



Welcome from the County Commissioner



On Sunday 5th June - it's National Thank You Day aligned to the Platinum Jubilee. A perfect day to thank you for all that you do to support Guiding in Surrey East. I really hope you enjoy celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with your units, Districts or Divisions or with you neighbours, family, and friends.

I have enjoyed celebrating this week particularly with people who received awards. Congratulations to [Alexia Beale](#) who completed her Queen's Guide Award during the pandemic and received the award last week. Congratulations too to everyone across the county who received their long service awards. It is amazing to see so many of our volunteers achieving awards for their continued support over many years. Thank you for your amazing contribution.

Please do take a moment to read this bumper update - in addition to the latest training links and dates, there are opportunities for volunteers to go overseas or to help at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall in November - plus some County role vacancies for you to consider.

Please also look at our new Did you Know? section below. We are very aware that there are lots of changes, so we want to make sure that you don't miss anything.

Thank you
Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner

GOLD

As part of Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD), members of Girlguiding, aged 18 to 30, travel thousands of miles to make a difference in communities across the world. Previous participants have run workshops with girls in Zambia to achieve their career aspirations, tackling violence against women and girls in Malawi, grown youth membership in Aruba and taken peer education to Peru. Interested?

To be part of this amazing opportunity, the Go for Gold selection weekend is the first step on the ladder. Details to apply are on the [Girlguiding website](#) and applications are open NOW!



First Response



If you need First Response Training this year it is important that you plan ahead. The training is completed in 4 parts and must all be completed within 3 months and is open to all volunteers.

| Session | What | How | Timing |
|-----------------------------|---|--|---------|
| E Learning | Duty of Care, Girlguiding specific policies and procedures | Girlguiding Learning platform | 20mins |
| Module 1 Life Support | Safe approach, CPR, recovery position... etc | Face to face | 2 hours |
| Module 2 Trauma & Injury | Shock, bleeding, burns, head injury, fractures, sprains etc | Choice of face to face or virtual session via zoom | 2 hours |
| Module 3 Major Illness | Allergic reactions, diabetes, heart condition, asthma etc | Choice of face to face or virtual session via zoom | 2 hours |

How can you find training?

All our County training is available to [book here](#). Surrey East have Module 1 Life Support sessions available throughout the year and in each division; the next one is [25th June at Epsom](#).

There are some full courses covering the above three sessions face-to-face available in Surrey East. Check the website for dates later in the year. There are several virtual courses for Surrey East for Modules 2 and 3, the next one is in September.

You can also book courses via the [region website](#). The next virtual courses for modules 2 and 3 are on 1st and 8th June, or you can look for courses with other Counties such as Croydon, Surrey West, Greater London West and Sussex Central who are our neighbouring Girlguiding Counties, but you may be charged for face-to-face training as funding for training is arranged in different ways in different counties. However, this expense can be claimed back through your Unit/role.

If you have completed another first aid training course you will still have to complete the e learning module and discuss with your commissioner whether your training covers everything that Girlguiding requires.

If you want to ask questions about this or are having problems finding suitable first response training contact: surreyeastggfirstresponse@gmail.com but do not leave it its about to expire please plan ahead.

County Role Opportunities

Queens Guide Award Coordinator

We are seeking a new County Queen's Guide Award Coordinator to take over from Jennifer Sibley from September 2022. This role would ideally be someone who is keen and enthusiastic to provide guidance and support to the young members as they progress through the Queens Guide Award Scheme. It would also suit someone who has completed the Award in recent years, but this is not essential as there is a full syllabus.

The Queen's Guide Award Coordinator is a lovely role because you get to work with our very best young women as they seek to achieve their Queen's Guide Award. The role is very ad hoc and the main thing you need to be is organised, because these young women are relying on you to make sure their Award is processed correctly.

The main parts of the role are meeting candidates to talk through their plans and get them started (either face to face or on zoom) and then meet at the end of their 3 years and confirm they have achieved everything. Whilst they are working on it you need to answer occasional queries, check in that things are progressing, and share any opportunities that come up that could be used towards the Award. You may also be asked to speak to Ranger units or Young Leaders who are interested in starting their Award as well, so they can find out more. We have about 5 candidates working on their Award at the moment. It's no more than an hour a month on average. You are usually invited to their award celebrations as well! Jennifer is happy to do a handover and talk you through the role.

