



County Update April 2024



Welcome from the County Commissioner

The sun is starting to shine and the lighter evenings are here. Time to get out and about and have adventures with your units. Across the county, we have a number of events taking place, so I am looking forward to seeing lots of you too.

We have many opportunities to promote guiding and encourage more volunteers to join us. Perhaps districts/divisions can advertise roles they need using free marketing material from trading and also posting articles ahead of the [Big Help Out](#). Or help in the local community in your uniform so people can what we do.

Whatever you do, thank you for all you do as a volunteer in girlguiding Surrey East.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner
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County Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2024

We love to celebrate the fun we have been having during the first half of 2024 in our Spring/Summer county newsletter. We welcome contributions from units, districts, divisions, or county – please email them directly to newslettersurreyeast@gmail.com. The deadline for guaranteed inclusion in our next county newsletter is Friday 5th July 2024.

Articles are always better if accompanied by photos but please ensure that you have permission for them to be used **before** sharing them. Please give a contact name, email and telephone no. with every contribution (even if you wish it to be published anonymously), and mention that it is for the County Newsletter.

We would love to hear from you – no story is too small to be included.

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Lord Mayor's Show- Saturday 9th November

Would any young members in your unit aged 10+ like a ONCE IN A LIFETIME opportunity to take part in the Lord Mayor's Show?

This year Surrey East is representing Girlguiding in the parade and we have seven spaces per Division for young members aged 10+ to take part. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to be part in this incredible event so please could you ask your unit if anyone would like to apply for a place?

All participants must be active guides/rangers and must be available on the Saturday 9th November 2024 for the parade and for both training sessions on the 15th of September and the 12th of October. If they cannot or do not attend one of these sessions their space will be allocated to another young member.

Please reply to lmssurreyeast24@gmail.com with their name, together with their division name and membership number who would like to be considered for a place.

The deadline is **Friday 12th July**. After the closing date we will be selecting names from a hat and will let you know ASAP who has been lucky enough to have a place.

Many thanks

The Lord Mayor's Show Team

Did you know?

Risk Assessments

Risk assessments help to make sure our activities are safe for girls and volunteers. You need to do a risk assessment for all unit meetings - every term with additional ones for any events and residential. Read more about completing your risk assessments [here](#).

You don't have to complete the risk assessment on your own. It is recommended that you involve your team and get input from others to ensure you have everything covered during your planning. Please share risk assessments with all participating adults, your commissioner and home contact.

Logging on to Go and the learning platform

A new single sign on process has been launched, to make it easier for you to log in to GO and the learning platform where most training is available. You should've received an email from Girlguiding with details on 9th April. You can read more about it [here](#). Make sure that your email address and mobile number are up to date on GO.

If you have any questions about the new login process, please get in touch with our [membership services team](#). The team are extending their phone (0800 999 2016) and email operating hours on Mondays and Tuesdays to 10am - 8pm and Saturdays 10am - 2pm from 9 April to 11 May to make sure they can support you.

Upcoming Training

Leadership Development

We have a few leaders in training who need mentors. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to support new leaders, whether this is for one or more sections, please do contact Janet Coninx lqsurreyeast@gmail.com to find out more.



First Response

All units need to have someone with a current first response qualification on Go present at meetings and events. Is your first response qualification due to expire in the next 6 months? Please contact surreyeastggfirstresponse@gmail.com for the next available course.

Do you have an external first aid qualification?

If you hold a valid full external first aid qualification you may already have the training, you need to provide first aid support in guiding. **Click here to find out more.** Please note that external qualifications are verified by the Region first aid verifiers and not our county team as it was previously.

Safe Space:

A leader with safe space 3 is required at all meetings, events and activities. It is recommended that all leaders complete safe space 3. A short renewal e-learning is now available on the learning development platform for anyone who has a current safe space 3 due for renewal. **If you allow your safe space 3 to expire, you will need to sign up for the webinar or a face-to-face safe space 3 training.**

[Training | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#) Please check the national website **here**, to see what level of safe space you need for your role. Safe space training is available on the learning development platform.

Faurefold Low Ropes Course Training

Book now if you are planning to go to Faurefold with your units in 2024



21st April at 11:00–12:00 [Faurefold Low Ropes Team Challenge – Leaders briefing](#)

18th May at 11:00–12:00 [Faurefold Low Ropes Team Challenge – Leaders briefing](#)

9th July at 7:30–8:30pm [Faurefold Low Ropes Team Challenge – Leaders briefing](#)

Click on the links for more details.

Volunteering Opportunities

Lead volunteer needed for Lord Mayor's Show Feeding station.

We are looking for a lead volunteer, or two, to shadow Sussex West, who are leading this year and then to organise this for Surrey East next year.

In 2025, Surrey East will be responsible for organising the lunches for the participants of the Lord Mayors Show. The food is provided – the team will need to organise and distribute it to the participating groups from a central position and will then be able to watch some of the parade.

This will need a team of 18 volunteers in 2025.

Interested? Please contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com

County First Response Administrator

Would you like to help leaders in Surrey East by organising the first response training?

This role would suit someone who is good at administration looking for a guiding role that doesn't involve weekly meetings. Also, great practical experience for anyone considering a career in event management.

