

Congratulations to Girlguiding Leicestershire's recipients of the Chief Commissioner's Award 2015



Nine ladies from Leicestershire were presented with their awards by Midlands Region Chief Commissioner, Abi Salter, at an event held at St Martin's House in Leicester. The award is given for "outstanding service to local guiding to an active volunteer who holds an appointment at Unit level". The award for "proudest Commissioner of the day" must surely go to Susan Round from Charnwood Division who saw FIVE of her Leaders receive their awards!



Congratulations and thanks for all you do for Girlguiding Leicestershire to:

Rebecca Amey
Gill Bond
Ruth Barber
Sarah Freeman
Sarah Holt
Jacqueline Lewin
Georgina Oliver
Anita Sleath
Sophie Ward

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Message from Guiding Essentials

The Right Now badges are no longer available to order

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There's nothing like New Year to make you feel excited about the good things to come.

I hope all those in the Senior Section are ready to celebrate their centenary. There is a selection of brilliant events planned to appeal to all. Encourage the Rangers and Young Leaders in your life to take the opportunities and join in with the fun.

Now is the time that many Leaders will be looking at their programme for the coming term. It's always a challenge to fit in all the exciting ideas from the girls and find a balance in the programme. It just can't be eating chocolate *every* week! County Training Day is a great time to refresh your ideas for the programme for your section, or to gain a new skill or qualification. Some units will be beginning their preparations for Charnwood and sessions with the Residential Coordinators will offer the chance to develop your skills and ask those burning questions.

The New Year is also the time when units need to make their final preparations for paying their subscription, our annual payment, which includes our insurance and levies at all levels. This is paid around the time of Thinking Day, 22nd February. Every member pays and the information for your unit's invoice will come from Go! Make sure your Go! records are up to date. Help is available from your local Commissioners and there is information on Go! about subscriptions too. Let's make this the year that Leicestershire is the first to be all paid up.

This year I've met loads of the fantastic young people that you volunteer to support. They're inspiring and a great credit to their Leaders. I look forward to meeting more of you in 2016 in my travels around the county.

Happy New Year to you all.

Rachel Webb-Jenkins
County Commissioner



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Enderby
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March
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What are you and your unit planning for 2016?

If your unit Main Contact hasn't received an Adventure in the Midlands booklet for 2016 events please let Midlands Region know.

Make sure you share your copy with your Unit Team.



You will also be able to find booking forms and more information at www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk

Their biggest event for 2016 is a fantastic trip for Guides and Brownies on Sunday 12th June to West Midlands Safari Park.

(see www.wmsp.co.uk to learn more about what's on offer)

We are arranging coaches from across Leicestershire to this event at £12 per person. Booking forms will be available on the website and the closing date for booking buses is 31st March 2016. You will still need to book your Safari Park tickets directly with Midlands.

2016 is going to be another amazing year!

Emma Chodynicky
County Guiding Development Coordinator



Well done Sharon!

Sharon Lushiku, a Leader with Abbotsford Guides, volunteered to be a Girlguiding spokesperson and was chosen to be backstage at the recent Big Gig at Wembley Arena.

She interviewed pop superstar Ella Henderson, former JLS member Aston Merrygold, The Wanted's Nathan Sykes (pictured left) and many more.

Sharon said: "It was absolutely amazing to be celebrating such an amazing UN-declared International Day of the Girl with 20,000 girls at the BIG GIG! I think it's just the perfect way to do it. Seeing all those young girls excited and singing along with their favourite acts was the best.

"I think the BIG GIG is an important event because it's just for girls and shows them just how much fun they can have - they can be themselves and be confident".



Betty Stevens

5th June 1935 - 20th November 2015

The Service of Thanksgiving for Betty Stevens on the 8th December was very well attended by guiding friends and colleagues.

Betty was a friend to every member of Girlguiding in Leicestershire. She loved people and she loved Girlguiding, but she was also a most effective Leader, making a huge impact on Girlguiding both nationally, regionally and in the county. This was the more remarkable as she had not been a Brownie or Guide as a child.

Betty was Division Commissioner for Kirby Fields and Joint Organiser of Charnwood 85, held at Stanford Hall.

