

## ***Volunteers week - 1 to 7 June...***

**...without volunteers, Girlguiding would be nothing!**



**Thank you for  
everything you do**

**Rachel Webb-Jenkins  
County Commissioner**





## International campfire fundraising nights



### Campfires for Brownies and Rainbows

at Topstones, Tilton Lane,  
Cold Newton, Leicester, LE7 9FH

The international team are holding three Rainbow and Brownie campfire nights in July at Topstones, the county campsite. These evenings will raise vital funds to support those travelling internationally in 2018.

They will be fun filled evenings singing and learning new songs, as well as meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

**Monday 2 July**

**Tuesday 3 July**

**Wednesday 4 July**

**6.30pm - 8.30pm      Cost - £5.00**

**Closing date: Friday 15 June 2018**

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN - Application forms are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, [leicestershireguides.org](http://leicestershireguides.org), and places are filling fast!

All bookings, final numbers and payment must be received by Friday 15 June 2018 - no extension will be available. Please complete the booking form and send into Ruth Blackwell (details on the form) as soon as possible.

## Girls' international selection 2019 - save the date!

**Friday 15 - Sunday 17 March 2019**

This will take place at Topstones, our county campsite.

More information about applications will follow in further Bulletins and will be available via our social media and website.

Please look out for leader selection information too.



# Upcoming trainings

## Full 1st Response

This is a mandatory training for those new to guiding. The qualification is valid for three years and the full course is also necessary if you have not completed a refresher within six months of your qualification expiring.

**Sunday 8 July**

9.30am - 4.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW



**Thursday 16 August**

10.30am - 5.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

NB: these trainings will take place on the top floor, accessible by stairs only

## 1st Response Refresher

You have up to six months after your 1st Response expires to complete the 1st Response Refresher course. After that time you will need to complete the full 1st Response course again.

**Wednesday 20 June**

7pm - 9pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW



## A Safe Space - How are we doing?

- \* 11 A Safe Space trainings - levels 1, 2 and 3 - completed across the county
- \* more than 220 leaders trained
- \* many, many hours of e-learning completed by YOU
- \* five months of level 2 chats completed



These people have completed the training and look what they said -

*'Thank you very much for the training on Friday. I thought it was very good, with thought provoking scenarios. I know you all put a lot of preparation work into the training, so again thank you very much'.*

*'The A Safe Space training at One Ash was very informative and full of useful tips. Very clearly, sensibly presented, and well run'.*

**Have you signed up for your training yet?**



# Upcoming Trainings

## A Safe Space



### Levels 1 and 2

Introduction and creating a safe space  
required if you have not completed a Safe Space training since January 2015

**Sunday 24 June**

9.30am - 12.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East,  
Leicester, LE1 7DW

**Tuesday 7 August**

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Topstones, Nr. Tilton, Leicester,  
LE7 9FH (at Escape Camp)

**Saturday 15 September**

1.30pm - 4.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East,  
Leicester, LE1 7DW



**Thursday 18 October**

10am - 1pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East,  
Leicester, LE1 7DW

### Level 3

Recognising, telling and taking action  
for unit leaders, residential leads and event coordinators, mentors, advisers and trainers

**Tuesday 12 June**

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Parish Hall, 24 Main Street, Asfordby,  
Melton Mowbray, LE14 3SA

**Sunday 24 June**

1.30pm - 4.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East,  
Leicester, LE1 7DW

**Saturday 7 July**

10am - 1pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East,  
Leicester, LE1 7DW

**Monday 24 September**

6.30pm - 9.30pm

The Friendship Centre, Main Street,  
Long Whatton, Loughborough, LE12 5DF

Please note: this training will take place on the  
top floor, accessible by stairs only

### Level 4

Managing concerns, allegations and disclosures  
for Commissioners only



**Saturday 28 July**

10am - 2pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

Please note: this training will take place on the top floor, accessible by stairs only



