

## Dear Volunteers of Surrey East,

The colours this year on the trees have been wonderful. Maybe we have just been able to enjoy and notice the small things more in these times?

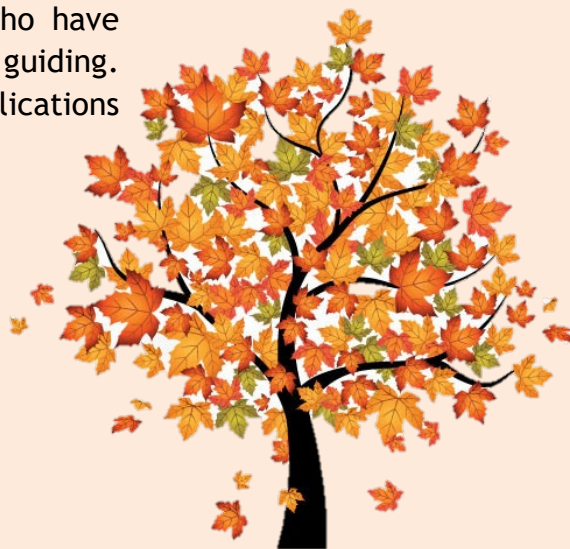
It is with great pleasure that I can now announce congratulations to Val Hickmott, a volunteer in the county who has recently been awarded a Laurel Award from the national board of Girlguiding. This is in recognition of the sustained level of dedication she has given to the county over many years.

We also celebrate Alison Cotterill and Margaret King who have received a Region Chief Commissioner award for services to guiding. It's a thank you to the Awards team who have put these applications together; so we do have plenty to celebrate this Autumn.

If you think you know a volunteer who is deserving, do contact: [awardsggsurreyeast@gmail.com](mailto:awardsggsurreyeast@gmail.com) with your suggestion. All nominations need commissioner support.

More about guiding awards can be found: [HERE](#)

Lesley Bailey  
Surrey East County Commissioner.



## 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](#).



## Update from Guiding HQ on 1st Response Courses



Some changes have been made and include:

1. The training has been split into 3 different sections and can be delivered as a full 6-hour course or it can be split into 3 x 2-hour sessions to allow for greater flexibility. 1st Response can be delivered both in-person and virtually using an online platform

The three sessions are:

- Life Support
  - Trauma and Injury
  - Major Illness
2. There will additionally be new e-learning that will need to be completed alongside the training course. This e-learning will cover the Girlguiding specific areas around policies and procedures, accident reporting and care plans. This is a short e-learning that will take around 10-15 minutes to complete
  3. We have removed the 2-hour refresher course as an option and will require those who wish to renew their 1st Response after 3 years to complete the full course. This decision has been made to maintain the high level of health and safety standards we have at Girlguiding to keep all our members safe.

These changes have allowed us to provide an updated training which considers first aid changes and recommendations during Covid-19 alongside the other changes and updates we wanted to make. We always needed to provide this training virtually for our members, and we wanted to do this with the revised content and produce something that is relevant now and in the future.

### 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.

### Nurturing Shy Kids Free Workshop

Our Ambassador Nadia Finer is holding an online workshop for parents, teachers and professionals who support families on Monday 9 November at 8pm. Find out more and sign up [here](#).

## You are invited to a Leader Air and Share Zoom Meeting

**When: Nov 16, 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 the County Commissioner 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!



## Faurefold is open for Unit Meetings - Indoors and Out

We are delighted that we have re-opened our campsite and grounds for outdoor meetings and our fabulous hall for indoor meetings

A Covid-19 pricing structure is in place to recognise reduced meeting numbers and the additional financial pressure that 2020 has created.

- £10 per session for use of the campfire circle / grounds and access to the outside toilets
- £25 per session for the main hall
- Your usual meeting place not available? reduced rate for repeat weeknight bookings: £20 per session

You'll find all the information you need including our risk assessments and leaders notes at our website [www.faurefold.co.uk](http://www.faurefold.co.uk)



## Unit Health Check Form - Complete [HERE](#)

The Space to Growth Together project unit health check form is closing very soon

If no response is received there will be no possibility of either financial or other support from the Space to Grow Together 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.

## Friends of Guiding

Do you have Friends of guiding groups in your area, or perhaps a Joint Supporters' Committee? If so, Sally would love to chat with you! Please email [sally.dyson@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:sally.dyson@girlguiding.org.uk)

## Beyond Scavenger Hunts - Activity Ideas

There are several sessions coming up specifically concerning Socially Distanced and Online Activities, where volunteers will be sharing what's worked for them.

All of these sessions will be held on Zoom and the information to access these is available via [GO HERE](#)



Beyond Scavenger Hunts - Socially distanced activities for face to face (Rainbows & Brownies) 31/10/2020 10:00



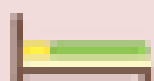
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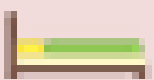
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Beyond Scavenger Hunts - virtual residentials (Rainbows & Brownies) 05/12/2020 10:00



Beyond Scavenger Hunts - virtual residentials (Guides & Rangers) 05/12/2020 12:30 (edited)

## A Safe Space Level 1 for Young Leaders

Girlguiding is hosting special Zoom events set up just for young leaders on 10th November 2020 from 7.30pm- 8.30pm or 15th November 2020 5pm - 6pm.

To join, a parent or carer will need to complete the digital online registration form. Find out more [here](#).



## 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](mailto:callie.leeson@btinternet.com)



### 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

## 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](mailto:press.office@girlguiding.org.uk)



**Future Updates will be published on:**

**13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Deadline for inclusion in the next Update is**

**6pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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