



County Update September 2025



Welcome from the County Commissioner

Welcome to the Autumn term. It's certainly been a full summer with lots of units enjoying camps, holidays and time abroad. Thank you to everyone who led these events creating great lifelong memories for our members.

Sadly, we have also seen the withdrawal of some members as they have not completed their compliance training. We are all responsible for ensuring we are up to date and comply with the guiding code of conduct, as below. I'm pleased to see that many have appealed, and this has been upheld. Please do get in touch with me directly if you wish to appeal a withdrawal.

Last week, I attended the community day for Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance who are already in partnership with Girlguiding LASER. Brownies, Guides and Rangers are encouraged to have a go at the [KSS Mission badge](#) and learn more about our emergency medical services.

I hope you all have a fun-filled term and thank you for everything you do!

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Please check your own compliance

It is mandatory for all guiding volunteers to complete recruitment and vetting procedure, and then maintain the training required for their role and keep relevant disclosure checks up to date. All volunteers can check their own renewal dates by logging in to GO and look at the options below your name and select **My safe practice summary**. Make a note of your own expiry dates and look out for the reminders via email.

On expiry, your role will become '**active pending**' on Go so you should renew before this stage. You are considered '**at risk**' and although you can continue to volunteer, you should be supervised.

If you do not complete your renewal by the deadline date, you risk your membership being refused if you are new or withdrawn if you are an existing member. During this time, you are unable to attend any guiding meetings/activities or events.

Please renew well before the deadline date!

Upcoming Training

Leadership Development

Surrey East and West organise one day face to face training for leaders in training, which includes the mandatory modules. We have dates available through 2025 – so [please register now](#) to attend.

Modules are available on the learning platform, and you can choose one in another area as they are webinars. If you have a training query, please refer to county training led by Lorna Smith surreyeasttraining@gmail.com.



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

Please book yourself onto the next available course before your current qualification expires. Our next county courses are [28 September](#) (full) and [4 October](#). We also have a [blended course](#) available where you do 2 hours face to face and the remaining 2 modules via a webinar. Any questions or to be added to the waitlist for the next available course, please refer to our first response training coordinator, Maria Young, surreyeastggfirstresponse@gmail.com.

Residential training

Planning to take your unit on a residential? Interested in learning what involved in the Going Away with scheme? Are you a leader who needs to refresh your knowledge? Please register for the next residential training day in March 2026 – [Residential Qualification Training Day – Girl Guiding Surrey East](#).

Looking for assessment? [Going Away with Scheme | Girl Guiding Surrey East](#). If you need any additional support, please [contact Jane Luff](#), our county outdoor/residential adviser.

Walking Level 1

Do you like walking? Would you like to know more about navigating and map reading? Would you like more confidence in taking your unit out for adventures in the countryside? Then the Level 1 Walking Qualification could be for you!

This 2-day course is open to volunteers in Surrey East and Surrey West. 28th Feb 2026 at Little Acres Campsite, Epsom and 14th Mar 2026 at Holmbury St Mary Village Hall

It covers everything from map reading and route planning to risk management and leadership. [Full information and booking](#)

SCRAM 2026



This year we're celebrating 25 years of SCRAM in a new location!

The triennial event for Surrey Cub Scouts and Brownies will be held at Apps Court Farm on the 20 June 2026. If you are new to Guiding or have never been, prepare to be amazed! It really is a day to remember!

If you are not in the Brownie section, the Brownie leaders would really appreciate your help with running events, so please consider offering to support a unit on the day.

The SCRAM 2026 website is now open at <https://www.surrey-scouts.org.uk/events/scram> which will give you lots of information and more will be added in the coming months.

We encourage all Brownie units to join us for what promises to be an incredible day of activities!

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