**Friday 19 October**

1pm - 5pm

Venue to be confirmed

**More trainings are available on our website**



# Upcoming Trainings



## COUNTY TRAINING DAY

Rolling out the new programme

**Sunday 9 September**

at Brockington College, Blaby Road,  
Enderby, LE19 4AQ

new programme rollout, sectional trainings and guiding shop

Booking via Eventbrite will be available on the county website later in June, [leicestershireguides.org](http://leicestershireguides.org)

**To book a place on a training, please complete the on-line booking form via our website, [www.leicestershireguides.org](http://www.leicestershireguides.org)**

- Bookings will be *provisional* until you have received an email from County Office.
- Please do not just turn up - courses could be full.
- Uniform/guide wear is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for 1st Response only, if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your division will be charged £5 per place.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us, if for any reason, you have to cancel.



## County Weekend

26 - 28 October 2018

Netherurd, Blyth Bridge, West Linton, Peeblesshire, Scotland, EH46 7AQ

Bookings open: now

Bookings close: 13 July 2018

Cost: £125

£60 deposit secures place, to be paid by 13 July 2018

See website [www.leicestershireguides.org](http://www.leicestershireguides.org) for flyer and booking form

*Limited places*





## News from our volunteer shop



We know that you are all eagerly waiting for the new resources - the order forms from Trading Services have now arrived.

Wow! It all looks really good. Stock is being delivered to us during the week beginning 2 July, not to be displayed or sold until the launch day on 21 July.

We are aware that a good number of you will be on holiday on this day, so the following shop opening dates are planned:

**Saturday 21 July 10am - 3pm**

**Saturday 4 August 10am - 3pm**

**Tuesday 14 and Friday 17 August 5.30pm - 8pm**

**Sunday 19 August 1pm - 3pm**

After **21 July** we will be taking orders which can be collected on any of the extra opening days or into the new term. Please send your orders to [equipstore@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:equipstore@leicestershireguides.org) stating the name of the unit, name of the person sending the order and careful details of items requested. Code numbers and correct terminology for each item will be in the new catalogue.



We will do our best to ensure that parking spaces are available for those of you who are purchasing large quantities. On street parking is FREE after 6pm and all day Sunday.

New catalogues will be delivered with Guiding magazine after 21 July. The new design Brownie leggings are promised in August and Ranger uniform in September.

The shop reopens as usual on **Thursday 30 August**.

We will have all the new resources at County training day on **Sunday 9 September**.



Please support our shop as surplus income from sales comes back into the county, for the benefit of all our girls and leaders.

## Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

**Summer closing** 3pm Friday 13 July

**Reopening after summer** 12noon Thursday 30 August

**For special new programme openings see above**

For up to date information check the shop page at [leicestershireguides.org](http://leicestershireguides.org)

or contact 0116 204 4902

or [equipstore@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:equipstore@leicestershireguides.org)





**Hello, my name is Ruth Barsby and I am the new county international adviser for Girlguiding Leicestershire.**

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to Tracey Ball for all her hard work during her time as international adviser and I have already enjoyed meeting lots of you at county day and the recent annual review.

Since I was five-years-old I have been a member of Girlguiding. During this time I have enjoyed moving through the sections as well as finding my passion for international travel.

I have been lucky enough to travel as far afield as Australia, the Falkland Islands, France, Switzerland, India and Malawi as a member of Girlguiding. I have also enjoyed lots of personal travel including travelling to Madagascar and South Africa.

Twice I have taken part in GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development), first as a member of a team and then as a leader. I have also volunteered at Sangam, the WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) World Centre in India.

I am extremely excited about working with members across the county to encourage everyone to experience international guiding. This includes activities at a unit meeting, enabling girls to experience a selection weekend and international adventures as well as encouraging adult members to travel and gain their international licences.

Alongside a passion for international, I run 1st Quorn Rangers and am working on my training qualification. I am also a Europe Region WAGGGS volunteer for the growth team with a focus on tailored support to member organisations across Europe. In my working career I am a primary school teacher.

