



This year's national recruitment campaign has begun. It's all based on an exciting new video about being inspiring for our girls by simply being yourself. The video has been splashed all over social media and the message is clear - we are looking for more adults to be the leaders for our girls.

How can you help, I hear you ask?

Share the video on social media and use the photo frame to temporarily update your Facebook profile picture. Talk to your friends,

family, work colleagues and the lady at the bus stop about volunteering with Girlguiding.

Together we are a formidable force - so let's pull together to enthuse others to join us.

Talk positively about your guiding experiences and be clear that there is training required - and freely available - in safeguarding, first aid and the programme.



More leaders means more fun and more opportunities for more girls.

Rachel Webb-Jenkins
 County Commissioner

Grand Prize Raffle



We are delighted to announce our first Christmas raffle to win a luxury Christmas hamper, a pamper hamper and many more lovely prizes.

Tickets will be available soon from the County Office and from your commissioners.



Proceeds will go to support those going on international travel during 2019.





2018 - Community
Action Campaign
Homelessness- What,
When, Where and How



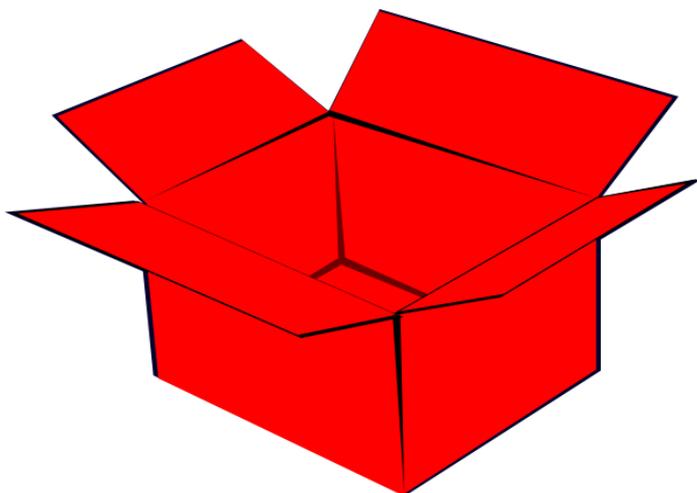
Girlguiding Leicestershire Taking Action in 2018!

Get involved in our project about homelessness and supporting children and young people.

We have put together a set of activities for a single unit meeting, for all sections. These are available from your division commissioner or on our website leicestershireguides.org under events.

Following your unit meeting you are asked to take action by collecting personal hygiene items including sanitary products, which will go to 'Code Red' to be distributed to homeless shelters, food banks and refuges across Leicestershire.

Please bring collected items to our County Office before the end of December 2018.



Sam Harrold
Assistant County Commissioner



What is international guiding all about?

International leader recruitment day for adventures in 2020 and beyond

Have you always wanted to travel internationally with Girlguiding Leicestershire? If so please come along to our day at County Office to find out about international opportunities with the county in 2020 as well as other Girlguiding international travel opportunities.

Date: Sunday 27 January 2019

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

Time: 10am - 4pm

To attend please complete the leader form available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire website, under opportunities. They will also be available through the division international advisers.

Come along and find out more on the day.

All forms must be received by 1 December either sent to:

International Leaders 2020, Ruth Barsby,
County Office, 97 Princess Road East,
Leicester LE1 7DW

or emailed to

office@leicestershireguides.org



Ruth Barsby
County International Adviser

To book a place on a training, please complete the on-line booking form via our website, 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.



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.

Saturday 10 November

10am - 5pm

St. Mary's School, Brampton Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0NA



Sunday 18 November

10am - 4.30pm

1st Market Harborough Scout Hut, 31 Coventry Road,
Market Harborough, LE16 9BX



Sunday 9 December

9.30am - 4.30pm

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

1st Response Refresher

You have six months after your 1st Response expires to complete the 1st Response Refresher. If you don't complete your 1st Response Refresher in this time, your qualification will no longer be valid. You will then need to complete the Full 1st Response course again, in order to be the named first aider for your unit or for any activities.

Tuesday 13 November

7pm - 9pm

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

*This training will take place on the top
floor, accessible by stairs only*

Wednesday 21 November

7pm - 9pm

Barrow-upon-Soar Methodist Church,
North Street, Barrow-upon-Soar,
Loughborough, LE12 8QA

Wednesday 28 November

6.30pm - 8.30pm

St. Mary's Church Hall,
St. Mary's Road, Hinckley, LE10 1EQ

Tuesday 8 January 2019

7pm - 9pm

Hinckley United Reformed Church,
Regent Street, Hinckley, LE10 1NL

Thursday 28 February 2019

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Lutterworth



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 - level 1 for everyone including occasional helpers and home contacts, levels 1 and 2 for unit helpers, young leaders and assistant leaders.



