



County Update February 2024



Welcome from the County Commissioner

Happy Thinking day to you all. I hope you all enjoyed celebrating and it was lovely to see pictures of so many members following the tradition of wearing their uniform in school.

I was excited to attend the Region Commissioner conference on behalf of Surrey East, where we shared the successes in each of our counties and gained some insight from girlguiding Head of Strategy, Chloe Gee. I was so proud to be able to share all we have done over the past 12 months which is all thanks to all the amazing things you do as volunteers. Chloe talked of some of the planned activity underway including the single sign-on to GO and the learning development platform coming next month which should help people access learning more effectively.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual subscriptions. Please ensure the remaining payments are made promptly so that they are with HQ ahead of the final deadline of 28th March 2024.

I was particularly inspired by my own units' enthusiasm for the [uniform re-design](#) – we used the available pack, and they had lots of ideas to share. I hope you will input to this too.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner
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Lord Mayor's Show

This year Surrey East is delighted to be representing girlguiding in the parade at the Lord Mayor's Show this year! There are seven spaces per Division for young members aged 10+.

All participants must be active guides/rangers and available on the Saturday 9th November 2024 for the parade and two 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. We will be selecting names from a hat.

Upcoming Training



Leadership Development

We still have some spaces on our in-person training '**Leadership Development day**', for leaders in training to complete some or all the mandatory modules. It will be held on **Sunday 3rd March** at Faurefold. [Leadership development day | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Low Ropes course training is also being offered on this day.

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:

Please book your place here [First Response | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Saturday 16th March – face to face full course 9.30am to 4pm – [register here to book your place](#).
Spaces available.

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.

Need help with the Safe space e-learning quiz?

If you are trying to complete your safe space 1 or safe space 2 e-learning, and have failed to pass the quiz – please make a note of any specific questions that you got wrong and contact our safe space trainer – Lorna Smith lornasmith99@sky.com. Lorna is happy to support anyone in Surrey East who needs help to complete their mandatory training before it expires.

Volunteering Opportunities

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, and Downs Heath. 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.](#)
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 is now 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. Units should now be registering participants and your activity and risk assessment.

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**.

More details will be sent out soon! If you would like to join the organising committee, there is a meeting on **Tuesday 12th March** 8:00PM at Redhill Methodist Church.

Representatives are needed from Leith Hill and Downs Heath.

All welcome!

Please email: musicalsinfo@gmail.com

Faurefold Low Ropes Course Training

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



Sunday 3rd March 10:30–12:00 [Low Rope Tutorial 10.30 session Sunday 3rd March | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)

Leadership Development Day– Sunday 3rd March 2024, Faurefold

9.00–10.00 Doing Our Best– recognising and celebrating quality in your unit.

10.15–11.15 Risky Business a guide to keeping everyone safe.

11.30–12.30 Introduction to managing unit accounts.

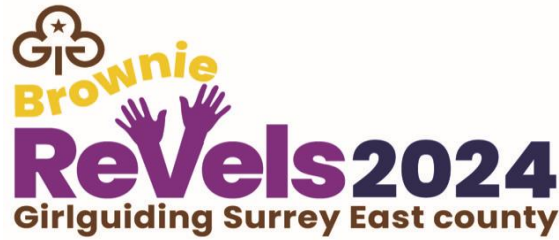
LUNCH

1.00–2.00 Effective communication for leaders.

2.15–3.45 Celebrating every member.

[Leadership development day | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#)





**Brownie
Revels 2024**
Girlguiding Surrey East county

Walton Firs Activity Centre in Cobham on Saturday 21 September 2024

Paperwork and details have now been sent to all the units who have registered and paid the deposit. **If any units who have registered have not received the paperwork, please get in touch with the organising team as soon as possible.**

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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Leatherhead: Wendy Amer wendyamer@btinternet.com

Leith Hill: George Ede george@nightlesscopse.co.uk

Reigate: Rosemarie Belcher rosebelcher27@yahoo.co.uk

Reigate: Roo Harmer hjharmer@aol.com

Downs Heath: Beverly Heywood Jones surreyeastcc@btinternet.com

Godstone: Sue Corrance dragonflycorrance@gmail.com

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 2nd March 2024. 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 for further details.

Closing date for applications to join the training 28th February 2024

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