This summer I have been selected to lead the Girlguiding Midland region community project to Taiwan, which I am looking forward to.

Since taking over I have already been busy working on all things international. I am pleased to announce Girlguiding Leicestershire International has a new email address. Please contact me on this email address to talk about international. I would love to hear from you if you are thinking of planning an international activity at your unit, applying for selection for girls or leaders, applying for GOLD and other opportunities at world centres or planning an international adventure.



**NEW Girlguiding Leicestershire international email address**

**[girlguidingleicsinternational@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidingleicsinternational@gmail.com)**

**Do you use twitter?**

Follow Girlguiding Leicestershire international

**@GirlguidingLnt**



**Do you use facebook?**

Then like Girlguiding Leicestershire international

**<https://www.facebook.com/GGLEicestershireInternational/>**

**If you are over 18 you can also add me on my volunteer facebook profile - Ruth Lcia.**



## Big day out 2018

Saturday 12 May saw 1224 Rainbows and Brownies with their leaders arrive at Twinlakes Park on 19 buses.



They were greeted by Rainbow Lion, Brownie Bear and Olivia and then all quickly entered the park heading straight for the scary rides!



The girls received many compliments during the day for their good behaviour. One brownie unit on the log flume was said to be 'very well behaved but definitely the noisiest' - that unit just had to be mine!



It was a pleasure organising the Big Day Out and made even more special seeing so many happy and smiling girls as we walked around the park.

Thank you to all the leaders and helpers who accompanied the girls on the day.

Eileen Melling  
Organiser

## Saturdays @97

Saturdays@97 will continue, on the first Saturday of the month, throughout the year, apart from August due to Escape camp. The next ones will be 7 July and 1 September.

This is an opportunity for commissioners to come and complete their training (10am to 11am), for DBS checks to be done and for leaders in training to meet with a mentor.

We are also scheduling time slots for A Safe Space Level 2 e-learning follow-up conversations to take place between 11.30am and 12.30pm. Please make sure that your worksheet has been sent into the office.

If you wish to attend, please email or ring the office before 4pm on the preceding Friday.



# Charnwood International Scout and Guide Camp

27 July - 3 August 2019

at Cattows Farm, Heather, in the heart of the National Forest



Want to #BePartOfIt? You can find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Don't miss the opportunity to create amazing memories that will last a lifetime. Bookings are now 'live' for Charnwood, take a look at the job roles, ask team managers questions, get involved - and remember to tell your friends too.

Facilities are looking for volunteers to join the staging team; Jo in the Commercial team wants volunteers to work in the sweet shop - a dream for many!

Simon from Communication wants newspaper reporters and Margaret wants volunteers to run many of our activities throughout the week. These are just a few of the roles waiting for you, there is something for everyone.

The Youth Forum are actively recruiting Guides and Scouts to ensure teams create a camp led by young people. If you know anyone who wants to be involved, please contact [beck.jeffs@charnwood.org](mailto:beck.jeffs@charnwood.org). Just last week the youth forum decided sub camp names and camp colours - what will yours be?

Coming soon the second Charnwood 2019 newsletter - but only if you have registered!!

If you have any questions about Charnwood, ask [sam.harrold@charnwood.org](mailto:sam.harrold@charnwood.org)

Sam Harrold  
Deputy Director - Guides





## Birmingham Sleepover 2018

On Saturday 12 May, 100 Brownies and Guides from Melton Mowbray Division enjoyed a sleepover at the National Sea Life Centre, Birmingham, followed by a visit to Cadbury World.

We all had a brilliant time, girls and leaders alike. A lot of wonderful memories were created and I am sure our trip will be remembered fondly from their time in guiding.

Thank you to everyone who made our trip so enjoyable. Without the help of all our fantastic leaders, trips like this would not be possible.

