



County Update July 2024



Welcome from the County Commissioner

What an amazing weekend the Guides have just had a Scoutabout. My thanks to every volunteer who supported this activity weekend – from division leads, catering teams, unit leaders to the service crew and our county representatives – Mary Zoeller, Jane Luff and Lorna Smith!

At the event, I was approached for representatives to join the committee for Bazzaz – an activity day for Rainbows and Beavers. It would be great to see lots of Surrey East rainbow units there. Please save the date – and if you would like to help on the committee please do get in touch.

I am excited to hear about the new [Young Leader Development programme](#) launched last month and that young leaders have registered to our county Young Leader's weekend at Bentley Copse and an opportunity for young leaders to find out more about the new programme. **Leaders** – please do encourage your young leaders to take part as this will be a fun weekend and the deadline for registration is the end of July. Please also share the opportunities for our 16-17 years olds to be Lord Lieutenants cadet and for Guides/Rangers to take part this years Lord Mayor's show.

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.

The end of the summer term is fast approaching. Hope the sun shines and you all have a good break!

Beverly Heywood-Jones
Surrey East County Commissioner
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Save the date – Bazzaz 2025

Activity day for Rainbow and Beavers
To be held at Merrist Wood on Saturday 14th June 2025.

Surrey East Young Leaders' Weekend

27th to 29th September 2024

Please help us to make our Surrey East Young Leaders' Weekend the best one ever! Tell your Young Leaders (and potential Young Leaders) about an exciting opportunity for them to meet like-minded girls from across Surrey, to learn about how they can benefit from the new Young Leader programme, and to have some outdoor adventures. Details below!

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 July. The balance will be due 1st September 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?

Application deadline is end of July 2024

We have 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.

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. 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 31st 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.

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

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

Safe Space:

Please look on Go or the Learning platform to see when your safe space modules are due to expire and renew them in advance. For most roles, a current safe space 1 and safe space 2 is mandatory. A leader with safe space 3 is required at all meetings, events, and activities. It is therefore recommended that all leaders complete safe space 3. 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.

Volunteering Opportunities

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

Faurefold Activity days



Guides Activity Day 14th September 2024

10am – 4pm. Bookings open May 2024

Get active in the woods. Max 50 guides

Is there anyone who would be able to come and run a bushcraft skills session at the Guides Activity Day at Faurefold on Saturday 14 September please? If so, please contact Roo: hjharmer@aol.com



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.

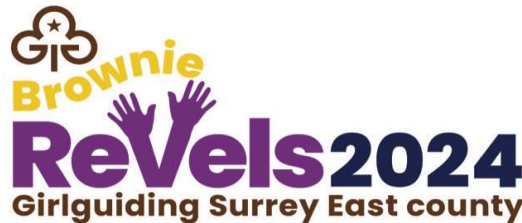
All cast rehearsals are on the afternoons of: **Sunday 19th January 2025**

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. musicalsinfo@gmail.com

More details will be sent out very 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. Good laughs and great coffee / cake guaranteed! 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 2025. 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.