Tuesday 22 January 2019

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Ashby

Level 3

Recognising, telling and taking action

for unit leaders, residential leads and event coordinators, mentors, advisers and trainers

Friday 16 November

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Hayfields Guide HQ, Torch Way, Northampton Road,
Market Harborough, LE16 9HF

Introducing the new programme

An overview of how the new programme activities will work in practice in the unit meeting ready for the new term.

Monday 26 November

7.30pm - 9pm

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

Programme Q & A

A chance to ask questions and develop the introduction of the new programme - for those who have started using it.

Tuesday 4 December

7.30pm - 9pm

Lutterworth



County Archery Team

We are pleased to say that 9 members from the County passed their Archery GB Instructors course on the weekend of 28 - 30 September.



Our team has now grown considerably, and we are delighted to welcome them all to it. Our thanks go to Maggie who delivered the course.

Remember if you want to book an archery session for your unit you can contact me at: battydi@hotmail.co.uk

Diane Goldby
County Archery Adviser

Appointments

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| Sue Styche | Battlefield District Commissioner |
| Jo Wilkinson | Cosby District Commissioner |
| Shelley Walker | Abbotsford District Commissioner |
| Diane Goldby | Oadby & Wigston Guide Section Commissioner |
| Tracey Ball | Oadby & Wigston Brownie Section Commissioner |



We wish them all the best in their new roles!



Going away with your girls?

Don't forget if you are planning a residential in the winter or spring the new Residential Event Notification (REN) form timescales need to be followed.



Part 1 needs to be sent to your commissioner at least 12 weeks prior to the event and Part 2, four weeks before. If you will need assessment for any modules of the Going Away With scheme you need to have a mentor in place or have submitted a mentor request form.

If you are thinking of planning an international trip you must submit a permission to plan form 9 to 18 months before the proposed date of travel.

For more information contact your local residential adviser, commissioner or one of the county team.



Georgina Oliver, Rainbow Residential Adviser
Emma Parr and Marika Thomas, Brownie Residential Advisers
Fiona Clarkson, Guide and Ranger Residential Adviser

 WE DISCOVER, WE GROW
Girlguiding

Leicestershire
Equipment Store

Guiding Essentials Leicestershire



Christmas closing

1.30pm Saturday 15 December

**Reopening after Christmas
2019**

12noon Thursday 10 January

Special orders for unit Christmas presents should be sent in by Monday 12 November. When sending orders in please include the name of the unit, your name and contact phone number and careful details of the items required.

For up to date information check the shop page at
leicestershireguides.org

or contact 0116 204 4902

or email equipstore@leicestershireguides.org

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





International opportunities for girls

There will be an international selection weekend for girls for summer 2020 adventures so make note of the date: Friday 15 to Sunday 17 March 2019 at Topstones. The cost will be £35 for the weekend.

Girls can apply from now until Saturday 1 December. Forms are available on our Leicestershire website under opportunities. They will also be available through the division international advisers.

To apply for the selection weekend please make sure that you:

- will be 14 years old or over by July 2019
- are an active Guide, Ranger or young leader in Leicestershire
- will be able to attend the whole opportunities weekend in March
- submit a fully completed application form, signed by your unit leader
- ask your leader to submit a recommendation form for you

All applications and recommendations **must be received by 1 December**.

Applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed a place on the weekend.

Either send your application to:

International Application 2020,
Ruth Barsby, County Office,
97 Princess Road East,
Leicester LE1 7DW

or email it to:

office@leicestershireguides.org

I am looking forward to receiving your applications.



Ruth Barsby
County International Adviser
girlguidingleicsinternational@gmail.com



Leicester East Division Rainbows



On a very sunny September Saturday, Leicester East Division Rainbows celebrated their 30th birthday with a day of activities.

There was cake decorating, bracelet and tiara making, pom pom dancing, a wide game and lots of s'mores.

The day ended with camp fire singing, plenty of cake and party food - essential for any birthday.



Maggie Silver
Leicester East Division Commissioner

Saturdays @97

Saturdays@97 will continue, on the first Saturday of the month, throughout the year. The next ones will be 3 November and 4 December.

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.





CHARWOOD 2019



About Charnwood

Charnwood 2019 will be the 9th International Scout and Guide camp that Leicestershire Scouts and Girlguiding Leicestershire have jointly organised. Once again it will be an amazing camp full of fun and friendship. Come and #BePartOf the largest international camp in Leicestershire.

