

MEMBER EXPERIENCE SURVEY

Thank you to those who have taken the time to complete our 2023–2024 member experience survey. We want to take the opportunity to gather your thoughts and reflections regarding your member experience in Girlguiding Leeds county. If you haven't yet completed the survey you can do so below.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

YOU COMMENTED..... HERE'S OUR REPLY SO FAR...

Recognition & Awards

There are lots of ways to recognise your fellow volunteers. There are national awards, regional awards, county recognition pins and the county commissioner award. Details can be found [here](#). We have tried to keep the county process as simple as possible, and anyone can make a nomination. So what's stopping you?

If you would like to nominate someone for the county commissioner award (not for long service), please email the county commissioner on cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk with your nomination, giving an explanation as to why you feel that person deserves the award.

Activity Boxes

We have a number of Adventures in a Box that can be borrowed by units. Full details of what we currently have is in the members area of the county [website](#).

If you have some ideas for other content, or would like to help support putting a box together please email [Louise](#).

Local Support & Division Teams

We have encouraged the local commissioner teams to share the dates of all division meetings for 2024 within the divisions, so that you can pop them in your diaries. Please do try and attend these meetings, as it's a great way to network with others and share ideas in the local area.

Opportunities to get involved

There are always ways to get involved at a county level. We currently have the following vacant roles. But if you think you could help in another way, please come forward, we would be delighted to hear from you.

- Task & Finish group members for:
 - Pirate Themed brownie camp (26–28 April 2024)
 - Grand Day Out (Saturday 29 June 2024)
- County International Adviser
- County Ranger Adviser
- Lead for Growth & Communications Team
- Chair and Finance Representative of The Trefoil Centre Committee (2 roles)
- Training Coordinator

If you would like to find out more or apply for any of these roles or feel you can support in another way, then [email](#) for more information.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscription trial invoices are available to view and download from the Subscriptions system.

Unit leaders should:

- Check unit invoices and look at numbers of girls and volunteers to be paid for.
- Update records for girls who have left and ensure all girls attending meetings are recorded on GO.
- Ensure there will be sufficient cleared funds in unit accounts to pay invoices promptly.

7pm, Mon 19 Feb: No more changes can be made to trial invoices.

Noon, Tues 20 Feb: Official and payable invoices will be available to download and send with payment.

Noon, Thurs 28 Mar: All subscription payments must be received in full by this date.

Payments can be made by debit card or cheque with 2 signatories – no personal cheques will be accepted. **Please arrange to meet with your secondary signatory now if you don't see each other very often.** For more information about the annual subscription process and where you can find help and support, please visit Girlguiding's [paying your annual subscription](#) webpage.

Unit leaders should contact their local commissioner or key user if they have any queries about the process. Commissioners with queries should contact the county treasurer via treasurer@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

HELP NEEDED AT COUNTY EVENTS 2024

Can you help on Saturday 29 June for a Grand Day Out of fun activities for all sections at Wetherby Racecourse?



More help is needed with admin, publicity, activity planning, first response, transport, as well as lots of help on the day.

If you would like to join the organising team or can help on the day, please contact Jane Girt on adventure@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

Are you free at any time over the weekend of 26 to 28 April for a Brownie Activity Camp at Robin Hole? Help will be needed with pitching tents before the event, cooking, first response, car parking as well as activities such as bouldering, slack lining, campfires, archery and orienteering, at the camp.

If you could offer some time over the weekend or before, please contact Jane Girt on adventure@girlguidingleeds.org.uk



HANDBELLS WORKSHOP FOR LEADERS

Would you like an opportunity to have a go at handbell ringing? If so we are organising a Handbell Workshop for adult leaders on **WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY** at the TREFOIL CENTRE from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. We are limiting the numbers to TWELVE to ensure that everyone is able to play for most of the session – so it is a case of "First come, first served". If you are interested in having a go and are free on February 21st, please ring me, Marjorie Emsley (0113 2507377) to book a place. If more than 12 leaders apply we will start a waiting list and organise another workshop as soon as possible.

PROPERTIES

Date for your diary: We are changing the Robin Hole spring cleaning from the usual Saturday to **Monday 18 March**. If you are free on a Monday and would like to come and help then please put the date in your diary. We would love to see you there.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Spy Academy Weekend – 24 & 25 February

This is a **spy themed virtual event** where the girls in your unit can participate in loads of fun, different activities giving them spy based skills! There are activities that are appropriate for members from Rainbows to Rangers and will require different levels of equipment and time therefore being accessible to as many members as possible.

If you would like to join in and haven't registered your interest please email cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

Calling all Rangers & their leaders – free event!

We have an opportunity for rangers to take part in some programme activities delivered by Jacobs as part of their STEAM Broaden Your Horizons initiative on Wednesday 24 April at 6.30-8.30pm. A great opportunity for rangers to meet others from around the county and complete some UMAs together. The flyer will be emailed to all Ranger leaders direct.

Just for Guides, Rangers & Young Leaders – Design competition

Camping! Belonging! Friendship!

What does being a part of Girlguiding Leeds mean to you?

Have you ever wanted to design something? If you're a Guide, Ranger or Young Leader and love being creative, this competition could be for you!

