



## UPDATE January 2022



### Welcome from the County Commissioner



Happy New Year to you all. I hope you enjoyed the festive break and are looking forward to Guiding in 2022. There is much to look forward to with the Queens Jubilee Celebrations, Bazzaz for Rainbows, Scoutabout for Guides, activity days at Faurefolds and all the amazing things that I'm sure you are planning.

I am delighted to share our [County Newsletter for Autumn/Winter 2021](#) with you summarising some of the key things we did last term. Please take a moment to read it and see some of the highlights of the last few months and thank you to everyone that contributed to it.

Congratulations to Rebecca Marjoram, Warlingham District Commissioner who won the website Santa Hat competition. Her membership this year will be paid by the County. Thank you to everyone who participated and had a look at our County website. The winner was drawn at the County Training meeting held in January.

We also have lots of new training opportunities for our volunteers to help you. I would encourage everyone to consider attending the free training on offer with [details and registration via our website](#). We have some interesting opportunities for commissioners to get help with the online Residential Event Notification (REN) form, and for people who would like to know more about supporting new volunteers doing the leadership qualification. For leaders, we have a training specifically to give ideas for outdoor nature sessions with units and of course, we have Safe space and First response trainings available.

*Beverly*

### Recruitment

Guiding is launching a national volunteer recruitment campaign. It will run from 10th January to 22nd March on Facebook and Instagram with ads created using insight from volunteers about the skills volunteering with Girlguiding can develop, and the key motivations to being a volunteer.

*"Personally, I was inspired to become a volunteer by my Guide leader. I belonged to an established, vibrant guide unit in my local town where many girls successfully achieved their Queens Guide award and went on to be leaders. When she was relocating, she called me and asked me to become the leader. At the time I said no but being asked at 18 to run the unit with over 40 members gave me confidence and made me realise that she believed in me - and now I am the County Commissioner."*  
Beverly Heywood-Jones

If you spot someone with potential to become a volunteer, who has skills that you need or can help you in your unit or your District/Division - do ask them! I did continue as an assistant and eventually did run the unit but that lit the touch paper for me to do more in Guiding and develop skills that I use every day in my professional life.

Who will you inspire?

## Upcoming Trainings

- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan** Demystifying online Residential Event Notifications for commissioner and advisers
- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** Demystifying the leadership qualification for commissioners and leaders with a Leader in Training
- 5<sup>th</sup> March** Residential Training- see flyer below.

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

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

**6<sup>th</sup> March** (Leith Hill) 9:00-12:00pm Faurefold, near Dorking

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



### **Nature Training for Leaders- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Faurefold**

#### **Would you like to spend time outdoor with your units?**

Are you returning to face to face guiding and would like some ideas for your meetings? Are you looking for fun ways to complete some of the activities in 'have adventures' and 'take action' with your rainbows, brownies, guides or rangers?

Girlguiding have worked in conjunction with the RSPB to create a training which creates stronger connections between people and nature, including giving experiences to children that engage and inspire them to take action for nature.

The training aims to build the confidence of leaders to take girls outdoors to discover, explore, enjoy and help nature, and, as a result of completing the training, leaders will feel comfortable delivering an increased number of activities in and for nature in their programmes.

<https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/event/running-outdoor-nature-sessions/>

## Annual Subscriptions

From 25<sup>th</sup> January, Leaders/administrators will be able to see their view a trial annual subscription invoice and double check it is correct. The deadline for any changes is **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7pm.**

The official and payable invoice is available to download on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, midday.** Please make arrangements to pay this as soon as possible thereafter. The final date for all subscription payments to be received and processed by HQ is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.



## Bazzaz- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

The triennial activity day for Surrey Beaver Scouts and Rainbows will be held at Merrist Wood on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

Instagram: [@bazzazlive](#)

## Scoutabout 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022

Scoutabout is back! The triennial event for over 6000 Surrey Scouts and Guides will be held at Ardingly Showground 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 support of other leaders too. Visit the website to see what services are available.

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - Deadline for Registrations

You can follow Scoutabout on Social media too:

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/scoutaboutlive](http://www.twitter.com/scoutaboutlive)

Facebook: [www.fb.com/scoutaboutlive](http://www.fb.com/scoutaboutlive)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/scoutaboutlive](http://www.instagram.com/scoutaboutlive)



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# Surrey East County Residential Training Day

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Do you wish to find out how to take your Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers on a residential adventure (camp or indoors)?

Do you want to complete a Residential, Catering or First Aid license?

Would you like to take your Patrol Camp Permit or Lead Away Permit?

Then come to the County Residential Training being held at Faurefold, Lince Lane, Westcott on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

This is a full training day starting at 9am.

The training is free, but you will need your own books (details supplied on booking) as well as your lunch. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.

To book, please go to [Residential Qualification training day | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#) or contact our County Outdoor adviser Jane Luff for further details ([jane.luff8@googlemail.com](mailto:jane.luff8@googlemail.com)).

Closing date for applications to join the training: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**LEAD AWAY or  
CAMP PERMIT**



**CATERER or  
FIRST AIDER**

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## Girlguiding LaSER Peer Education

Are you aged 14-25 and looking for something new, where you can really make a difference?

### Introduction to Peer Education



Join us for an interactive online information session to find out whether Peer Education is for you:

- Discover what Peer Education is
- Hear from existing peer educators
- Meet the Peer Education trainers
- Sample a peer-led activity
- Find out how to get involved
- Opportunity to ask questions

**Book online for**

7pm Monday  
31st January,  
on Zoom

[Click here to book your place](#)

Peer educators are members aged 14 to 25 who are trained to deliver interactive sessions on topics that matter to girls today