Peer Educator Coordinator

There is a growing interest in Peer Education in our Region aimed at Rangers, Young Leaders and young adult members. We would love to have a County Peer Educator Coordinator to promote the scheme further and support our Peer Educators. This role would involve understanding the scheme, liaising with Region and supporting the volunteers to develop their skills and arrange meetings with Brownies, Guides and Rangers to deliver topics that they have been trained in like Safe the World, Think Resilient or Free Being Me.

County Newsletter Coordinator

We have an opportunity for someone who would like to support Guiding in Surrey East as the editor for our County Newsletter, produced twice per year. You would need to be good with people to liaise with units across the County via email to gather articles for our County Newsletter.

Good IT skills are necessary to build the Newsletter with content provided from all levels across the County, and the ability to be organised and accurate to ensure we have the photo consent and to edit the content that is provided, as necessary. It would be ideal for someone who would love to support Guiding but is unable to commit to regular meetings. It would also suit a young volunteer who is looking for a career in Marketing or publishing and wanting to gain practical experience.

If you are interested in finding out more, or applying for any of the roles above, please email surreyeastcc@btinternet.com for more information.

Did you know?

A little reminder of recent changes that you may have missed!

Young External Volunteers / Duke of Edinburgh volunteers from aged 13

Changes have been made to the role of young external volunteer on GO. This is a role normally held by people completing their DofE award through school and want to volunteer for their award with Girlguiding. The starting age has been lowered to 13 (when most people to start their Bronze DofE) and made the maximum age 17 (so that once they are 18 they go into an adult role to volunteer).

There is a [safe space activity sheet for people under 14](#) too who may be Rainbow or Brownie Helper, doing their Guide Camp Permit or aged 13 and volunteering with Girlguiding as part of an external award, for example, Duke of Edinburgh. Please do encourage our young volunteers to do this.

Safe Space 3

Since September 2021, the process to consider [recognise prior learning](#) (for people who have safeguarding expertise or experience outside of guiding) was suspended so everyone who needs Safe Space 3 will need to do the training, which is available face to face or virtually.

There must be a level 3 A Safe Space holder at **every** unit meeting so for maximum flexibility, we are encouraging all leaders, assistant leaders, and leaders in training to do Safe Space level 3.

Awards

Queen's Guide Award for Alexia Beale

Congratulations to Alexia Beale who was presented with her Queens Guide Award last week at Faurefold with celebrations and a campfire. Alexia, formerly a 2nd Dorking Guide and Young Leader and Leader, received the award at a campfire with the Guides from 2nd and 5th Dorking, Leith Hill Rangers and their leaders. The award was presented by Jennifer Sibley, the County Queens Guide Award Coordinator Adviser, who supported her throughout. Jennifer explained what a challenge it had been to complete it during the pandemic and congratulated Alexia for persevering. Because of the pandemic Alexia organised and ran a virtual residential with participants spread around the Country. We think this is a first!

Well done to Alexia for achieve this, the highest award scheme you can work towards in Guiding and thank you to Jennifer and the leaders and commissioners who supported her.



The opportunity was also taken to ask the County Commissioner to work for her tea and cake and present long service awards to 5th Dorking Guide Leaders: **Nicola Hamill** - 5 Years, **Fiona Butler** - 10 Years, **Lynda Mackie-Gandy** - 20 years.

Leith Division thanked **Nicola Brett** who has stepped down as DC after 10 years and also **Alison Cotterill** who has retired as Brown Owl from two Units within the Division.



Scoutabout 2022

The Scoutabout weekend is fast approaching and hopefully the weather will be as glorious as it is today as I sit here writing this update, nice and sunny but not too hot.

