



County Update July 2023



Welcome from the County Commissioner

As the summer term draws to a close – I would like to thank every volunteer for the time you have spent bringing Guiding to the girls and young women of Surrey East. Below is a link to our county newsletter to show some of the incredible things we have done.

For those of you who are going on events, camps, and holidays, I hope you have a fantastic time, and the weather is kind to you. If you are off on International trips, I hope that you meet many new Guiding friends around the world.

Whatever you do, please enjoy making amazing memories and we look forward to hearing all about them when you return. Please do sign up for our County Day and learn more about being outdoors with your units. Our next County Update will be published in September. Please do enjoy the summer break.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner



County Newsletter

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, leaders and Trefoil members across Surrey East have had lots of adventures throughout the spring and summer terms. We are excited to share with you some of the many things we have done in our Spring/Summer 2023 county newsletter. [County Newsletter \(girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk\)](http://www.girlguidingsurreyeast.org.uk). Thank you to everyone who contributed to it.

The deadline for guaranteed inclusion in our next county newsletter is Friday 15th December. We welcome all contributions from units, districts, divisions, or county – please email them to newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com.

Upcoming Training

Leadership Development

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

County Day

Sunday 24th September 9.30am to 3.30pm – 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:

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Safe Space 3:

Sat 18th Nov 9-12 Face to Face – Fetcham Guide hall.

[Training](#) | [Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

A leader with safe space 3 is required at all meetings, events and activities. Please do sign up above if you haven't done one before. A renewal e-learning is now available on the learning development platform. It is recommended that all leaders complete safe space 3.

Did you know?

Registering Rangers, young leaders, young external volunteers and peer educators

We see some people struggle with setting up young leaders in Go so they can then go on to complete their safe space training on the leadership development platform without issues – particularly when they are moving up from Guides.

Here are the key steps:

1. Parent/carer needs to complete a New Starter form: 14-17- Rangers, young leaders, young external volunteers and peer educators.
2. Commissioner then locates their account via their membership number and adds them as a volunteer. **Ensure the young member has their own email address on their GO record.**
3. Young volunteer then needs to request an invitation code from the GO log in page by clicking 'Don't have a log in?' button.
4. Then, they need to redeem the invitation to access Go and create a username for GO (they must ensure that this is unique to them so we suggest avoiding using names as we can have many members with the same/similar names).
5. They need to wait 24 hours before heading to the learning platform.
6. Then on the Learning platform they need to enter the same GO username they created and click 'forgotten password?' to be issued. They can then log in to the learning platform and change the password to one of their own choosing and complete their Safe Space training.

County Outdoor Day – Sunday 24th September 9.30–3.30 at Faurefold – Open to all volunteers!

Outdoor County day will be a fantastic opportunity to spend time at Faurefold learning new crafts, skills and ideas. It is open to all volunteers in girlguiding Surrey East including leaders, young leaders and unit helpers.

Drinks and snacks will be available – If possible, please bring your own mug and let us know about any allergies or dietary restrictions we may need to be aware of.

Session one is a choice of:

- Low ropes Team Challenge**- Leader briefing and entry into a team competition. – A chance to learn how to take your girls on the low rope challenge course at Faurefold, followed by a friendly timed competition to complete the course quicker than your guiding friends.
- Basic Fire lighting** including unit meeting activities (UMAs) and skills builders for all sections. – Perfect for rainbow and brownie leaders and less experienced guide leaders, who would like to gain the confidence to complete some of the 'have adventures' programme.
- Indoor training**- Promote units through social media- including setting up Twitter etc/ rules Facebook pages and using social media and good photos (taking and management / storage)

Lunch

Please bring your own lunch for a long lunch break with chance to socialise with other leaders, verify your identity for your DBS, if required, find out about become a leadership mentor, visit the volunteer shop (pre order available), try the trails and orienteering at Faurefold, attend a campfire sing song.

Session two is a choice of:

- Basic Map reading/ Basic navigation**- the opportunity to learn some basic map reading skills and take some skills and ideas back to your unit.
- Low ropes Team Challenge**- Leader briefing and entry into a team competition. A chance to learn how to take your girls on the low rope challenge course at Faurefold, followed by a friendly timed competition to complete the course quicker than your guiding friends.
- Intermediate fire lighting and cooking** – with links to your section UMAs and skills builders
- Indoor training –effective use of our brand** including ways to update your websites/ Facebook pages/ social media and paperwork with the new branding to help you stay within the guidelines.

