



**UPDATE**  
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## Welcome from the County Commissioner



The Summer term is nearing the end now and it is fantastic to hear about all the outdoor adventures and camps units are having. I know lots of Surrey East Guide units are off to Scoutabout 2022 at the weekend, at Ardingly. We have waited two years so it's very exciting to be camping with over 5000 Scouts and Guides from across Surrey.

I've also seen some lovely pictures of Surrey East units at Magic and Mayhem, the circus themed event held for Rainbows and Brownies. Whether you are attending a unit residential or a much bigger event, I hope that you all have a fantastic time and thank you to all the volunteers who organise and support these events. I know what hard work they are, but definitely worth it!

Congratulations to our award winners our Hero award winners Hilary and Laura Gudge, both leaders in Epsom who bravely stepped in to deal with a challenging first aid incident.

Also, a huge congratulations to Veronica Ballard who celebrated 60 years of long service. Such a magnificent achievement! We are proud of all our volunteers who receive long service awards.

Congratulations and thank to you all for everything that you do in Guiding.

Beverly Heywood-Jones  
Surrey East County Commissioner

## New Appointments

I am delighted to tell you that we have the following new role holders in Surrey East:

**Mary Zoeller** - Assistant County Commissioner (Girl Experience)

**Kate Fowles** - Assistant County Commissioner (Volunteer Experience)

These roles are to support me as County Commissioner and the County Advisers. Both are currently Division Commissioners and will continue until the end of their current term of office. These roles are aligned to the Region structure and the Guiding Strategic objectives which are detailed more on the Guiding website.

Congratulations to them both and we will tell you more about what they're up to in future County Updates.

Congratulations as well to **Megan Maton** who has been appointed Communications and PR Adviser from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. Megan is currently a Leader in Training at Bookham Ranger Unit and will take over from Charity Nichols who has done a fantastic job leading our social media activity and website content development over the past 3 years and has agreed to continue until the handover is complete.

## Did you know?

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

### Parent Helpers or Unit Helpers?

We welcome Parent Helpers who provide essential support to the unit leadership team. A parent helper would typically help no more than once or twice per term at a meeting, activity and/or event. They can never be left alone with the young members as they have not completed recruitment checks and leaders should encourage them to read the [Unit safeguarding guidelines](#). If a parent does attend more than 10 times per year they should register as a volunteer, complete recruitment checks and become a Unit Helper. They will need to complete safe space 1 and 2 to carry out this role. Look [here](#) for the full range of volunteer roles available in Guiding.

### Changes to the Programme

Over the last two years, Girlguiding reduced the number of skills builders activities needed to complete each stage and reduced the number of unit meeting activity hours girls had to do to achieve their Theme awards. After reviewing, and following volunteer feedback, these changes are now permanent so its easier for girls to earn their Theme awards.

### Training

Many of the Girlguiding courses are oversubscribed. If you book yourself onto one and are unable to attend for any reason, please do let the organiser know as soon as possible so that the place can be offered to someone else. The trainers are all volunteers, and whilst they accept that at times that emergencies might happen, they are finding it frustrating to have to organise extra courses simply because people don't diarise the commitment, or let them know in advance that they cannot attend.

## County Role Opportunities

### Queens Guide Award Coordinator

We are now looking for 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 Think resilient or Free Being Me.

To find out more, please contact [surreyeastcc@btinternet.com](mailto:surreyeastcc@btinternet.com) directly.

### 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!

GO FOR GOLD  
APPLICATIONS  
ARE OPEN!!



## Awards

### 60 years for Veronica Ballard!



Veronica Ballard received her 60 years Long Service Award with a celebration at Empire Hall. Helen Prosser reminisced about her time as a Ranger with Veronica, who had started as a Brownie leader in Horley in the 60s, and went on to lead Guides, Horley District Rangers. She was also the Horley District Commissioner before she joined the County team as Training Adviser.

County Commissioner, Beverly Heywood-Jones presented the award, inviting Veronica to share her memories of Guiding when the Queen was celebrating each of her Jubilee events. It was lovely to hear her Reigate friends reflect on things that they had done too. A big thank you to Emma and Sonia who organised the invite which was followed by a Division Quiz night.

## Faurefold Booking Issues

There is currently an issue with gmail blocking emails from the Faurefold website. If you have made a booking but not received a confirmation, please follow up with Barry on [bookings@faurefold.co.uk](mailto:bookings@faurefold.co.uk)

If you are able to use a non-gmail email address for communication, this will help while we try to get the issue resolved.

If you only have a gmail address you can still make a booking however you will probably not be able to receive the automatic confirmation email with your booking details so will need to follow up with Barry (as above).

We are working to resolve this tricky issue and ask for your patience and understanding.





## County Day - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October

All Leaders, Unit helpers and Young Leaders are invited to our County Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Horley Baptist Church, 289 Court Lodge Road, Horley RH6 8RG

### Plan for the day

9.30 am Participants arrive- Refreshments

10:00-12:00 **Session 1**

**Risk assessments-** support leaders to create and use risk assessments in order to provide safe spaces for all Girlguiding activities

Or

**Including all** - Diversity and inclusion - a look at resources available, policies and activities.

Or

**Finances** - Supporting units with finances: girlguiding accounts package, gift aid and fundraising.

12:00-1:00 **Lunch**

1-1.30 **Drop in sessions**

Campfire sing song

Get your DBS verified if it is due

Find out about becoming a mentor

Buy or collect resources you have ordered from the Leith Hill Division shop.

1.30-3.30 **Session 2**

A Dabble session, the chance to try a range of different seasonal crafts ready for the autumn and spring term festivals, learn new skills, make new things and have fun trying out some of the UMAS and Skills builders you've been wondering about.

3.30 Gather together for a free raffle

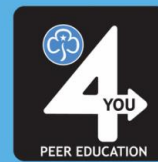
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Lorna Smith  
Training Adviser  
Surrey East

## 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.



### International Update

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. Hard copies are not accepted as all forms need to be read and signed up a region advisor.
2. Contact the international advisor [surreyeastinternational@gmail.com](mailto:surreyeastinternational@gmail.com)





## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> July.** After this date, everyone who has expressed an interest will be sent an email to confirm next steps.