



County Update May 2023



Welcome from the County Commissioner

I hope you all enjoyed celebrating the coronation. Congratulations to Mary Zoeller who was awarded Coronation Champion for her contribution to guiding in Surrey East. Mary celebrated with her brownies 1st Ewell Village (St Mary's) and attended the Windsor Castle Coronation Concert. Read more about it [here](#). Simone Duncan, 1st Merstham brownie leader, responded to the call from region for guiding volunteers and was lucky to be a volunteer at the Royal Garden Party. I look forward to hearing your stories of things you have did with your units in the next County Newsletter. I also hope that the Big Help Out will encourage more volunteers to come forwards and help in units across the county.

Moving forwards, I know that brownies across the county are excited to be attending Scram 2023 on Sat 17th June 2023 at Hook Road Arena, Epsom and I really hope that units going away on residentials and on international trips have a fabulous time.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner



Sad news

I'm sorry to inform you that Betty Mayes has passed away. She was particularly active in Reigate division, where she was active for over 50 years – as leader for 4th Redhill guides from 1972 to 1997 and 2nd Redhill ranger unit until 1993. She went on to be a county training adviser and assistant county commissioner in 2000. She ran Jordan Heights (a campsite in Reigate that was later handed over to scouts) and supported both Salfords and Empire Hall.

Her daughter Suzanne Stephens was also very active in Reigate as 4th Redhill brownie leader for about 20 years and district commissioner before stopping to take care of her parents.

Upcoming Training

Leadership Development

Effective communication for leaders webinar – 15th June 7pm to 8pm

Risky business – A guide to keeping everyone safe webinar – 4th July 7pm to 8pm

Click here to register your place – [Upcoming Events › Training › Leadership Development Programme › – Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

County Day

24th September 9am to 4pm – training for all volunteers across Surrey East with an outdoor theme. Firelighting, whittling, nature craft. Register here [Upcoming Events › Training › County Day › – Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)



First Response:

Tues 6th and Tues 13th June 7.30pm to 9.30pm – Session 2 and 3 webinar

Sat 24th June First Response 12.30–2.30 Session One – Blended learning: Face to Face – Banstead

[First Response | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Safe Space 3: Sat 24th June 9–12 Face to Face – Banstead

[Training | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Share your guiding stories in the County Newsletter

We are starting to collect submissions for the next County Newsletter, which will be published in July 2023. The County Newsletter is issued twice a year. Here is the [Autumn/Winter 2022 edition](#). All contributions are welcome, from Units, Districts, Divisions or County – please email them to newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com.

Any article is always better if it is accompanied by photos, but please ensure that you have permission for them to be used before sharing them (if you state this in your initial email, it makes our job a lot easier!). For guidance on what makes good photos, look at the [guiding website](#). We would love to hear from you – no story is too small to be included. It is fantastic to see what everyone has been up to and see how vibrant the Surrey East County is.

The deadline for guaranteed inclusion is **23rd June**. I look forward to hearing from you!

Alexia Beale

County newsletter coordinator

Volunteering Opportunities

Division Commissioner

We are looking to appoint new Division Commissioners in Leatherhead and Leith Hill.

Dax Patel is relocating out of the area and Kate Fowles has completed her 5-year term in August. This is an exciting opportunity for people within these areas to join the county team and to support leaders in their local area.

Interested? Please speak directly to Dax or Kate or contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com directly to find out more.

Digital Marketing and Events Volunteers

Have a passion for digital communications?

Love writing snappy news posts?

Girlguiding Surrey East needs a new enthusiastic budding digital marketer to create news and posts for their social and digital platforms. The role involves a keen eye for a story; love of words and offers the opportunity to be a roving reporter at Guiding events.

This is a brilliant development opportunity for anyone interested in marketing media or communications and who is keen to promote all the adventures our units get up to.

Interested? Please contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com directly to find out more.

This role is flexible and just a few hours a week, could be done by an individual or a team.

Lead Volunteer for the Guiding Surrey East at the Lord Mayors Show

Could you lead a county team of volunteers and young members to represent Girlguiding at the Lord Mayor's Show in 2024?

Do you have what it takes to build a team to create a float to take part, representing Guiding and showcasing us as an organisation at this prestigious event?

You would need to be member of Surrey East girlguiding and available on 11th November 2023 to attend the event with the team from Surrey West who are leading this year. If you are interested, please contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com directly to find out more and share details of what skills and experience you might bring to the role. For more information about the event [click here](#).

Peer Education

Are you under 25 and interested in becoming a peer educator?

Do you have rangers or young leaders who would be great at leading activities for local Brownies or Guides on some key topics?

Girlguiding LaSER is hosting a Peer Education Basic Training weekend in Surrey East! Participants will learn the skills necessary to be a peer educator, receive training in the Breaking Free resource which enables young members to recognise and challenge gender stereotypes and leave equipped with the ability to start delivering sessions locally.

Who: Members aged 14–25

When: 6.30pm Friday 15 September to 4pm Sunday 17 September 2023

Where: Holiday House, Faurefold, Lince Lane, Westcott, RH4 3LX

Cost: £25

Find out more and [register here](#).



Did you know?

Risk Assessment

Girlguiding have introduced a new pre-filled risk assessment form for you unit meeting place and outside areas that should be completed once per year and reviewed each term.

[When to do a risk assessment | Girlguiding](#)

Marketing Preference

Preference Centre

We'd like to keep in touch with you about all the great work we do for girls and young women and how you can get involved. This includes activities, events and opportunities you can have as part of guiding, our fundraising and campaigns, our research, and products and services you can buy

We'll never sell your data and we promise to keep your details safe and secure - all in line with our [privacy policy](#). You can change your mind at any time about how you'd like us to get in touch with you through our preference centre.

Select / Unselect All

I'd like to receive communications by:

Email Post Phone SMS

By selecting regional information you're agreeing to hear from your country or region, county or district and division. Please note that not all areas send out information.

Regional information (get updates from guiding in your local area)

Are you interested in fundraising to help grow guiding? Sign up for updates on how to take part in events, fundraise or donate

Yes

If on Go, you have your marketing preference set to No, you will not receive some of the guiding communications which detail wider opportunities for our members.

You can amend this by logging into Go, select the Marketing Preference option from the drop down under your name and selecting regional information – then Submit.



Huge thanks to our regular volunteers at the Westfest tea and cake stall –Val, Roo, Margaret, Pauline and all the cake bakers who smashed it as usual and a great day was had by all.



Capel Show

This year we will once again be joining the Friends of Guiding (Capel) to help run the refreshments stand at the very popular and busy **Capel Show**. Could you join the rota and offer an hour or two on **Saturday August 19th** to help Faurefold's fundraising? – we have lots more projects in the pipeline and this is a great opportunity to raise some additional funds, as well as being a fun and rewarding day supporting this excellent event. If you can't help on the day could you bake cakes for us?

Let us know how you can help by responding here [Yes I can help!](#)

Thank-you