When Girlguiding nationally decided to consider developing a section for girls below Brownie age, Betty was appointed to chair and lead the planning group. She was determined that Rainbows should be fully part of Girlguiding and not just a play group.

Betty was County Commissioner from 1996 - 2000 and was a great encourager of younger Leaders. Having confidence in their ability she gave them special opportunities. When organisers were needed for Leicestershire's Millennium Thinking Day Performance at Birmingham Symphony Hall Betty took a risk in giving the coordinator role to a group of youthful Leaders. Of course it was a great success and those young women now hold senior positions in Girlguiding.

Betty set the pattern for many of the things we do today, such as setting up Awards evenings and she travelled all over the county to help new District Commissioners with their initial training.

She was to make use of all these links when, after completing her term as County Commissioner, she started helping in the Equipment Store as they wisely asked her to be their staff manager. So Betty expanded the teams looking after each opening time, but if somebody was ill or couldn't make it then Betty would fill the gap.

Betty received many Awards including The Laurel Award for outstanding service to Girlguiding and she was Vice President of Girlguiding Leicestershire. However she would have counted the affection, friendship and respect of so many Girlguiding Leaders as her greatest reward.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Carol Lynch

Hinckley Division Commissioner

Helen Berry

Bradgate District Commissioner

Katrina Rodgers

Field Head District Commissioner

We wish them good luck in their roles

Senior Section Spectacular

In 2016 we will be celebrating 100 years of The Senior Section and lots of exciting events are being planned. All members of The Senior Section should have received a booklet with the full list of events which has been sent out via Commissioners.

A digital pdf version is available to download at www.leicestershireguides.org. Bookings are now open for most events so what are you waiting for?

A taster of some of the things being planned for 2016:

- 1st - 3rd July: Senior Section Camp Permit weekend/Charnwood preparation camp at Topstones
- 3rd July: Topstones Gold Rush - Challenge day
- 19th - 21st August: Carnival Fever at Blackwell Court (Girlguiding Midlands event)
- 17th September: Cannock Caper at Cannock Chase and Beaudesert

We'll also be getting involved with supporting the Teenage Cancer Trust throughout the year.

Plus more to be confirmed ... look out for the booklet!



The Senior Section

DISCUSSION BUS

The Discussion Bus will be coming to Coalville on 29th February! If you're aged 14-25 come along to meet other members of The Senior Section and contribute ideas for The Senior Section Spectacular events and Charnwood. Snacks provided (of course!). Under 18s will need to bring a consent form - these will be available from www.leicestershireguides.org in February 2016. The Discussion Bus will take place from 7.45pm to 9.15pm at Christ Church Hall, London Road, Coalville LE67 3JA on 29th February - see you there!

Ranger Leaders' meeting

The next Ranger Leaders' meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February from 7.30pm to 9pm at County Office. The Ranger Leaders' meeting is a chance to share examples of good guiding, get programme ideas and discuss any problems or queries you have in a supportive environment. Leaders with older Guides are also welcome to come and find out more about Rangers.

Megan Thomas
County Senior Section Adviser



Baden-Powell Challenge Adventures



This Award is becoming more popular year on year, so we are looking for more teams to run some weekends to help the girls through their final Challenge ...

How could *you* help make them happen?

Interested in knowing more?

Join us for a 'How to run a B-P Adventure' evening to share fun stories, great ideas and best practice.

At County Office

Tuesday 19th January 2016

From 7.00 - 8.30 pm

Please contact Ruth Barber ruthieb44@gmail.com for further details.

**Please confirm your attendance before
Friday 15th January 2016**

County Office 0116 254 5290 or office@leicestershireguides.org

Leicestershire Scout and Guide Choir



Help needed

Unfortunately our pianist has had to give up due to pressure of work. Singing to a CD or pre-recorded track is really not the same!

We usually rehearse from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm on the first Saturday of the month at Holy Apostles Church on Imperial Avenue in Leicester, LE3 1AE.

If anyone feels that they would be able to come along and support the choir please contact me nicky.calow@hotmail.co.uk

Nicky Calow
County Choir Coordinator

Bookings are now open for the next International Opportunity weekend 2016.



