



**UPDATE**  
**April 2022**



## Welcome from the County Commissioner



It's official - our overall membership numbers in Surrey East is back up to the pre-pandemic numbers and the annual subs are all paid for the year. Thank you to everyone who supported this. We are now looking forward to the summer months, with lighter evenings so we can enjoy getting outside. I wonder how many units will be doing the Have Adventures theme. It's the [Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#) in June where I'm sure you will be celebrating with tea parties, beacon lighting and fun activities. I look forward to seeing some pictures in the summer edition of our County Newsletter.

Don't forget if you're running stalls at the local summer fairs you can get free recruitment resources from trading or the Guiding shops.

Plans are well underway for Scoutabout 2022 county activity camp in July. The deadline for final numbers of Guide and Rangers attending is the end of May. I hope everyone who takes part in a residential event has a fabulous time. We've waited a long time for them!

Have a great time too at the county adventure days this month - Bazzaz for Rainbows and the Faurefold Adventure days and all the outings you have with your units. Thank you to all the volunteers who make these events possible. Enjoy being outside and Guiding in the Summer term.

Beverly Heywood-Jones  
Surrey East County Commissioner

### County Newsletter

The next County Newsletter will be published on 8th July 2022. The deadline for guaranteed inclusion is 24th June 2022. All articles are welcome, from Units, Districts, Divisions or County.

Please email [newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com](mailto:newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com) whenever your Unit, Division or District has done something that they have really enjoyed or benefited from. Make sure you have consent to publish any photos that you provide. It is also great to hear stories of the units when they are out in the community, fundraising or helping in any way. If someone in your Unit, District or Division has done something particularly outstanding then please do email and it is a good way to acknowledge their achievements!

Please never feel like we wouldn't want to hear your story because it is so fantastic to see what everyone has been up to and see how vibrant the Surrey East County really is. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Upcoming Trainings

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

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9.00am-12.00pm Banstead HQ

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.00am-12.00pm Stoneleigh Methodist Church

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

### **A Safe Space Level 4**

If you need to complete a Safe Space Level 4 for your Girlguiding role (commissioners, commissioner designate, deputies and those sharing a role), our LaSER trainers have an upcoming course:

- [Friday 6th May 1:00pm - 4:00pm](#)



## Changes to First Response Training

Girlguiding has changed the way first response courses are delivered. It still has three distinct sessions to be completed plus the e-learning but all of session 1 must now be delivered face to face only.

The next **Face to Face session 1** is at Banstead HQ on 14<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30 to 2.30. [Book your place here.](#) Session 2 and session 3 are delivered virtually and are booked via the County website. There is also a requirement to complete the e-learning which can be found on the Girlguiding learning platform, under Find Learning - it is the very first item listed. Ideally you should complete session 1 before attending other sessions as this gives you the basic approach to all situations. All elements of the course must be completed within a 3-month period.

If you prefer, you can of course book onto a full day face to face session and do it all in one go. Places are limited on courses so please book in early and please let us know if you need to cancel so that someone else may be offered the place. Courses can be found on our website under: For Our members/Training/First Response: <https://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk/first-response/>

For those that complete their training there are First Response badges available on our Laser region shop: <https://girlguiding-laser.myshopify.com/> Courses may also be available on the region website.

### **Unable to attend a First Response/Safe Space Training after booking it?**

If you book a training and are unable to attend, please do let the organiser know - even if its virtual. All our training courses and webinars run by County, Region or Guiding Headquarters have limited capacity, so if you let them know, they can make the space available for someone on the waiting list. Remember, our



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](mailto:mary@maryzoeller.co.uk)



### Give Rugby a TRY

Brownies and Guides are invited to join Girlguiding and England Rugby to Give Rugby a TRY on **Saturday 7 May**, at the Old Reigatian Rugby Club. Tickets (free of charge) will be available via the Girlguiding LaSER website in March. See [our website](#) for more details.



### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June



<https://www.ggsw.org.uk/countycalendar/2022/brownie-funday-june>

The day involves a selection of balloon modelling, crafts and games. To help with the smooth running of the event we ask units to bring along an additional volunteer to man one of the activities (\*this means an additional adult to the required ratio)

During the morning half of your unit and one adult will go on the boat trip whilst the other leaders and half of the group complete land-based activities. Then swap for second boat trip!

Nearer to the event a list of proposed activities will be published, and you will be invited to choose which one you would like to run (all equipment will be provided)

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June



<https://www.ggsw.org.uk/countycalendar/2022/rainbowfunday>

The day involves a selection of crafts and games. To help with the smooth running of the event we ask units to bring along an additional volunteer to man one of the activities (this means an additional adult to the required ratio)

Nearer to the event a list of proposed activities will be published, and you will be invited to choose which one you would like to run (all equipment will be provided)

We will all get together to enjoy our packed lunch in the middle of the day.

THE DAY WILL END WITH A MAGIC SHOW

### Faurefold Guide Activity / Giant Art Day: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022, 10am to 4pm

Get your Guide unit out and about this May and join us for the Faurefold Guide Activity and Giant Art Day.



**Still some places available!**



Spend a fun day in the natural surroundings at Faurefold and learn and try new skills. Guides will experience lots of different activities while creating large “installations” around Faurefold for others to enjoy when they visit.

Guides will be able to explore the site and join in the activities they find taking place around the site. There will be loads to choose from and no need to be an artist!!

This is what we currently have lined up:

- Willow weaving giant insects
- Shed Mural
- Terracotta totem pole
- Woodblock printing to make bunting
- Create a big spiders web
- Mud sculpture
- Messages on leaves
- Build a blindfold course for the Brownies
- Painting

As well as the art activities, we’ll be running some campsite cooking with different things to try.

To book your visit at our website: [Guides Activity Day Booking - Faurefold Girlguiding Surrey East](#)

Cost is £10 per Guide, and everyone will need a packed lunch and suitable clothing for the weather.

**Save the date!**

**Surrey East County Day- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October**