Where is Charnwood?

Charnwood 2019 is being held at a new venue at the Heart of the National Forest - Cattows Farm, Heather. In an elevated position above the countryside it offers breath-taking panoramic views and glorious sunsets.

When is Charnwood?

Charnwood happens from the 27 July - 3 August 2019. We also need help the week before to put in the infrastructure and the week after to take it away again.

International Aspects

It is looking like it will be the largest international contingent representation that we have had. Countries include Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Iceland, Canada, Zambia, India, Africa, Denmark, Ghana, Belgium, Austria and France plus many groups from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

We are especially on the lookout for groups to provide on-site hosting for the week of camp and show international groups the 'welcoming Leicestershire hospitality'.



Bookings

Bookings are gathering pace, however only just over a third of groups booked in are from Leicestershire and the management team are worried that Leicestershire groups may miss out on an international camp on their doorstep. So if you haven't booked yet, it's time to get a wriggle on. The Senior Section subcamp is already 75% full.

We are now starting to look for groups to confirm numbers and list participants. If you are ready to do that, we would love to hear from you.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us on info@charnwood.org.

Keep up to date with all that is happening at Charnwood by signing up to the mailing list on our website and also follow us on:

Facebook at facebook.com/charnwoodcamp,

Twitter and Instagram @charnwood2019.

We look forward to seeing you next summer at Cattows Farm.

Sam Harrold, Deputy Director - Guides



Oadby Rainbows earn interest badges

These 3 girls from 1st Oadby (St. Peter's) Rainbows are very proud to show that they have earned their first interest badges. I'm sure there will be many more to follow.



Emily, Family tree badge; Alexia and Darcey, Animal lover badge

Eileen Melling
Oadby Rainbow Leader

Loughborough community Christmas Tree Festival 2018

All Saints with Holy Trinity Loughborough Parish Church
Steeple Row, Loughborough

Come and see the creativity of local community groups - including guiding ones - and businesses with over 120 decorated Christmas trees.

Enjoy refreshments and grab a bargain at the Christmas fair.

Festival and fair open:

Wednesday 28 November 10am to 5pm

Thursday 29 November 10am to 5pm

Friday 30 November 10am to 7.30pm

Saturday 1 December 10am to 5pm

Sunday 2 December 12 noon to 5pm

Adults £2.50, accompanied children free.





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Over 60 Senior Section members and young adults are currently undertaking DofE with Girlguiding Leicestershire across the Bronze, Silver and Gold levels.

We are delighted that from September 2018, we are also now able to offer Bronze DofE to Guides in the school year that they turn 14.

DofE expeditions:

In 2019 we are offering the following expeditions: Bronze walking, Silver walking, Silver canoeing and Gold walking (via Midlands Region)

Bronze walking (£60 training and expedition fees):

Basic Expedition Training: 5-7 April 2019 (location tba)

Practice Expedition: 27-28 April 2019 (Leicestershire)

Qualifying Expedition: 29-30 June 2019 (Leicestershire)

Silver walking (£65 expedition fees):

Practice Expedition: 13-15 April 2019 (Peak District)

Qualifying Expedition: 25-27 May 2019 (Peak District)

Silver canoeing (max £175 training and expedition fees):

Only 16 places available - first come basis - application form available on the website

Introductory Session: 16 March 2019 (Leicestershire)

Canoe Paddle Training: 6 April & 7 April 2019 (Holme Pierrepont)

Canoe Paddle Days: 11 May & 12 May 2019 (location tba)

Practice Expedition: 25-27 May 2019 (location tba)

Qualifying Expedition: 16-18 OR 17-19 August 2019 (exact dates & location tba)

Gold walking (prices set when teams are organized):

Gold Expeditions in 2019 will be available via Midland Region

You will need to attend the training weekend in April - details will be available on the Region website shortly

Drop in/Information sessions will be held across the county in the autumn & spring terms. Dates are available on the website.

The DofE registration form and further details are available on the Girlguiding Leicestershire County website, leicestershireguides.org (DofE can be found under opportunities)

Adult Support:

Due to the large numbers undertaking DofE, more adult support is required! You do not need to be "outdoorsy" - we would welcome administrative help just as much as support with expeditions (for which full training is provided).