International Opportunities Weekend

Friday 8th April - Sunday 10th April 2016
Topstones County Campsite

We are looking for Guides and Senior Section Members who will be aged 14 -18 years by July 2017. You must be 13 years when applying to attend the weekend.

If you are interested about being involved in the weekend, please contact Tracey Ball traceysim64@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Application forms are available via County Office or downloadable from Leicestershire Girlguiding website

Closing Date for all applications is Friday 11th March 2016.

Tracey Ball
County International Adviser



Guiding Essentials Leicestershire

The Shop re-opens on Monday 4th January 2016

Open usual hours February half term

Closed for Easter 1.30 pm Saturday 19th March 2016
Re-opens Thursday 7th April 2016

Contact 0116 204 4902 or equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

The closing date for the next eBulletin will be

Monday 1st February 2016

Please send any articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

DIARY 2016

JANUARY

4	Office re-opens	10.00 am	County Office
4	Guiding Essentials Shop re-opens	12 noon	County Office
6	Membership Support	7.30 pm	County Office
10	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Loughborough
12	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
18	New to Commissioners	7.30 pm	County Office
18	Residential Advisers	7.30 pm	County Office
19	B-P Challenge Adventure Evening	7.00 pm	County Office
21	Senior Section Team	7.45 pm	County Office
21	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	County Office
23	Safe Space Training	9.00 am	Blaby
28	Membership Systems	7.30 pm	County Office
30	Commissioner Day		Broughton Astley

FEBRUARY

1	eBulletin deadline		County Office
2	Guiding Development	7.30 pm	County Office
4	Adviser Training Workshop	7.00 pm	County Office
4	Guiding Development	7.30 pm	County Office
7	Food Hygiene Training	9.00 am	Ashby
7	Full First Response Training	9.00 am	County Office
8	LQ Mentor Evening	7.30 pm	County Office
9	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	County Office
9	Becoming a Trainer	7.00 pm	County Office
9	Ranger Leaders	7.30 pm	County Office
17	Full First Response Training	9.00 am	County Office
19-21	B-P Challenge Adventure Weekend		Hayfields
23	New to Commissioners	7.30 pm	County Office
24	Trainers	7.00 pm	County Office
25	Topstones Meeting	7.30 pm	County Office
29	Discussion Bus	7.45 pm	Coalville
29	LQ Coordinators	7.00 pm	County Office

MARCH

1	Safe Space Training	6.30 pm	Ashby
7	Presentation Evening	7.15 pm	Police HQ Enderby
12	County Training Day	8.45 am	Enderby
16	County Exec	7.30 pm	County Office
19	Guiding Essentials Shop closes	1.30 pm	County Office
23	New to Commissioners	7.30 pm	County Office
23	Bulletin deadline		County Office

APRIL

7	Shop re-opens	12 noon	County Office
8-10	International Opportunities Weekend		Topstones
18	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Melton Mowbray
23	Food Hygiene Training	9.00 am	County Office
28-31	B-P Weekend		Hinckley

MAY

5	First Response Renewal	7.00 pm	Ashby
20	eBulletin deadline		County Office



CHARWOOD 2016



Take your Rainbows and Brownies to visit

Bookings are now open for CRBBC - Charnwood 2016's program for the younger sections. Over the day everyone will take part in three activity areas: adventure, creativity and a main site visit - a chance to have a taste of the Charnwood experience.

You choose the day, Monday - Thursday, 10 am - 4 pm.
Costs £15 per child with one accompanying adult free for each 5 children - additional adults will be charged £5 each.

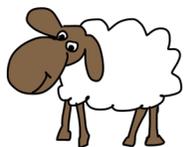
Includes exclusive CRBBC Badge
Download a booking form from the Charnwood website.

Come on Campers!

Places are filling up fast but there's still time to register for Charnwood 2016 although group bookings will close at the end of January – if numbers are exceeded then we will start a waiting list!

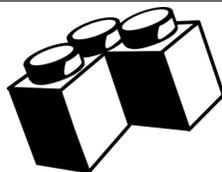
If you have registered then invoices are coming soon, as the next payment is due at the end of January.