Please click here to book

<https://forms.gle/S36x2iN4brDbDwzm6>



Guides' Woodland Workshops- Saturday 23rd September

Faurefold 10:00-4:00

Calling all Guide Units- start the Autumn term with a Faurefold adventure!

After successful and fun rainbow and brownie activity days last month we are delighted that bookings are now open for the guide day. This year we are mixing it up a bit and alongside fun giant art, painting the stripy shed and wooden chairs, and wide games we are offering guides the chance to develop their woodland skills, learn how to whittle, use an axe and saw, and hone their fire lighting.

We have also moved the day from June to September, so you can get autumn term off with a bang!

<https://www.faurefold.co.uk/guides-activity-day-booking/>>

Sign up on the Faurefold website, numbers limited to 50.

Any questions contact ROO hjharmer@aol.com or 07837164190



Little Acres Lodge and Campsite now open!

We are absolutely delighted that units have started using Epsom Division's Little Acres lodge which recently opened!

The beautiful lodge at our campsite in the grounds of Horton Country Park, Epsom has finally been completed. It comprises a large hall for sleepovers, a leaders' room, toilets and shower, kitchen and large veranda running round two sides of the building. There is full disabled access.

The campsite itself offers a huge camping area with campfire, wood store, concrete bases for smaller fires, outside tap and power in a quiet private area in the picturesque and peaceful setting of the county park. There is also plenty of camping equipment and other useful items like pond dipping nets available to borrow free of charge.

Horton Country Park itself is a beautiful area for walks and there is an equestrian centre to book riding, Hobbledown Adventure Park and Horton Golf Club there.

For bookings, further details or to arrange to come and had a look round please contact: littleacrespsom@gmail.com





**CATERHAM HILL & CHALDON
DISTRICT GUIDING
BADGE AND CRAFTS SALE**

**Saturday 23rd September
10am–1pm**



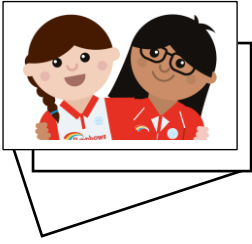
**WESTWAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
CHALDON ROAD
CATERHAM ON THE HILL CR3 5PG**

£10 per Table £2 Entry
Tea and Coffee available

Bring your blanket and sewing kit –
catch up with fellow Guiders

Proceeds to be divided between
Caterham Hill & Chaldon District Guiding
and Westway Community & Wellbeing Centre

To book a table or for further information please contact Lindsey
brownies1stchaldon@outlook.com



County photo competition

We are launching a Surrey East county photo competition. It will have 4 categories for you to enter:

- The best of unit guiding
- Adventurous young members
- Fun in volunteering
- Including all.



*Its aim is to increase our stock of quality images to use in social media.
To encourage all to consider the new girlguiding photography principles
To have fun.*

Why not have a photography evening and select the best photos for the competition?

Rules:

- Open to units and all members and recognised volunteers in girlguiding Surrey East.
- Photos must be originals that you have taken.
- Young members (under 18) must submit their photos via their leaders or local commissioner to ensure appropriate written consent has been obtained. It is recommended that units select their favourite images to enter one or more of the categories.
- When photographing children and young people under the age of 18, leaders need to get written consent from their parent or carer. This should be noted on their membership record on Go – 'Photos/videos can be shared and published and used for marketing'. Ask the girls as well for their permission when taking photos of them.
- For adult members (18+) obtain their permission too, and ensure they update their membership record on Go as above to given permission for the photo to be shared and published and used for marketing.
- Images should comply with the [girlguiding photography principles](#). They should feel colourful and bright as we're a vibrant youth brand.

We will share the submission form to include links to a secure folder for you to upload your photos next month. The closing date will be Friday 20th October 2023. The winning photos will be used to promote guiding in Surrey East.

If you would like to be on the judging panel, please email me - surreyeastcc@btinternet.com.

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