



The newsletter of Girlguiding Leeds County | August 2024

Risk Assessment Review

With the start of new term nearly here, please take the opportunity to review your unit meeting place risk assessment. Information about completing a risk assessment and easy-to-use templates are available from the <u>Girlquiding website</u>.

Section Transition Postcards

If you have girls who are nearly ready to move up to the next section, don't forget we have some postcards that you can complete and give to your girls. These will give them the information they need and hopefully inspire them to stay with guiding.

If you have run out we have a supply at the county office, please contact us on <u>admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk</u> to request some more.

New Term Checklist

We hope you all have a great, relaxing summer break.

When you're ready to start thinking about next term don't forget our helpful guide – Back to Guiding, Your New Term Checklist is available on our website.

Robin Hole Open Day

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER - 10.30am to 3.30pm

Maybe it's been a while, or maybe you've never visited Robin Hole? We have carried out a lot of work at

the site over the past couple of years and it's looking better than ever.

Drop by on our open day to see all that the site has to offer and try your hand at some of the activities we have available, including archery and trails.

Robin Hole Activity Centre Open Day Saturday 28 September 2024 10:30am - 3:30pm

Memorial for Gillian Ainsley

You will have seen the sad news of Gillian Ainsley's passing at the end of July. Gillian's funeral is taking place on Thursday 29 August, 12.30pm at Garforth Methodist Church for anyone wishing to attend and pay their respects.

Gillian's family have very generously set up a memorial fund <u>https://gillianainsley.muchloved.com/</u> of which Girlguiding Leeds is a beneficiary, we have agreed in conjunction with the family that any monies we receive will be put towards a camp fire circle at Robin Hole in her memory.

If anyone is interested in helping design the area please get in touch with Louise.





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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 and Property team members a variety of support roles are needed across both The Trefoil Centre and Robin Hole.
- Adventure & Events Ideal Pool members people who can come along and make suggestions for events and activities for both our volunteers and young members.
- Training Coordinator with the role being split across compliance training and other training
- Chair of Thanks & Recognition committee.

For more information email <u>cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk</u>.

Go on, what's stopping you? Or maybe you know someone else who would be perfect for one of these roles?

Hand bell workshop

When: 17 October @ 7.30pm at the Trefoil Centre. No experience needed, just your enthusiasm! To book your place, please register <u>HERE</u>.

Skills for volunteers

Ever thought about learning a new skill? Wondered how you got involved with teaching others simple skills? Have your say about the activities and skills you would like to learn. Take part in our quick survey, which can be found <u>HERE</u>.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS

Have any of your girls gained their Gold Award?

Next summer we are holding a celebratory day for our young members who have gained their programme Gold Award. If anyone in your unit has achieved this since July 2023 (Rainbows through to Rangers), please let us know by completing the <u>form here</u> – so we can ensure they are invited.

Task and Finish Groups

Gold Award event – help organize and run a special event to celebrate girls who have achieved their Gold programme award.

Guide & Rangers Crystal Maze activity day – we need 8 people to come along and marshal activities and 2 or 3 others to help with the drop off and pick up times. Sunday 29 September at Robin Hole.

Email <u>cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk</u> if you are able to help.





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SKILLS & OPPORTUNITIES TRAINING

Trainings are available for booking on the county website <u>here</u>. There is something for everyone. Why not take a look to see what we have on offer.

DATE	TRAINING	LINK
September & November	First Response – various dates, please refer to the website.	<u> Volunteer Training - Girlguiding</u> <u>Leeds</u>
20 October	LDP – New Leader Induction	Book here
31 October	Going Away With	Book here
20 November	No cost meetings - Rainbows	Book here
21 November	No cost meetings - Brownies	Book here

EVENTS - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	LINK
Saturday 28 September	Robin Hole open day	
Sunday 29 September (Guides & Rangers)	Crystal Maze activity day at Robin Hole	Book here
17 October 7.30pm	Hand Bells Workshop	Book here

Feel like you've missed something?

Back editions of snippets are available on the website HERE

County Shop HERE

County clothing can be purchased <u>HERE</u>