See the Charnwood 2016 website for more details.



Do you have any spare Lego or balls of wool?

If so we would like them for the activities at Charnwood.



Please contact Sheila Lickess on smlickess@aol.com or take to County Office.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE STAFF AT



CHARWOOD 2016

30TH JULY- 6TH AUGUST

LEICESTERSHIRE'S 8TH INTERNATIONAL CAMP

DO YOU WORK WITH BEAVERS, RAINBOWS,
CUBS OR BROWNIES?

WHY LIMIT YOUR TIME AT CHARNWOOD TO ONE DAY?

#BePartOf THE STAFF AT CHARNWOOD 2016
CAN'T COME ALL WEEK? PART TIMERS WELCOME!

Applications invited from Leaders/Parents/
supporters of any section - subject to normal
recruitment checks.
Staff MUST be aged 18 plus on the day of camp.

Check www.charnwood.org/booking/staff for
Role descriptions or contact
staff@charnwood.org for more information.
DO come and join us!





Hi, I am Liz Bennett and I am your Inclusion Coordinator for Charnwood 2016.

How can I help you, you may be asking....well

Do you think Charnwood isn't for you?

Is it the fear of camping?

Is it the thought of not being able to meet the needs of a particular young person/adult?

Is it a lack of equipment?

Is it health worries or concerns?

Or is it something else??

No matter how small or large the obstacle, I am the woman to help.

I can listen to your concerns or particular circumstances. I will be able to link up with the right team to help address/solve your problems.

Please contact me on inclusion@charnwood.org

Looking forward to hearing from you soon

Liz Bennett

Inclusion Coordinator Charnwood 2016

#BePartOf the Staff Team

Charnwood 2016 needs enthusiastic volunteers for the Staff Team. If you are a Rainbow or Brownie Leader then you can come to help - for a day or for the week.

There are many different roles and a variety of options, staying over or not, including an invitation to the opening and closing ceremonies. If you are unsure what is involved then there will be a mini Staff Showcase at County Training Day, where you can find out all you need to know. Don't hesitate, come and join in the fun!

If you have already registered, then watch out for the link to One Stop Scouting on the Charnwood website www.charnwood.org for Charnwood merchandise.

Please book a place on the trainings of your choice by completing the booking form below or the on-line version via our website

All sessions will be at County Office unless stated otherwise.

- Evening sessions will start at 7.30 pm and finish at 9.00 pm (unless otherwise stated) except for First Response Renewal which will start at 7.00 pm.
- Full First Response will start at 9.00 am and finish at 4.00 pm (unless otherwise stated). Packed lunch and comfy uniform needed. (Notebook and pen optional.)
- Please check with County office if the shop will be open.
- Uniform is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for First 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.
- Materials are free except the First Response book which will cost £3.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us if for any reason, you have to cancel.
- Food Hygiene requires a £20 cheque when booking. This is to cover the cost of exam papers and certificates, you will also need photo I.D. on the day - without this you will not be allowed to do the course.



PLEASE COMPLETE A FORM FOR EACH PERSON WISHING TO ATTEND ACTIVITY/TRAINING

send to: Trainings, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW
or EMAIL YOUR REQUEST TO :
office@leicestershireguides.org
please remember to include all the details below

Name of Training/Activity

Date of session

Name Membership No.....

Unit/Division

Contact Telephone Number

Role (e.g. Leader, Leader in Training etc)

Email

confirmation of booking will be sent via email only.

First Response only - if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your Division will be charged £5.

Please notify the County Secretary via email or by calling 0116 254 5290 identifying any special needs with regard to accessing buildings, rooms etc.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON THE HEALTH AND WELFARE TEAM AT



CHARNWOOD 2016

30TH JULY - 6TH AUGUST

LEICESTERSHIRE'S 8TH INTERNATIONAL CAMP

WE ARE THE TEAM THAT WILL KEEP YOU SAFE,
AND MEND YOU IF YOU BREAK, AT CAMP!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

FIRST AIDERS, MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS,

FIRE AND POLICE OFFICERS

CONTACT HEALTHANDWELFARE@CHARNWOOD.ORG

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Applications invited from Leaders/Parents/Supporters of any section – subject to normal recruitment checks.