For any information about DofE, please contact the DofE Adviser on leicsdofe@gmail.com



Lucy Faulds
County DofE Adviser



DIARY 2018/19

OCTOBER

26-28 County weekend Netherurd

NOVEMBER

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| 3 | Saturdays @97 | 10am | County Office |
| 5 | New to Commissioners | 7.30pm | County Office |
| 8 | County Exec | 7.30pm | County Office |
| 10 | Full 1st Response | 10am | Melton |
| 12 | LQ Coordinators meeting | 7.30pm | County Office |
| 13 | 1st Response Refresher | 7pm | County Office |
| 16 | A Safe Space level 3 | 6.30pm | Market Harborough |
| 16-18 | Baden-Powell Adventure weekend | | Market Harborough |
| 17 | Charnwood staff showcase | 10am | County Scout HQ |
| 18 | Full 1st Response | 10am | Market Harborough |
| 21 | 1st Response Refresher | 7pm | Barrow-upon-Soar |
| 22 | Presentation evening | 7.30pm | Leicester |
| 26 | Introduction to the new programme | 7.30pm | County Office |
| 28 | 1st Response Refresher | 6.30pm | Hinckley |

DECEMBER

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| 1 | Saturdays @97 | 10am | County Office |
| 4 | New programme Q & A | 7.30pm | Lutterworth |
| 7 | Bulletin deadline | | County Office |
| 9 | Full 1st Response | 9.30am | County Office |
| 15 | Shop closes for Christmas | 1.30pm | County Office |
| 21 | County Office closes for Christmas | 5pm | County Office |
| 27 | County Office reopens after Christmas | 9am | County Office |

JANUARY

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| 1 | County Office closed | | County Office |
| 5 | Saturdays @97 | 10am | County Office |
| 8 | 1st Response Refresher | 7pm | Hinckley |
| 10 | Shop reopens after Christmas | 12 noon | County Office |
| 22 | A Safe Space levels 1 and 2 | 6.30pm | Ashby |
| 23 | County Exec | 7.30pm | County Office |

FEBRUARY

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| 2 | Saturdays @97 | 10am | County Office |
| 8 | eBulletin deadline | | County Office |
| 28 | 1st Response Refresher | 7pm | Lutterworth |

MARCH

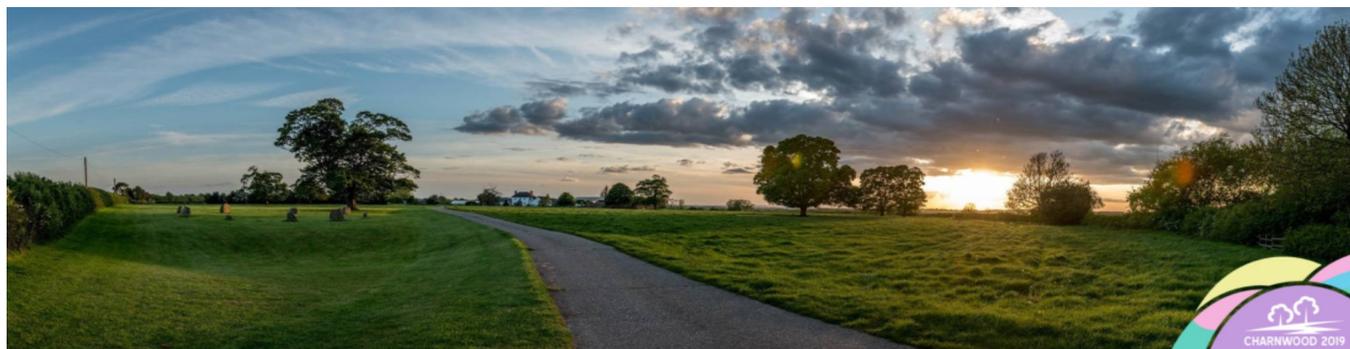
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| 2 | Saturdays @97 | 10am | County Office |
| 4 | Presentation evening | 7.30pm | Blaby |
| 12 | County exec | 7.30pm | County Office |
| 16 | DofE Silver canoeing intro | 2pm | County Office |
| 23 | County training day 1 | | Brockington |
| 24 | County training day 2 | | Brockington |



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.

Bookings are NOW open for members of staff and to bring your unit, see the website charnwood.org.

If you want to know more about what being on staff involves, come along to one of the staff showcases. The next one is

on Saturday 17 November, 10am to 2pm
at Leicestershire County Scout HQ, 9 Oak Spinney Park,
Leicester Forest East, LE3 3AW

We will be looking for programme team members to enthuse and support Scouts and Guides to get involved in the fun and we will need volunteers to support and reassure leaders in sub camps. If you are looking for catering experience or just enjoy food we'll have opportunities on the camp catering team. Or you might want to try something new like security or facilities?

If you have any questions about Charnwood, get in touch with me at sam.harrold@charnwood.org

Sam Harrold, Deputy Director - Guides



The closing date for the next Bulletin will be

Friday 7 December 2018

Please send all articles to office@leicestershireguides.org

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