We would like you to design some fun and powerful pin badges that you'd love to have on your lanyards, badges and jackets!

Submit your designs to admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk by **Friday 29 March 2024** for a chance for your creation to be made into a reality!

Pirate Brownie Camp – 26–28 April 2024

Information has been sent to all volunteers who help at brownie units. Please check your inbox (or your spam/promotions folder) if you don't think you have received it. Further copies can be obtained from your local commissioner.

County Out & About Week – w/c 10 June 2024

Chip Shop Chomp Challenge

As part of our plan for growth '*Have fun, be seen, spread the word*', we have been thinking of fun and easy ways to help increase our membership across Leeds. So, for 'out and about week', we'd like to challenge units to go on a Chip Shop Chomp.

It's a simple idea and a popular classic! And, of course, we've designed a badge too. Members of all ages can join in, have fun and be seen out and about. The challenge can be downloaded [here](#).

Chip Shop Chomp badges will be available to purchase shortly on the county shop! Look out for more details in next month's edition of Snippets.

Grand Day Out – 29 June @Wetherby Racecourse

Information is now available to book your places at the all county event "Grand Day Out". Check out the dedicated webpage [here](#). Please start to register your units on EvBoo as soon as you can.

ROB BURROWS MARATHON – Sunday 12 May

We have been approached by the Rob Burrows Marathon organisers to see if we would be able to support them again. The main area they are looking for volunteers is at the baggage area, this will be in Headingley Stadium and they have separate areas for the half marathon and marathon. For the marathon there are two shifts available – 06:30–13:30 and 13:00–18:00. The half marathon shift will be from 06:30–13:30.

If you would like to volunteer contact Louize directly on Eventees@runforall.com and don't forget to mention that you are from Girlguiding Leeds!

ORAL HYGIENE EDUCATION SESSIONS

We have been approached by Carrie at My Dentist. They are looking to start, an inclusive further service with a specific focus on Oral Hygiene awareness and teaching sessions. This further service is a nurse-led outreach programme for various community settings, including Girlguiding and similar schemes.

This service is Free and goes beyond traditional dental care to provide a comprehensive and accommodating experience. We run information sessions with both, girls and volunteers,

we will make these fun, interactive and most of all effective, we will also offer personalised care instructions tailored to each individual who attends these sessions. If you would like any information, or would be interested in this service please do not hesitate to contact Carrie crossgates-ac@mydentist.co.uk, Contact: 07824 844673.

COMMONWEALTH AWARD

The Commonwealth award is open to Guides aged 13 and over, Rangers, young leaders and adult members aged 18-25 in all Commonwealth countries. The award will help you discover more about Girlguiding as well the Commonwealth.

You can complete this award by yourself or with your peers. There is no time limit. You must undertake three compulsory challenges (history of guiding, knowledge of commonwealth and community action), along with 2 optional challenges (from health, environment, culture heritage, fit for life, out of door, public speaking/debating, creative writing, citizenship and investigation).

It is one of the more uncommon awards and there have been less than 5 presented in Leeds County over the last 5 years. Let us know [here](#) when you start working on the award. Once complete, let the county team know and they can arrange its presentation.

If you'd like to know more, do look at the Commonwealth Award resource on the [Girlguiding website](#), along with further information on the [Leeds County page](#), including how it can link to the programme.

END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS

If you are having any problems with preparing your accounts, then please do ask for help. You can either speak to your division commissioner or attend one of the accounts drop-in sessions we will be holding at the Trefoil Centre - the next date for this is Saturday 16 March 10am to 12.30pm.

Contact us via admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk if you would like to attend one of these sessions so that we can make sure there are enough people available to help.

We are happy to help you from whatever stage you've got to including if you're not sure where to start - just bring along whatever paperwork you have (receipts, bank statements etc). [End of year accounts | Girlguiding](#).

CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON UNIFORM

Calling everyone to get involved in designing our new uniform for 2026.

Girlguiding are introducing new activities to make sure that everyone can have their say on the redesign of our uniform range.

Girlguiding have appointed a design partner, called Hemingway Design who have helped to put together these activity sheets for all members in Girlguiding. They've been designed for you to do together with your units, and there are specific ones for young leaders and leaders too.

If you don't have time to fit them into your term, that's ok - girls and volunteers can do them at home individually too. They are optional, but Girlguiding would love to hear from as many of you as possible!

Check out the uniform redesign hub: [What's next - Redesigning our uniform \(foleon.com\)](#)

EVENTS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Saturday 24- Sunday 25 February (All members)	A virtual event with sleepover to celebrate Thinking Day. Join in the fun for just the Saturday or the complete event, the choice is yours! 	Email: cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk with any queries.
Friday 26 - Sunday 28 April (Brownies)	Pirate Themed Brownie Camp @ Robin Hole An opportunity for units to give camping a try, without the need for a camp licence. 	Info emailed directly to Brownie leaders. Or on the webpage: Pirate Brownie Camp - Girlguiding Leeds
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024 (All members)	Out & About Week 	TBA
Saturday 29 June 2024 (All members)	"Grand Day Out" - all section County Activity Day 	Register your unit