



UPDATE
February 2022



Welcome from the County Commissioner



Thinking Day is a time when we are reminded that we are part of a worldwide organisation. It's a time when many units join together and renew their promise. In Surrey East we are very proud of all 900 volunteers who support Guiding today in over 200 Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger units. Happy Thinking Day to you all!

Last month I joined other County Commissioners from London and South East England (Laser) at the Region weekend, where we joined by the Chief Guide Amanda Medler gave us an insight to [Girlguiding's Strategy](#). We spent the weekend developing the 5-year plan for the Region. It was a fun weekend at Foxlease, a chance to meet everyone face to face and share our experiences of Guiding.

I attended a meeting of the 10th Redhill Brownies and presented Jo Hayward with the Guiding Hero Award and Thanks badge. Congratulations to Jo, for her outstanding commitment to Guiding.

We are halfway through the Spring term. The annual subscription process is in progress and payments are now due. Thank you for everyone who has spent time to ensure your unit, District or Division is accurate in Go and up to date in readiness. At last, we are starting to lose the darker evenings and the daffodils are in bloom and I know many of you are busy planning your summer Guiding adventures. Have fun!

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County Hero Award - Jo Hayward



Congratulations to Jo, who was presented with the Guiding Hero Award and Thanks badge in recognition of her continued enthusiasm and dedication to Guiding as leader of 3rd Merstham Rainbows and assistant leader 10th Redhill Brownies, despite her own health battles over the last two years. She is an inspirational leader.

The award was presented by Beverly Heywood-Jones (Surrey East County Commissioner) and Emma Marsh (Joint Reigate Division Commissioner) joined by her remarkable family who are also in Guiding and the local District Commissioner Karen Shepherd.

Sad News

It is with deep regret that we have to announce that April Bunce has sadly died. April was a much-loved Guide Leader with Brockham Green Guides who will be sorely missed by all those who guide in Brockham and also by the wider Guiding Community in Leith Hill. April was a Young Leader, Leader, and a frequent camper with Madeleine at Brockham Green. Our deepest condolences and love are sent to her family and to the Brockham Guiding family and all who knew and loved her.

Kate Fowles
Leith Hill Division Commissioner

County Administrator Appointed

Julia Bennett has been officially appointed as County Administrator. Julia's role includes administering the County Executive meetings, producing the minutes, collating the documents for this County Update which is issued to all the volunteers, updating Go with Awards when they are presented and supporting the County Commissioner and the Executive team.

Julia is the Brownie leader for 2nd Oxted & Limpsfield Brownie Unit and former Godstone Division Commissioner.



Learning Platform

The learning platform is now live providing all the e-learning and HQ-led training. Volunteers can find their own profile and learning dashboard to track their training.

If you haven't already set up your account, you can do so by following these simple steps:

1. Head to the [platform login page](#).
2. Your username will be the same as GO.
3. Click on 'Forgotten your password?' to get a link to set up your password.
4. Use your new password and GO username to log in.

For all the County-led training which include face to face training around the County, please go to the [Surrey East website](#) and register directly.

Once completed, your record will be updated so you can still track your training on the Learning Platform.

Upcoming Trainings

5th March Residential Training- see flyer below.

22nd March Residential Training refresher (virtual)

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

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

First Response Virtual Course (Participants must attend all three sessions and book a practical module)

Tuesday 15th March 7:30-9:30pm

Tuesday 29th March 7:30-9:30pm

Tuesday 5th April 7:30-9:30pm



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



Faurefold Activity Days

Bookings for our popular activity days are now open!

- Guides 14th May 2022: [Book HERE](#)
- Brownies 15th May 2022: Fully Booked
- Rainbows 11th June 2022 (Bookings open in March)

<https://www.faurefold.co.uk/activity-day-bookings-are-open/>





Has your unit completed the Epsom Town Challenge yet?

To celebrate the unveiling of the new statue of suffragette Emily Davison who was killed at the Derby, Epsom Division has put together a circular walk round the Town taking in lots of interesting landmarks including where royalty stayed, where a riot happened, celebration of past Derby winners, why the clocktower was created and of course the Emily Davison new statue. It takes about an hour and there's a lovely badge available for £1. It's suitable for all age groups.

For a copy of the challenge and badge order details please contact Mary Zoeller (Epsom Division Commissioner) mary@maryzoeller.co.uk



New A Safe Space training for 14-17-year-olds

There is now a new A Safe Space e-learning for 14-17-year-olds which is more age-appropriate and has better examples for them. If you are in that age group and have already completed A Safe Space training, you won't need to do it again until it comes up for renewal.

The training is hosted on the learning platform. Before you can use the platform, you will need to set up a [GO account](#) - if you've never done this before, please click on the 'don't have a login' link.

Young volunteers need to use the same email address on the Learning Platform that is on their GO record.

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 5th 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).

Closing date for applications to join the training: 28th February 2022

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**LEAD AWAY or
CAMP PERMIT**



**CATERER or
FIRST AIDER**

Role Change

The roles of Unit Occasional Helper and Unit Residential Occasional Helper are no longer valid so at the end of the subs process, if this is you, you will be automatically updated to Unit Helper - a role for which membership is mandatory. For leaders - if this is not appropriate e.g. they rarely attend meetings or only help when the unit goes on a camp or holiday, you should refer to your local commissioner who can appoint them to be District or Division Occasional Helpers.

Please refer to this for more information about [Unit Roles](#) or [District Roles](#).

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50TH ANNIVERSARY