Janice Stone  
Melton Guide leader and organiser

## Are you planning to take your girls away?

In April 2018 Girlguiding introduced new forms and procedures for residential events in the UK and for international trips:



**new Residential Event Notification (REN) form**

**new Permission to Plan form (for international trips)**

**revised Home Contact procedure for residential events**

If you want to take your unit away please check the Girlguiding website, [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk). To get the most up to date information look under Making guiding happen > Running your unit > Events and going away, or just search for 'REN'.

This will point you to the latest REN form, FAQs and the international permission to plan form. What you need to know about the new forms and the revised home contact guidance can be found in the FAQs.



As these are new forms and procedures, Girlguiding is keen to receive any feedback. Please let Gill Gates or Janet Gelsthorpe have any comments by Wednesday 1 August so they can be included in the Midland region review.

**Gill Gates**  
County Adventure Coordinator  
[gillian.gates@ntlworld.com](mailto:gillian.gates@ntlworld.com)

**Janet Gelsthorpe**  
County Guiding Development Adviser  
[jcgelsthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:jcgelsthorpe@gmail.com)





# ESCAPE



5 to 11 August  
at Topstones

Not going to camp with your unit?  
Do you usually work with another section  
but would like to join the camp?

## Would you like to help at ESCAPE 2018?

We have flexible jobs, so whether you are free for a day or the week - or just evenings, there is something to suit everyone!

Do you like to be on stage? If so we have an opportunity for you....or would you rather be out of the limelight and manage a nightly juice bar? These are just some of the jobs available, so let us know what would excite you!

If you are interested, please complete the form available on the county website, [leicestershireguides.org](http://leicestershireguides.org)



Week price: £30 (to include t-shirt, necker and badge)

Per night (for *single* nights): £5 to cover camp fee

Days only: no charge

Food: available at additional cost

## DON'T MISS OUT

Are you interested in joining the team to help run this camp? If you have any questions please email:

Seonaid McPhail, [seonaidmcphail@btinternet.com](mailto:seonaidmcphail@btinternet.com)

Sue Mayhew, [suemayhew@btinternet.com](mailto:suemayhew@btinternet.com)





## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Girlguiding continues to offer members aged 14-25 the opportunity to complete their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. For more information about this award please see [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org)

After significant disruption in March caused by the snow, the Bronze participants worked very hard to complete their training, before setting out on their practice expedition at the end of April. It was a challenging weekend, with poor weather and navigational challenges, but well done to the four teams who completed it! An additional Bronze team from Ashby have also commenced their training and hope to complete their expeditions over the summer.

Bronze qualifying expeditions this year will be 30 June to 1 July and also 1 to 2 September.

The Silver team completed their practice expedition in April, and look forward to completing their qualifying at the end of May.

Congratulations to the six young women who received their Gold Awards at Buckingham Palace on 17 May:

Abbey-Rose Williams, Zoe Betts, Kirsten Walker, Tiegan Lynch, Molly Soar and Deborah Fish (who completed her award with Merseyside but is now in Leicestershire).

The photo shows them with myself, Dawn Scott and Louise Minchin, presenter of BBC Breakfast and much more, who presented the certificates on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh.



We were delighted that HRH The Countess of Wessex spent quite some time with the group talking about their achievements.

Lucy Faulds  
County DofE Adviser



## Royal Wedding



On Saturday 19 May, Gracie was lucky enough to attend the wedding of HRH Prince Henry to Ms Meghan Markle at St Georges chapel in Windsor. It was a very early start and we were seated by 8.30am opposite the chapel.

The weather was perfect and the atmosphere was magical. We did a lot of celebrity spotting and managed to see the Beckhams, George Clooney and many other stars. We were also well placed to see the Queen and other royals enter the Chapel.

It was a very surreal experience and one that Gracie will remember for the rest of her life!! Since returning we have watched the BBC coverage and have managed to see ourselves several times.

Thank you to everyone that sent their good wishes to Gracie.

Louise Mynott

## Pork Pie Experience

A party of intrepid cooks from the 2nd Tugby Guides visited Brockleby's Pies in Melton Mowbray to make their very own pork pie. Suitably equipped with aprons and very fetching hair nets, the girls listened to Claire from Brockleby's give a short history of how pork pies came to be made before they were let loose with flour, dollies and pastry.



