



County Update May 2024



Welcome from the County Commissioner

We've just spent a lovely weekend outdoors with guiding: the local village pageant, the brownie and rainbow activity days at Faurefold and for Reigate division rainbows, the fun day at Nower Wood. My thanks to all the volunteers who organised all these amazing events in recent weeks (come rain or shine) being part of the local community and showing the girls they are part of wider organisation.

This month's edition of the county update has several opportunities for young leaders (aged 14-18). Please do encourage the young leaders in your unit to take part. We have a new young leader development programme coming soon and we have a weekend in September, for young leaders to enjoy some time together and to find out more.

Guide/ranger leaders, please ensure anyone who would like the amazing opportunity to represent Surrey East at the Lord Mayor's Show applies before the deadline in July. We have just 7 places for each division.

Our big events: Scoutabout, Revels and the Young Leader weekend have all been supported by Adventure funding from headquarters. We are so grateful to our volunteers who are busy organising these events so girls across the county to come together.

Where your units are out and about in their uniform, we are promoting guiding and all that we do. Next month we have the [Big Help Out](#). Perhaps districts/divisions can advertise roles they need by advertising roles on the Big Help Out site and use the free marketing material available from trading to encourage more volunteers to join us.

A massive thank you for all you do as a volunteer in girlguiding Surrey East – we can't do guiding without you. If you are reading this and are not a volunteer – please do [signup here](#) and join us. You don't need to have been involved in guiding before or have loads of time to make a big difference. Whatever your skills and interests, whether it's volunteering with girls directly or supporting behind the scenes, there's a role to suit you.

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner
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Surrey East Young Leaders' Weekend

27th to 29th September 2024

Come along to the Young Leaders' Weekend Challenge (there will be prizes!): with a chance to relax with friends from across the county, try some adventurous activities, get some training under your belt, and learn about exciting new Young Leader opportunities.

Where? Bentley Copse Activity Centre Hound House Road, Shere, near Guildford GU5 9JH

When? Friday 27th Sept. (eve) – Sunday 29th Sept. 2024

Cost? £35 per person. To secure your place, please pay £20 non-refundable deposit to Epsom Division Senior Section (details below) by the end of May. The balance will be due 30th July 2024.

We will be running a programme decided by you! If you'd like to suggest some activities or training that you'd like us to include, please let us know (asap!) We can also run up to four adventure activities, so we will do our best to ensure a good selection are available for the weekend.

There are loads of fantastic adventure activities available at Bentley Copse, and we have access to qualified instructors during the weekend, if we want them. We'd like you to vote for your favourite (you can choose up to four activities from the list), and we will aim to include the most popular ones during your weekend. See the reply form or the Google Form for the full list!

To book please complete the [google form](#) directly or complete and return the [reply form](#) via email.

More detailed information, plus a consent form and a health form, will be sent out as soon as we know final numbers. If you have any issues paying for this event, please contact the organisers in confidence.

Alex Lorenz, Nicola Brett and Madeleine Powell

Surrey East Young Leader Weekend Team

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Peer Education

Are you aged 14-25 and interested in becoming a peer educator?

Peer educators are trained to deliver interactive workshops on topics that matter today to brownies, guides and rangers and groups of similar age outside of Girlguiding.

Join the [basic training weekend on 13th to 15th September](#) at Broadstone Warren. At this basic training weekend, you'll 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 in your county!

To find out more – please contact [Chloe Pascovitch](#), our county peer education adviser.

Lord Lieutenant's Cadet

Are you 16 or 17 and keen to represent Surrey East as the best of Surrey youth?

We have been given the amazing opportunity to nominate a young member of Girlguiding Surrey East to become a Lord Lieutenant's Cadet for a year starting in October 2024. In this role, you would support the Lord Lieutenant (LL) of Surrey, or his deputy, on royal visits and a wide variety of other civic duties and occasions in Surrey. To be eligible to be our representative, you must be a member of Girlguiding Surrey East and have a Surrey home address.

Cadets are typically 16 or 17 and will need to be able to interact effectively with all levels of society. All the Cadet's duties will be in uniform, and the expectation is that you will be exceptionally smart as you will be at the forefront of royal and other events. The role holder will wear the sash and badge of the Lord Lieutenants Cadet during their year in office and on completion of the year are entitled to wear the 'Past Lord Lieutenants Cadet' badge on their uniform. The standards required of a LL Cadet are demanding and the young people selected have been quite outstanding and recognisable as the best of Surrey youth.

To apply you will need to be nominated by your unit leader or local commissioner and provide an email yourself summarising why we should consider you for this prestigious role. Please send this directly to surreyeastcc@btinternet.com by 12th July 2024. We will hold a selection afternoon of Saturday 14th September, where you will meet the deputy lieutenant and the outgoing cadet.

You will also need the support of family as in the role you will need transport to and from events which can be anywhere in Surrey and occasionally at unsociable times!