Check www.charnwood.org/booking/staff/page1.php for Role Descriptions. DO come and join us!! ☺



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TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Guides

Guides with their Leaders

'Take the Lead'

Giving girls an opportunity to take on a leadership role is an important part of what guiding does. It develops their skills while giving other girls in the unit role models closer to their own age - as well as creating Leaders for the future.

The day will be an action packed fun day for the girls, giving them lots of opportunities to develop their leadership skills and work together with guides from other units as well as their own.

Leaders will observe the girls in action and also take part in their own activities that can be used in the unit to inspire and continue to support the Patrol Leaders.

Watch this space for a date and venue for this training

County Training Day

Saturday 12th March 2016
Brockington College, Enderby

See enclosed flyer for more information

New to Leadership



Trainings and workshops to give new Leaders and Young Leaders skills and knowledge to assist in their role in Guiding.

New Leaders keep these dates free

Tuesday 6th September 2016

Tuesday 13th September 2016

Sunday 18th September 2016 - First Response (9.00 am - 4.00 pm)

Tuesday 20th September 2016

Tuesday 27th September 2016

All sessions at County Office
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Full First Response

If a volunteer has never completed any first aid training, they will need to attend the 6 hour Full 1st Response course or an external first aid training course. A list is available on the Girlguiding website of suitable qualifications. This needs refreshing every 3 years. However, there is nothing stopping you going on another Full course if you want to, as this may enable you to feel more confident.

If your 1st Response has expired you cannot be the named First Aider for the unit or activities in the interim period before you attend a refresher course.

Sunday 7th February 2016 with babysitting service
County Office - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 17th February 2016 for D of E
County Office - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

This is a Full First Response course, with additional focus on First Aid on the outdoor environment. Designed for members of The Senior Section undertaking DofE expeditions or Senior Section Permits but open to others

Wednesday 1st June 2016 with baby-sitting service
County Office - 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

The Leicestershire training team are looking for someone who can train First Response or Safe Space. If you are that person and would like to join the training team, please contact County Office with your details.

Becoming a Trainer

Tuesday 9th February 2016
County Office
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Safe Space

Making adventure safe - come and take the mystery out of risk assessment and safety, both at unit meetings and when out and about. Find out how to deal with those concerns regarding the girl's safety and well-being. Discuss cyber safety in a way you can understand.

All Leaders in Training who have not completed their Leadership Qualification must now complete the 3 hour mandatory face to face training.

Saturday 23rd January 2016
Blaby Baptist Church, Northfield Road, Blaby
9.00 am - 12.00 noon

Tuesday 9th February 2016
County Office - 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Tuesday 1st March 2016
Ashby TBC - 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

TRAININGS AND OPPORTUNITIES

First Response Renewal

The First Response course is valid for 3 years from the date it is awarded. After this time period, 1st Response holders and those who have had external first aid training can attend a Girlguiding First Response Renewal course. This 2 hour course will update your training for a further 3 years. Each unit should have at least one Leader at every meeting with a valid First Response certificate or an equivalent first aid qualification. If you have an external certificate please ask for it to be entered onto Go!

Sunday 10th January 2016
Loughborough - Friendship Centre
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Thursday 21st January 2016
County Office
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Monday 18th April 2016
St Peters Catholic Church Hall
77 Welby Lane, Melton Mowbray,
LE13 0ST
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Thursday 5th May 2016
Ashby TBC
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Monday 1st August
Charnwood
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm



Food Hygiene

Leicestershire training team are looking for someone who can train food hygiene to CIEH level 2 award in food safety in catering. If you are that person and would like to join the training team please contact County Office with your details

Sunday 7th February 2016
Ashby TBC
Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm

Saturday 23rd April 2016
County Office
9.00 am - 4.00 pm



Please book all trainings through County Office

Please ensure you submit a **fully completed form**, whether written or electronic. The booking form for trainings is on Page 11, or use the on-line form found on the Leicestershire website.

First Response only - any no-shows for these courses, the relevant Division will be charged £5 per place.