



VOLUNTEER'S WEEK

As Volunteers Week draws to a close we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers who give so freely of their time, sharing their skills with passion and enthusiasm - you are all truly amazing!

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NEW COUNTY SHOP!

The county [online shop](#) is now LIVE! No need to complete a form! Please use this to order your programme awards, challenge badges and county merchandise. There is the option to pick up from The Trefoil Centre, or have your items posted to you.

As with anything new, if you think there are teething problems with postage costs etc, please let us know before you make payment so that we can investigate and make any tweaks that are needed. If you don't tell us, we won't know.

If you are looking for county branded clothing, this can be purchased [here](#).

NEW FORMS

REN FORMS - If you are planning to go away with your unit, please note that there is a new REN form available on the Girlguiding [website](#)

Please ensure that you complete Part 1 of the form at least 12 weeks ahead, and remember to assist your local commissioner by also complete the names and membership numbers on the county [REN process form](#).

CONSENT FORMS? Here's how to get parental consent.

If participants are under 18, you need parental consent for any of the below. Click on the links to find out how to get this consent:

- [Adventurous activities](#)
- [Activities local to the unit meeting place during unit meetings](#)
- [Events and activities outside usual unit meetings](#)
- [Online guiding and virtual unit meetings](#)

When you complete consent forms to send out to parents and carers, **please ensure you include the details of what you will be doing with the girls, so parents can give informed consent.**

REMINDER – A Safe Space

Please don't forget, no unit should meet if there is no one present who holds a valid A Safe Space 3 training. This also applies if there is no one who is 1st Response trained.

If you find yourself in this position, you must either cancel your meeting or find someone with the relevant qualifications to attend. Please remember to share the risk assessment for what you are doing with all adults who support you.

GROWTH – Recruitment Boxes

We're delighted to see our recruitment boxes are being borrowed regularly. We've had some great, positive feedback and they proving really useful.

As they have proved so popular, the Growth Team have agreed to put together two more boxes. These will be homed at other locations within the county, so they are more easily accessible for those of you who live further away from the Trefoil Centre.

Due to their popularity, we are now introducing some clearer guidance about borrowing them. This means we will have the chance to check and restock the boxes, then have them ready for the next person.

If you borrow a recruitment box, we will ask:

1. You arrange to return the box by the return date we give you.
2. You pay to replace any broken or missing items.

If you wish to borrow one of our recruitment boxes, please send an email to admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk with the following information:

- Your name and contact details.
- Who you are borrowing the box on behalf of, e.g. your unit, division, etc.
- The event you are attending and the date it is being held.
- Who will be collecting the box, and the date and time they will collect it.
- Date by which you will be able to return the box.

Please give us as much notice as possible, as we cannot guarantee availability and will loan the boxes on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Please note, we will not loan boxes unless you can assure us you can arrange for it to be dropped off by the return date, as we have other people waiting to borrow them.

Networking for Growth

Are you a networker who uses **LinkedIn**? If so, please follow our new page [linkedin.com/company/girlguiding-leeds](https://www.linkedin.com/company/girlguiding-leeds)

We will be using the page to promote Girlguiding Leeds, recruit volunteers, advertise corporate volunteering and reach out to potential partners and funders.

The bigger the following we can establish and the more people who share our posts, the wider the audience our messages will reach!

We are also on **Instagram**! Follow [@ggleds](https://www.instagram.com/ggleds) for details as to what's going on in the county, details on awards and stories covering days out and celebrating our units!

Your News – new email account

To help us promote guiding across Leeds and showcase what fun and exciting activities we give our girls the opportunity to engage in, please share what your unit has been up to using our new email account yournews@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

If you are sending photos, please include the permissions with your message.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

There are lots of opportunities for you to get involved at a county level, we are currently looking for volunteers for the following roles:

- Enthusiastic board members to join our small group of existing trustees in a number of roles – Chair, Finance, Property, H&S.
- Property Team Lead – one for Robin Hole and another for The Trefoil Centre.
- Property team members – a variety of support roles are needed – across both The Trefoil Centre and Robin Hole.
- International Adviser.
- Training Coordinator – with the role being split across compliance training and other training

For more information email cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk. Go on, what's stopping you, or someone you know?

ITEMS FOR COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Are needed by **7 July**, please email your article and photographs (with correct permissions) to newsletter@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Don't forget we have our county recognition pins to acknowledge the fantastic efforts that volunteers across the county make. Details can be found [here](#).

There are also the [regional awards](#), and [national awards](#) including the Hero Award. If you would like to nominate someone and need some support with the application, please contact Andrea Simon via the county [office](#).

Girlguiding Celebrates is happening this year on Sunday 29 September 2024 at ODEON Luxe, Leicester Square London. Girlguiding will be celebrating the achievements of remarkable volunteers who've recently been awarded Queen's Guide, Laurel, Award Silver Fish or Guiding star awards. Like last year, we are being asked to nominate local volunteers for a seat at Girlguiding Celebrates. Get nominating, you never know one of your fellow volunteers could be selected. [Girlguiding Celebrates 2024 | Girlguiding](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Out and About

Don't forget it's Out and About week this coming week! If you are taking your unit outside of your normal meeting place, please don't forget to let your local commissioner know.

Out and About badges are available to order from the new [county shop](#).

Task and Finish Groups

We're looking for Task and Finish group members to help organize the Guide Crystal Maze activity day on Sunday 29 September at Robin Hole.

And, Rainbow Winter Wonderland date to be agreed – November or December, also at Robin Hole.

TRAINING

External First Aid certificates

Lots of our volunteers have done first aid training outside of Girlguiding, or are trained medical professionals. There's a new process to make it easier to recognise these qualifications within guiding. You can now upload the certificate onto the learning platform. Our regional first aid verifier volunteers will either approve the training or help you with further training. To be able to upload your certificate you must complete the 1st response e-learning.


Further information can be located [here](#).

County Trainings

Lots of trainings are available for booking on the county website [here](#). There is something for everyone. Why not take a look to see what we have on offer.

DATE	TRAINING	LINK
June	First Response – lots of dates, please refer to the website (remember the see more button)	Volunteer Training - Girlguiding Leeds
Tues 11 June (Virtual – 90 mins)	Challenging Behaviour	Email: training@girlguidingleeds.org.uk
Mon 1 July (Virtual – 90 mins)	LDP – Managing Accounts	Find out more

EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024 (All members)	Out & About Week 	Chip Shop Chomp Challenge - Girlguiding Leeds
Sunday 29 September (Guides)	Crystal Maze activity day at Robin Hole	

Feel like you've missed something?

Back editions of snippets are available on the website [HERE](#)

County Shop [HERE](#)

County clothing can be purchased [HERE](#)