The LL recognises that the Cadets are likely to have exams during the year and that school or college work has priority. Normally each Cadet will attend at least ten or twelve events, some of which will involve members of the royal family including some in August.

Young Leader development programme

For [young leaders](#) aged 14-17 helping in a unit.

The current young leader qualification is being replaced. If you are on the current scheme, you can continue as there will be a year to transition. If you are about to start working towards your young leader qualification, please do wait and start on the new scheme which will be released next month.

You can find out more about what's coming [here](#).

If you are aged 14+ and would like to become a young leader – please speak to your leader or local commissioner in the first instance.

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.

Emergency Contact Details

Please can all volunteers ensure that you have an emergency contact on your Go record. To update your own record, sign in to Go and select **My Profile** in the drop-down list under your name. Here you can check your contact details and make sure that you have additional contacts / emergency contact details. This is essential information.

New Division Marketing Resources

All divisions now have their own branded pull-up banner, PVC banner and bunting that can be used for guiding events. Please ask your local commissioner if you can borrow it if you want to promote local guiding at your event. You can also get free marketing postcards and leaflets through the guiding shops.

Young Members policy and procedure. The young members policy and procedure has been updated. This gives guidance on providing the best start for new young members, managing waiting lists and managing inappropriate behaviour from young members or their parents or carers. Read about what has changed [here](#).

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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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. **Book now for the last course before September.** [First Response | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#) with one face to face module on 30th May and two webinars to complete the 6-hour 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. [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



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

Click on the link for more details.

Volunteering Opportunities

Become a County Mentor

Could you support other leaders to complete the leadership development programme?

Become a county mentor and support other leaders in your area. Contact Janet Coninx lqsurreyeast@gmail.com to find out more about what's involved.

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?

We are looking for someone to coordinate our first response training. You will liaise with the trainers to arrange first response courses and support the registration and administration of volunteers attending the courses. No previous experience is required.

This is an essential role in supporting our county first response trainers.

Interested? Please contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com

Division Commissioner

We have vacancies for Division Commissioners in Leatherhead, Leith Hill, Downs Heath, and Epsom. Currently cover for these roles is being provided by the county commissioner and assistant county commissioners, however this is not sustainable and does not give these divisions the focus they really need.

The division commissioner represents the division at the county executive and oversees guiding activity within their area. They build the team of district commissioners and/or advisers and administrator so they are supported by volunteers across the division, and we know there are many amazing and experienced volunteers in all divisions. The division commissioner role can be shared too.

In all areas there are already division role holders in place willing to support the new appointment holders. [Click here](#) to find out more about roles supporting volunteers.

Interested? Please speak directly [Kate Fowles](#) or contact surreyeastcc@btinternet.com to find out more.

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?

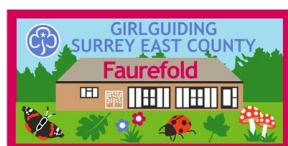
This year Surrey East is representing Girlguiding in the parade and we have seven spaces per Division for young members aged 10+ to take part. This is a rare and exciting opportunity to be part in this incredible event so please could you ask your unit if anyone would like to apply for a place?

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

Faurefold Activity days



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

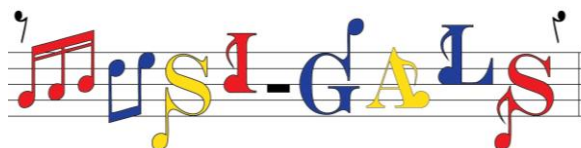


Scoutabout 2024 – Units to register their activity now!

Less than 50 days to go now. We have over 700 participants from Surrey East signed up to attend this incredible activity weekend exclusively for Surrey Scouts and Guides on 28 – 30 June 2024.

Please register your activity and risk assessment too, if you haven't done so already.

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.

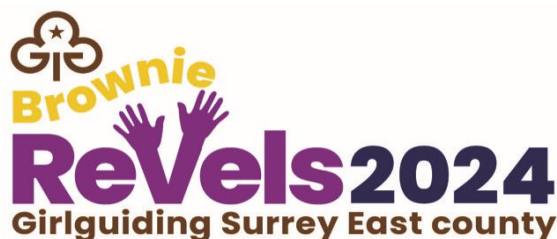
All cast rehearsals are on the afternoons of: **Sunday 19th January 2025**

Sunday 9th February 2025

Sunday 23rd March 2025 (All times tbc)

We are also looking for someone (or two people) to compere the show. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be able to do this, please get in touch. musigalsinfo@gmail.com

More details will be sent out soon! If you would like to join the organising committee, there is a meeting on **Tuesday 9th July** at 8:00PM at Redhill Methodist Church.



Walton Firs Activity Centre in Cobham on Saturday 21 September 2024

Bookings have now closed. Plans for exciting activities are taking shape! Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

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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Downs Heath: Beverly Heywood Jones surreyeastcc@btinternet.com

Godstone: Sue Corrance dragonflycorrance@gmail.com

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.