This role involves:

- Booking venues & trainers for courses held in Surrey East
- Updating the county website with the dates & details of training sessions planned
- Communicating with the leaders before they attend & with trainers to advise them who to expect.
- Keeping a spreadsheet to ensure all elements of the course are completed & updating Go records when the course is completed.
- Liaising with other counties as necessary to confirm the virtual modules completed by their leaders in Surrey East
- Supporting queries about First Response training.
- Attend termly training meetings held via zoom.

Angela Hammond is stepping down after 5 years is happy to support the new role holder during handover and any training required.

[Click here](#) to find out more about roles supporting volunteers.

Division/District Commissioner

We currently have vacancies for Division Commissioners in Leatherhead, Leith Hill, Downs Heath and now Epsom. This is an exciting opportunity for people within these areas to join the county team and to support leaders in their local area.

In all areas there are already division role holders in place willing to support the new appointment holder. Interested? Please speak directly [Kate Fowles](#) or contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com to find out more.

Faurefold Activity days



Rainbow Fun Day Sunday 19th May 2024: 10am – 4pm. [Bookings now open.](#)
Nature-themed activities and crafts. Max 80 rainbows

Brownie Activity Day Saturday 18th May 2024 10am – 4pm. [Bookings now open.](#) **Fully booked**
Nature-themed activities and crafts. Max 80 brownies

Guides Activity Day 14th September 2024 10am – 4pm. Bookings open May 2024
Get active in the woods. Max 50 guides



Scoutabout 2024 – Units to register their activity now!

The triennial event for over 6000 Surrey Scouts and Guides will be held at Ardingly Showground **28 – 30 June 2024**. If your Guide unit has been before you will know what good things are in store and if you are new to Girlguiding or have never been, prepare to be amazed! It really is a weekend to remember.

The Scoutabout 2024 website open at www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scoutabout which will give you lots of information and more will be added in the coming months. The deadline for registering participants and final payment is 5th May. Please register your activity and risk assessment too. If you want to support this event as a volunteer or have any questions, please contact Mary Zoeller (Surrey East Scoutabout representative) at: Mary.Zoeller@scoutabout.org.uk



Musicals 2025 will be held on **Saturday 29th March 2025** at **Leatherhead Theatre**.

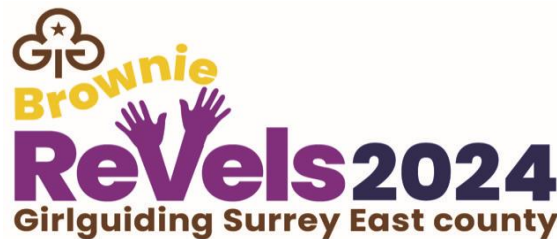
Musicals is an opportunity for members in units, districts, divisions to come together and perform on the stage in a show.

More details will be sent out soon! If you would like to join the organising committee, there is a meeting on **Tuesday 7th May** 8:00PM at Redhill Methodist Church.

Representatives are needed from Leith Hill and Downs Heath.

All welcome!

Please email: musigalsinfo@gmail.com



Walton Firs Activity Centre in Cobham on Saturday 21 September 2024

Paperwork and details have now been sent to the all the units who have registered and paid the deposit. **Deadline for the final paperwork and payment is 30th April. Numbers are rapidly rising so get your form in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.**

We would also be delighted if any other leaders would like to come along and join the fun. We need lots of volunteers on the day to help with the activities so if that sounds like something you'd enjoy please contact the Brownie Revels team on the email below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support!

Brownie Revels Team

Epsom: Mary Zoeller mary@maryzoeller.co.uk

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International Activity Pack

Opportunity for units to learn about Japan, earn a badge and support the international trip to Japan in 2024. Take a look at the [Japan Laser fundraising challenge badge](#).

Could you spare a few hours to raise some money for Faurefold?

We have an opportunity to raise funds for further improvements to Faurefold and we need your help! We are joining forces with Capel Friends Of Guiding to provide a tea and cake stall at the [Capel Show](#) on Saturday 17th August.

The event is traditionally a thriving event attend by several thousand people and includes classic cars, horticultural exhibits, a silver band, bar, stalls, auto jumble, dog show, children's activities and much more.



We need help on **Friday 16th August** to set -up from 4pm to 7pm – approx. 8 people to set-up the party tent on the recreation ground, van loading, unloading, furniture, water, power set up etc.

Then on **Saturday 17th August** we need help from approx 8.30 am to 7.00pm – you will get FREE entry to the show!

8.30am -10am	set- up continues with team of 6+
10am – 5pm	teas/coffee, bacon rolls and cake service, slicing and buttering rolls, cooking bacon, cutting and packaging cakes, replenishing supplies, taking money, general clearing and tidying
5pm- 7pm	clear up team to pack away and dismantle all items back to guide

If you are not around on that weekend but could help with some pre-event tasks – these include –

- Donation of non-perishable items such as jars of coffee, tea bags, sugar, hot chocolate, jars of jam.
- Baking of tray bakes for freezing (instructions and trays provided)

If you think you can spare even just a couple of hours to help with any of the above, please contact George Ede, george@nightlesscopse.co.uk, 07973161684.

