



## Welcome from the County Commissioner



Happy New Year! Its been good to have a break and now I'm excited to hear what everyone is planning in their units for 2023. We published the [County Newsletter](#) for Autumn/Winter in December on our website where you can read about all of the amazing things we did last year. My thanks to everyone who contributed to it.

We have the [annual membership subscriptions](#) due in February as usual, and Divisions/districts wishing to collect a 2023 subscription levy have until noon on 13 January 2023 to enter this on GO. Trial invoices will be available on Go from midday on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

You will see in our Upcoming Training that we are now offering the modules to support the new Leadership Development Programme. If you are an existing leader, who would like to further develop your skills, please do sign up too.

You will also see that we are asking for some help on the working party at Faurefold, our county holiday house and campsite at Westcott, Dorking on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, please do sign up if you are able to volunteer for this.

Finally, you will see that the deadline is fast approaching for Brownie units to sign-up to Scram 2023, the Cubs and Brownie adventure day being held at Hook Road Arena, Epsom. See below for more information.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers in Girlguiding Surrey East and makes this all possible. Enjoy 2023.

Beverly Heywood-Jones  
Surrey East County Commissioner

### Sad News

We are sorry to announce that Sheila Haggerty passed away shortly before Christmas. She was Unit Helper to 2nd Warlingham Brownies for over 20 years, Godstone Division Treasurer and Lorna Smith's Mum and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

We offer our condolences to Lorna and her family at this sad time.

## Upcoming Training

### Leadership Development Programme Training

19<sup>th</sup> January 7:30- 8:30pm: Doing our best- Recognising and celebrating quality in your unit (webinar)

1<sup>st</sup> February 7:30-9:00pm: Celebrating Every Member (webinar)

28<sup>th</sup> February 7:30-8:30pm: Effective Communication for Members (webinar)

14<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-8:30pm: A Risky Business (webinar)

30<sup>th</sup> March 7:30-8:30pm: Introduction to Managing Unit Accounts (webinar)

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**First Response:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Empire Hall, Horley

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Warlingham Guide Barn

**A Safe Space Level 3-** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Empire Hall, Horley 9:00am

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Faurefold, Dorking 9:00am

**Residential Qualification Training Day-** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Faurefold

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

## 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 indoor)?

Do you want to complete a Residential, Catering or First Aid Licence? Would you like to take your Patrol Camp Permit or Lead Away Permit?

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Then come to the County Residential Training, being held at Faurefold, Lince Lane, Westcott on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This is a full day training commencing at 9am.

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

To book please go to [Residential Qualification Training Day | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#) or contact Jane Luff via [Jane.luff8@googlemail.com](mailto:Jane.luff8@googlemail.com) for further details  
Closing date for applications to join the training 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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**LEAD AWAY or CAMP PERMIT**

**CATERER or FIRST AID**

## Working Day Volunteers Needed!

We have exciting plans for this out of the way corner of Faurefold. We are working hard to bring you more fun and adventure at Faurefold and develop this patch of woodland into “something for the girls”. Things are progressing fast, but we need your help.



To make this happen we are running a **Working Party Day- Sunday January 22nd 2023, 10am-3pm**

Come along and brush off those winter cobwebs and get a dose of fresh-air and companionship in our beautiful woodland.

### Activities include:

1. Clearance of scrub and small trees
2. Ivy removal
3. Removal of low branches
4. Bonfire

**Lunch:** You'll need a packed lunch,  
Hot drinks and cake will be provided.

More information will be supplied closer to the time.

**Tools:** If you have them please bring rakes, forks, loppers, saws, gardening gloves and safety glasses

Please contact us on [mail@faurefold.co.uk](mailto:mail@faurefold.co.uk) to volunteer and/or find out more

## Did you know?

### Prepare for the Start of term

In the Help section of Go there is a guidance to assist unit leaders and administrators to Prepare for the start of term. Login to GO. The link to the GO help zone can be seen in the menu as highlighted here:



### Risk Assessments

You need to do a risk assessment every term for all planned activities, including regular unit meetings. All the activities that you have planned for your unit meetings for a **term** can be included on one risk assessment. Further guidance is available on the [website](#). There is also training available - Risky Business so please do sign up for that if you need help.

### Unit Accounts

At the end of each financial year, unit accounts must be independently reviewed and there is a [checklist](#) to support this. Girlguiding need accounts to be sent to your commissioner within 3 months of the end of the financial year. For more information refer to the website [End of year accounts | Girlguiding](#)



Booking Closes  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January



# Are you ready?



**Saturday 17th June 2023 at the Hook Road Arena**

Every three years, Cubs and Brownies from across Surrey get together for a day of adventure and activities. It's nearly time to do it again!

[surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scram](https://surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scram)

 /scramlive

 @surreyscouts

**Scouts**   
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## It's time to SCRAM!

The triennial event for Surrey Cub Scouts and Brownies will be held at Hook Road Arena on the **17<sup>th</sup> June 2023**.

This is the first time that Brownies have been able to attend - prepare to be amazed! It really is a day to remember!

The SCRAM 2023 website is now open at <https://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scram> which will give you lots of information and more will be added in the coming months.

Register to join a service team via the website!

We encourage all Brownie Units to join us for what promises to be an incredible day of activities!

View SCRAM Sway [SCRAM 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

You can follow SCRAM on social media too:

Facebook: /scramlive

Twitter: @surreyscouts

We are very much looking forward to working with you all to make SCRAM 2023 the best ever!

### Breakaway to Belgium - 21-22 October 2023

A reminder that Guide and Ranger units/groups need to book for [Breakaway to Belgium](#) and pay a non-refundable group deposit of £100 by 31 January 2023 if they would like to take part.

Units/groups can book [here](#).



### Upcoming Peer Education training

We would love to recruit some Peer Educators in Surrey East. If you are a young leader or ranger and can spare some time to visit units to help them learn about key topics such as Think Resilient or Free Being Me- resources, that you would be trained to deliver to Brownies or Guides and are invaluable to hear about from younger volunteers. This would also suit volunteers who are unable to commit to regular guiding meetings.

#### Basic Training

At this Basic Training Weekend organised by Girlguiding LaSER, you'll learn the skills necessary to be a peer educator, receive training in the Think Resilient resource and leave equipped with the ability to start delivering sessions in Surrey East.

When: Friday 24-Sunday 26 February 2023

Where: Willow Tree Centre, Middlesex

Cost: £25

Find out more and register here: [Girlguiding LaSER](#)