I am sure that you are all on top of the paperwork but just a few reminders of what needs to be done

- A completed Residential Event Notification (REN) needs to be completed for each sub camp. Sub camps will look different in each Division and the REN requirement depends on how you are organising within your Division. If you are camping and organising yourselves as one large group within your Division (I am a Leader in Leatherhead and this is how we are going to work) then you only need one REN for that camp, if you are camping and organising yourselves as Units then a REN will be required for each unit.
- The final version of your REN should be with the Commissioner who is signing off that REN at least 4 weeks before the event, this will enable the commissioner time to complete any final checks before she signs off the form.
- Along with your REN you will need to submit a Risk Assessment that covers your camping arrangements, cooking, travel arrangements etc.
- The Scoutabout team pull together the overarching Risk Assessment that covers the main site, large activities, security of the site etc so you don't need to cover those.
- Home Contacts will need to be in place for each unit, there will be a Central Home Contact for Surrey East, but Divisions should put in place a system underneath that down to Unit Level.
- If you need to make any amendments to your REN after it has been signed off by your Commissioner, for instance if an adult can no longer attend, please notify your Commissioner as soon as possible so that they can ensure that your camp still meets Girlguiding requirements.
- Consent forms should be completed for each girl attending the event.
- The deadline for clothing orders is 8am on **Monday 6th June**.

I hope everyone has a great time and if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me

Jane Luff
County Outdoor Activity Adviser.

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 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!

Oxted Guide Hut Open Day- Saturday 18th June

Oxted District and Oxted Trefoil Guild are holding an open day to display a history of Guiding memories, especially those from Oxted and the local area, including old uniforms, photos, badges, flags and writing.

All are welcome to attend and there will be tea and cake!

Come along any time between 10:00am and 4:00pm

Uvedale Road
Oxted
Surrey
RH8 0EW

A Safe Space Level 3 Training

Saturday 25th June- 9:00am- 12:00pm

Stoneleigh Methodist Church

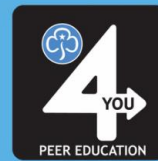
Stoneleigh Crescent
Epsom,
Surrey
KT19 0RT

[Upcoming Events › Training › – Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Peer Education Training Weekend



Peer
Education



Are you aged 14-25 and looking for a new challenge? Become a **Peer Educator**, and you'll be trained to deliver interactive workshops on topics that matter to girls today!

Girlguiding LaSER is running a Peer Education training weekend on 5-7 August. You'll be trained on the Think Resilient resource and be equipped with the skills you need to start delivering sessions in your county! The training weekend costs £25 and will take place at Paxwood Hall, Kent DA2 7QQ. To find out more and to register, [click here](#).

Do you know a Ranger, Young Leader or young adult member who might be interested in this opportunity? If so, please pass this information on to them and encourage them to find out more.



Are you considering an international trip with your unit in 2023 or 2024?

Now we are allowed to travel, many of you may be considering adventuring abroad with your unit.

Here are a few tips to help:

1. Complete your Permission to Plan form online on GO (under the heading Events). Hard copies are not accepted as all forms need to be read and signed by a Region Advisor.
2. Contact Amy Lovell, our County International Advisor surreyeastinternational@gmail.com for the next steps.



Festival of Remembrance 2022

Surrey East has the opportunity this year to support the Festival of Remembrance. We are looking for 10 volunteers to join the team to help on Saturday 12th November at the Royal Albert Hall. Roles are assigned on the day, but you are likely to be on your feet most of the day selling programmes and poppies or outside helping support those with mobility issues.

Would you like to take part?

To be considered you must be:

1. 18 or over on 1st November 2022
2. available to help from 9am – 10pm at the Royal Albert Hall (exact timings and locations will be given nearer the time)
3. able to stand on your feet for most of the day
4. able to sit on the floor to eat your meals
5. able to make your own travel arrangements
6. committed to wearing specific uniform to represent the County and GirlGuiding (there will be County support available)
7. willing, positive and wear a smile.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity, please register your interest at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9By12h8bSg>

The survey will close on 1st July. After this date, everyone who has expressed an interest will be sent an email to confirm next steps.

Save the dates!

Surrey East County Day - for all volunteers - Saturday 1st October

Surrey East County Planning Meeting - Saturday 24th September
(for County role holders and Division/District Commissioners only)