

Changes to Snippets

It's really important we do our best to effectively communicate across the county, as there's often lots of information to share. At the Development Day in September we asked for feedback on Snippets. Not everyone agreed about what did or did not work for them, however we listened to what people had to say and are making a few changes to hopefully make Snippets work better for everyone.

- Not everyone likes downloading Snippets, but some people thought it was useful to save it to read another day. So, we will be putting more information in the email – this will mostly be in bullet points and will include diary dates, training dates, useful county information and a reminder of what was covered in the previous edition.
- The download document will contain more detailed information about key topics or stories we need to share which would be difficult to put into a shortened email article. We will aim to keep this to no more than two pages.
- We will start sharing key information in a variety of ways, including in Snippets, on Facebook and on the website. Where appropriate, we will include links to where you can find more detailed information, such as on the website.
- We will continue to send Snippets out monthly – no one wanted to go back to fortnightly! So, look out for it on the second Sunday of each month.

NEW Adventure in a Box!

We're very excited to announce a new addition to our Adventures in a Box collection, provided by our partners DePuy Synthes.

DePuy Synthes previously sponsored the Brownies Inventing interest badge and were keen to continue to work with Girlguiding, promoting science and engineering as fun and engaging.

So, following some discussions with them, they have put together an activity for you to do with your unit. The activity can be completed by girls from any section and the challenge is to figure out how to fix a broken bone. The box contains all the main resources you will need to run the activity, i.e. the bones! You will just need to find some pipe cleaners, toilet roll, masking tape, and pens or pencils.

1st Leeds Brownies tried it out last week and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They all agreed they would recommend it to other units.

All Adventures in a Box are available to borrow from the Trefoil Centre, just drop us a line to:

admin@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

100th Birthday Party

10th Leeds Brownies would like to invite you to join them at a party to celebrate the unit's 100th birthday.

The party will be held on Saturday 30 November, from 2pm to 4pm at St Matthias Church Centre, Burley, LS4 2EL and will include a raffle.

Safe Space and DBS Checks

Every fortnight NEE Region send us a list of volunteers and enquirers who have not completed or updated their A Safe Space training and/or DBS checks. Our list is currently growing!

We're planning to improve our processes in county to help keep this list to a minimum, including managing communications via the county office and not through Division Commissioners.

You can also help us by:

- Being aware of when your training is due for renewal, keeping an eye out for reminders, and completing your renewals promptly.
- Ensuring your Unit Helpers' training and records are up to date – particularly young helpers who have recently turned 18 – and help them where needed.
- Promptly ending the GO record of any volunteers who have left – otherwise they end up on the compliance list!

DBS ID Verification Changes

You will have seen from the HQ mailings that we now have the option to complete DBS ID verification digitally. This option is available to both new volunteers and volunteers who are renewing. The option to complete digitally will be made available through an automated email you will receive direct from Girlguiding. It does require a smartphone, unfortunately this is not an option via a computer.

This does not impact on the process of completing the checks by meeting an ID Verifier. You will still be able to do this if you either don't have a smartphone or would prefer to meet someone in person. However, you will be requested to upload your details prior to meeting with the ID Verifier.

For more information, please visit the [Girlguiding website](#).

Trefoil Centre Office Drop-in Sessions

We will continue to hold drop-in sessions at the Trefoil Centre office on Saturday mornings, but will no longer be opening on weekday evenings. They will be held on the second Saturday of alternate months.

The next drop-in session will be held on **Saturday 9 November, 10am – 12.30pm**. All future sessions will be advertised on Facebook and in the Snippets email.

Drop in to see us if you need support or advice on DBS ID verification checks, Gift Aid and accounts, Leader Development Programme, or any general guiding queries, to visit our craft swap, or to purchase programme awards and county badges.