



UPDATE

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Dear Surrey East Volunteers,

Spring is well and truly here and I love admiring the daffodils and blossom on my daily walks. I remain hopeful about a more positive year ahead.

I know some of you are helping with the vaccination programme - I want to say thank you for what you are doing. It makes me really proud to know that guiding sisters are part of such an important programme.

There is the promise of a return to outdoor guiding on the horizon - please do take a look at the guidance and requirements from Girlguiding on the website, check your emails, and talk to your commissioners. No one is under any pressure to do outdoor guiding if face to face isn't for you at the moment. We will continue to be able to use Zoom - probably for the foreseeable future!

Thank you to everyone who has paid their unit annual subscription. Just 24 units to go - please do talk to your commissioner if you need help paying.

Best wishes and here's hoping for continued sunshine,

Jennifer
County Commissioner
Girlguiding Surrey East

Air and Share

The training team are running Air and Share sessions, where you can drop in to chat and discuss ideas, get inspiration and have your questions answered. No need to book, details below, pop the date in your diary now!

Date and Time	Topic	Meeting Link	Id and Passcode
Apr 8, 2021 07:30 PM	Topic: Surrey East Air and Share-Finance An opportunity to look at the Girlguiding account package, basic budgeting, gift aid and the rules and regulations around finances that affect leaders in units and commissioners.	HERE	Meeting ID: 935 4282 2658 Passcode: 171485

County Vacancies

We have these volunteer roles available at county. They are open to any member of Girlguiding aged 18+ as well as anyone not yet a member; do consider friends, family, neighbours and colleagues.

Assistant County Commissioner - a highly varied role, supporting the County Commissioner and being a trustee of Girlguiding Surrey East. Responsibilities that play to your strengths. Around 5 hours a week, plus meetings.

Queen's Guide Coordinator - supporting our most motivated young women to achieve the highest award in Girlguiding. Flexible role, maybe a few hours a month.

Partnerships lead volunteer - representing the modern face of guiding, keep our existing partnerships with organisations going, and create new partnerships that bring benefits to all parties. Flexible role, maybe a few hours a month.

Thanks and recognition lead volunteer - think celebrations, parties, cards and flowers. Flexible role, maybe a few hours a month.

Minutes secretary - a role that involves working with me to issue agendas and take minutes of county meetings. Flexible role, a few hours a month.

If these sound like you or someone you know, do get in touch with me for a chat at jennifer_sibley@outlook.com.

Video - 50 Ways to bring international to your unit

This video is part of Girlguiding London and South East England Region's Festival of LaSER, celebrating World Thinking Day 2021 and the 50th Anniversary of the region.

<https://youtu.be/QyFP1aavMjl>



Into the Surrey Hills - Badge

If you are looking for something different to do when you get back to your units, the Into the Surrey Hills badge is still out there for you. It is designed to help the girls get to know the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty which they either live in or near. There are two parts - the learning part which can be done in meetings using the colourful leaflet which comes one with each badge ordered. Then, you need to visit one of the places on the Surrey Hills website amongst the 60 places to visit in the Surrey Hills.

You can also decide to do this as a unit activity or offer it to the girls to do individually or half and half leaving the parents to do the visiting. The badge and leaflet together cost £1. For further information, contact Stella Cantor at stellac4surreyhills@gmail.com.



Fundraising

EPSOM DIVISION NEEDS YOUR HELP PLEASE!

Epsom Division has applied for a grant from Surrey County Council to complete our Little Acres Lodge project at our campsite in Horton Country Park, Epsom.

Please help us by showing your support for our application by logging in to the website below and give us a "thumbs up" by selecting the Agree button at the bottom right of the page. The more support we have the better so if you can also share this that would be great, thank you!

<https://yourfundsurreycommonplace.is/comments/6043bc244d229690aa2840d8>

Badges For Sale



4th Stoneleigh Brownies have produced these special badges to mark the pandemic and have kindly offered to sell them to raise money for Little Acres Campsite. The Brownie version of the badges has sold out but there are still Guides and Rainbows ones available!

They are £1.50 each. Please email Sarah at: stoneleighbrownies@outlook.com to let her know how many you would like, which design and your unit name.



Payment will be by either cheque or bank transfer but please don't pay until you've heard back from Sarah to let you know if she has enough badges.

Thank you 4th Stoneleigh Brownies for running this fundraiser!

Surrey East Inspire



Are you aged 18-30? Do you want a chance to be part of Guiding and not be responsible for kids? Something that is just for you?

When the 'new' Guiding programme came in, it brought with it a brand new section specifically for 18-30 called 'Inspire'. This is a place to just enjoy being part of Guiding, to make friends, and work on your own badges, the adventures are bigger and better than ever and the possibilities are endless!

We'll be meeting on the last Friday of the month for a couple of hours. This will be time to work on badges together, sew badges and chat, talk about our girls or life in general, and offer help for Queen's Guide Awards - or anything else you are working on!

Being part of the Guiding community as an adult isn't just about organising things and being a responsible adult, we can still do all the fun stuff too! We all understand that life is difficult and as much as the volunteering is fun it can be hard work. You don't have to commit to anything but I'm hoping this should be a fun way to work on our own challenges and get to know people around the county.

If you're interested, or want to hear more, email me at Kat Slater inspiresurreyeast@gmail.com.

Girlguiding Webinar Training

There are some great E learning sessions on the national website with some really up to date topics being offered, these include mental health (a look at how mental health effects girls and adults in Girlguiding and ways to offer support) and Digital safeguarding (a look at scenarios that could happen when running virtual guiding sessions, and how to deal with them)

E-Learning on Girlguiding website

Mental Health Access it [HERE](#)

Digital safeguarding Access it [HERE](#)



**The Next Update will be published on:
Wednesday 21st April 2021**

**Deadline for inclusion in the next Update is
6pm Monday 19 April 2021**

Send items for inclusion to: officegirlguidingsurreyeast@gmail.com.