The finished article!

Having made our moulds (over a dolly rather than in a tin - who knew?), we then filled them with pie mixture, added a lid and crimped the edges of our pies before packing them carefully in boxes. We were all sent home with a recipe, a bag of jelly crystals and instructions on firstly baking our pies and then how to add the jelly.

Seonaid McPhail  
2nd Tugby Guide leader

## Appointments

Sally Illsley

Loughborough Division Commissioner

We wish Sally all the best in her new role!



# DIARY 2018

## JUNE

8	Commissioners' evening		County Office
8-10	Baden-Powell Challenge weekend		
12	A Safe Space level 3	6.30pm	Melton Mowbray
13	County exec		County Office
17	Thank you event		Topstones
18	New commissioners' evening		County Office
20	1st Response Refresher	7pm	County Office
24	A Safe Space levels 1 and 2	9.30am	County Office
24	A Safe Space level 3	1.30pm	County Office
27	Presentation evening		

## JULY

2-4	International campfires		Topstones
7	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
7	A Safe Space level 3	10am	County Office
8	Full 1st Response	9.30am	County Office
13	Shop closes for summer	3pm	County Office
13	Bulletin copy date	4pm	County Office
21	New programme launch		
21	Shop open	10am	County Office
28	A Safe Space level 4	10am	County Office

## AUGUST

4	Shop open	10am	County Office
5-11	ESCAPE		Topstones
7	A Safe Space levels 1 and 2	1.30pm	Topstones
14	Shop open	5.30pm	County Office
16	Full 1st Response	10.30am	County Office
17	Shop open	5.30pm	County Office
19	Shop open	1pm	County Office
27	Office closed for Bank holiday		County Office
30	Shop reopens after summer break	12 noon	County Office

## SEPTEMBER

1	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
9	County training day		Enderby
10	County exec		County Office
15	A Safe Space levels 1 and 2	1.30pm	County Office
24	A Safe Space level 3	6.30pm	Long Whatton

## OCTOBER

6	Saturdays @97	10am	County Office
18	A Safe Space levels 1 and 2	10am	County Office
19	A Safe Space level 4	1pm	County Office
26-28	County weekend		Netherurd



# Topstones

CAMPSITE & ACTIVITY CENTRE



We still have vacancies in the Chalet at Topstones during November and December 2018.

So if anyone wants a Christmas weekend we have free dates!

Look at the Topstones website for more information, [topstones.co.uk](http://topstones.co.uk)



## Baden-Powell Challenge update

As mentioned at county training day, I have produced a short 5-minute survey for all Guide units who currently have Guides working towards this award.

Please can I ask that leaders complete this survey by the end of the summer term (2018), as this will help us to plan how many Baden-Powell Adventure weekends will be required before the award is discontinued in September 2019. The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WBDTPT9>

So far this year we have had successful Baden-Powell Adventure weekends in February and April, and we have ones planned for June 2018, Feb 2019 and April 2019. With each weekend being able to host around 20 girls, and over 50 Guides currently sitting on the waiting list, it is evident that we need more weekends.

As a county we would appreciate some volunteers to help run two weekends in the autumn term, and two in the summer term next year. If you would like to find out what is involved in running an Adventure weekend, or would like to visit an up and coming one to get an idea so that you can run one yourself, then please contact me on [gemmalawrenson@hotmail.com](mailto:gemmalawrenson@hotmail.com).

Once a Guide has completed at least six of the ten clauses, please can leaders ensure that the 'I'm ready for an Adventure' form is completed and sent to Stacey at County Office. These forms can be downloaded from the county website. Please remember - NO GUIDE SHOULD NOW BE STARTING THE AWARD!

Gemma Jeffs  
County B-P Challenge Coordinator

**The closing date for the next Bulletin will be**

**Friday 13 July 2018**

Please send all articles to [office@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:office@leicestershireguides.org)

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