting lists!

Check if there are any enquiries on your list who no longer require a place



- Check all enquiries on your list are still within your age range. If they are now the right age for another section discuss with their parent / carer adding them to the next waiting list.
- Check if there is anyone on your waiting list who is unlikely to get a place at your unit. If they will not get a place discuss with their parent / carer applying to another unit.
- If you have anyone on your enquiry list who should no longer be but you are unable to remove them, contact callie.leeson@btinternet.com

New Role Opportunity

Growth & Communities Coordinator - Croydon & Surrey East

Girlguiding has an exciting opportunity to grow volunteer and girl membership, by opening more guiding groups and widening community relationships so that even more girls can have fun, make friends, enjoy new adventures and grow in confidence.

Closing date: Friday 30 October 2020 at 9am

Full details about the role can be found here:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/about-us/jobs-at-girlguiding/vacancies/growth--communities-coordinator---croydon--surrey-east/>

The Royal British Legion



We have teamed up with the Royal British Legion to help mark Remembrance Day. The Royal British Legion is a charity which provides care and support to the Armed Forces community past and present, and their families. The charity is well known for the annual Poppy Appeal and its red poppy emblem. Their aims are to make sure the memories of those who have sacrificed live on through the generations and to help the British Armed Forces, veterans and their families have a more hopeful future.

This year our range features golondrinas - or swallows. ‘Golondrina’ was a name given to Guides who arrived as refugees from Europe during the Second World War. The name was coined in the hope that these girls, much like the birds who visit in the summer before travelling back to Europe, would also be able to fly home to freedom.

The range includes [woven](#) and [metal](#) badges, a [candle](#), [charm keyring](#) and a [pen](#).

Children in Need 2020

It's Children in Need time, and Girlguiding and [BBC Children in Need](#) are teaming up with Girlguiding this year to raise money for good causes around the country. They are asking everyone to “act their age” - take your age and do something good with it. Whether you use your own age, the combined age of your unit, the collective age of your family or the age of something special... it can be turned into a fundraiser. If you hear of any units doing anything interesting and would like to see it shared, please do let either us or the HQ press office know - press.office@girlguiding.org.uk



Help get us to 100%

100% of volunteers need to have the correct level of A Safe Space training by the end of December 2020. It looks like it's going to be a chilly, wet weekend so why not spend a few minutes doing your [Level 1](#) & [Level 2](#), or finding a Level 3 & level 4 session that suits your schedule on our website?

[Level 1](#) & [Level 2](#) can be done online, and each module takes no more than 20 minutes. If you need to do your Safe Space Level 3 & 4, check [our website](#) for upcoming dates. This will be updated regularly.

Young Leaders and A Safe Space training

We know that this is a busy time of year for young people, but if you know of any Young Leaders who have not yet done their A Safe Space training, please encourage them to do so. [Level 1](#) & [Level 2](#) can be done online, and take no more than 20 minutes each.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting

When: Nov 15, 2020 07:30 PM

following on from feedback there will be a leader air and share on November 16th which is open to all at 7.30pm with myself and the training team .

Register in advance for this meeting [HERE](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing joining information.

This is a first in the county so please be patient!

Meeting under tiered and local lockdowns

Girlguiding have summarised how national guidance applies to unit meetings across the country. Check [here](#) to find out about local lockdowns, group sizes, face coverings and the latest social distancing advice.

Risk Assessment Support

Girlguiding have a risk assessment resource including a sample form, in order to help you plan whatever type of event or activity you might be planning. Check it out [here](#).

Guiding during the Covid-19 outbreak - how lockdown affects how we can meet

The new 3 tier alert system in England was introduced on 14th Oct. Whilst we get clarity on what this means for Girlguiding, the recommendation is that units in Very High alert areas pause any face to face meetings until further notice. Girlguiding will publish further guidance for Very High alert areas [on their website](#) as soon as possible. Check the alert level for your area on the [gov.uk website](#).

Future Updates will be published on:

30th October;

13th & 27th November and 11th December 2020

Deadline for inclusion in the next Update is

6pm Tuesday 27th October 2020

Send to: officegirlguidingsurreyeast@gmail.com