



UPDATE October 2021



Farewell from the outgoing County Commissioner...



Dear Volunteers in Girlguiding Surrey East,

This will be my last update welcome message as I am passing on the County Commissioner baton to Beverly Heywood-Jones on Friday. I know she is excited to take on the role and I know she will do a fantastic job.

When I think back to autumn 2016 when Lesley Bailey became County Commissioner and I her Assistant County Commissioner, what a lot has happened! We knew change would be the common theme and it's so important we continue to be a fantastic, modern, and relevant positive influence in the lives of the girls and young women we do our guiding for.

We have welcomed in the new programme - not so new anymore! -and got to grips with making it work for our units. The County organised the Girlguiding float for the Lord Mayor's Show in 2016. We were entertained by a host of talented acts in 2017 at Musigals. The Guides went to Scoutabout in 2017 and the Rainbows to Bazzaz in 2018. We represented guiding at The Cenotaph in 2019.

As a County we've held county training days, residential trainings, supported leaders through their leadership qualification and a host of other awards and qualifications, and organised a county trip to Lorne, Belfast in 2018 and numerous Growing Up Wild days. The County has put forward young women for international trips and run some of its own as well. We offered the ability to get Wi-Fi in meeting halls, and took part in a guiding project on the recruitment of volunteers. The Faurefold Management Committee finished and opened the holiday house and have been developing the grounds and campsite still more since.

It's been a busy five years! And being County Commissioner is a real honour and privilege. Thank you to the county team for all they have done - past and present people - over the last five years, and thank you to all of you for your week by week commitment to changing the lives of the girls and bringing fun, laughter and adventure to so many young women.

Best wishes
Jennifer Sibley
Outgoing County Commissioner



and Welcome to the new County Commissioner!

Hello!

I am really looking forward to becoming the Surrey East County Commissioner from 23rd October. I'd like to thank Jennifer for all she has done as our County Commissioner and in making the handover as smooth as possible. To introduce myself, first and foremost I am a Guide leader in Walton-on-the-Hill. I have been a Guide leader in 3 counties Surrey West (where I was a Guide), Kent West and now Surrey East. I have also been a YL adviser, Residential adviser, District Commissioner and Division Commissioner - roles that have taught me so much and have been incredibly rewarding for different reasons.

I am passionate about all that Guiding can bring to its young members and volunteers. I know that the last 18 months have been particularly challenging for everyone and am looking forward to helping us to move forwards together to continue to inspire our members and create life-long memories, make friends and have fun.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
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If you would like to contribute towards leaving gifts for Lesley and Jennifer, please send donations by BACS transfer to:

Girlguiding Surrey East
Sort code 40 52 40
A/c number 00022824
Reference "CC GIFT"

If possible by 30 October

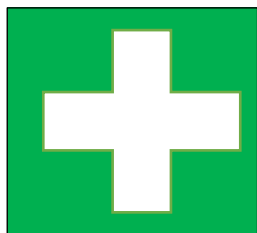


Festival of Remembrance



We are looking for a Lead Volunteer to organise the county's attendance at the Festival of Remembrance in London next November. You will learn from the county that did it this year and then lead a team to represent Girlguiding next year. If you're interested, please email near surreyeastcc@btinternet.com.

Upcoming Trainings



First Response Trainings (all via Zoom)

26th October (Module 1 of 3) 7:30-9:30pm

27th October (Module 2 of 3) 7:30-9:30pm

28th October (Module 3 of 3) 7:30-9:30pm

Marketing (via Zoom) Wednesday 17th November 7.30

<https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/event/marketing-virtual-training/>

A risky Business (via Zoom) Wednesday 12th January 7.30

A virtual session to provide support to all volunteers to create and use risk assessments in order to provide safe spaces for all Girlguiding activities and be able to recognise unsafe situations and plans. Demystify the process and get great advice for managing risk.

<https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/event/risky-business-virtual-training/>

A Safe Space Level 3 (All sessions are open to everyone in the county)

6th November (Leatherhead) 9:00am- 12:00pm Fetcham Guide Hall, Cannon Grove, KT22 9LH

5th February (Reigate) 9:00am- 12:00pm Empire Hall, Horley, RH6 7AW

6th March (Leith Hill) 9:00-12:00pm Faurefold, near Dorking

For more information and to book, please go to: [Training | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Have you seen our new websites for Surrey East and Faurefold?

Have a look!

[Home - Faurefold Girlguiding Surrey East](#)

[Girl Guiding Surrey East | The County website for Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Join the NSGSO / NSGCB

Do you play an **orchestral** or **concert band** instrument to grade 4 or above?
Will you be aged between **12 and 25** by next August?
Are you a **Scout** or **Guide**?

Then we want to hear from you!



The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band meets every **summer** for a week of rehearsals, workshops and social **activities** alongside **professional** conductors, sectional tutors and Scout and Guide leaders. The week culminates in **concerts** in the Birmingham area. Around 130 members join in this fabulous music week.
Applications are open from September each year.



For more information including dates, costs and the application form go to:

[nsgso-nsgcb.com](https://www.nsgso-nsgcb.com)

or email info@nsgso-nsgcb.com





Bazzaz- 22nd May 2022

The triennial activity day for Surrey Beaver Scouts and Rainbows will be held at Merrist Wood on the 21st May 2022. If your unit has been before, you will know what good things are in store! If you are new to Guiding or have never been, prepare to be amazed! It really is a day to remember! This year, we are asking all units to bring an activity so even if you are not with the Rainbows, please do offer your support to the Rainbow leaders!

The event site for Bazzaz 2022 is now open at <http://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/bazzaz> which will give you lots of information and more will be added in the coming months.

We encourage all Rainbow Units to join us for what promises to be an incredible day of activities!

You can follow Bazzaz on social media too:

Facebook: [@bazzazlive](https://www.facebook.com/bazzazlive)

Intsagram: [@bazzazlive](https://www.instagram.com/bazzazlive)

Scoutabout 1st-3rd July 2022

Scoutabout is back! The triennial event for over 6000 Surrey Scouts and Guides will be held at Ardingly Showground 1st-3rd July 2022.

The event website for Scoutabout 2022 is now open at <http://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scoutabout-2022> which will give you lots of information and more will be added in the coming months.

Scoutabout is a huge success because of the way that it is supported by other leaders too. Visit the website to see what service team options are available.

You can follow Scoutabout on Social media too:

Twitter: www.twitter.com/scoutaboutlive

Facebook: www.fb.com/scoutaboutlive

Instagram: www.instagram.com/scoutaboutlive



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