

Membership Subscriptions and Accounts

As you are hopefully aware, our annual membership subscriptions are due shortly. Trial invoices are available to view and **changes can be made up until Monday 17 February**.

If you haven't already, please check your invoice to ensure that all your current members are included (both young members and volunteers).

- If any young members need adding or removing, you can make those changes.
- If volunteers need adding or removing, please let your commissioner know.

Final invoices will be available to download from Tuesday 18 February and all payments must be received by Friday 28 March.

We have some funds available at county to support with membership subscriptions, so if your unit will find it difficult to pay for everyone please complete the helping hands grant application form available from our website: [Unit-Grant-Application-Form-Nov-2023-Update.docx](#) and send it to us as soon as you can to treasurer@girlguidingleeds.org.uk and cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

The end of March is also the deadline for getting your signed reviewed accounts to your Division commissioner. They will need to see your signed accounts summary, the signed independent reviewer form and the unit bank details form.

If you need any help with completing the accounts or finding someone to review them, please do ask either your division commissioner or our treasurer on the above email address. We'd love to have all the accounts in by the deadline, so are very happy to help to make this achievable.

Team Members Needed – can you help?

In Girlguiding Leeds we're fortunate to own two properties, both of which are a valuable resource where we hold training courses, provide an office for our staff, hold events, and create a space for new adventures.

A lot of work has been carried out at both our properties over the past few years. We'd like additional volunteers to help continue this great work for the continued benefit of our members, keeping our properties well maintained and safe, and implementing new ideas for improving the experience of those who visit.

You don't need to have any experience; we'd just like enthusiasm, fresh ideas and a willingness to support both ongoing maintenance and future developments.

To find out more about the Robin Hole team, please email Julie robinhole@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

To find out more about the Trefoil Centre team, please email Anne at cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

First Response

There have been a few questions raised recently around spaces on first response trainings. Currently we have spaces available on all the courses planned for April onwards, so it's worth checking those dates and getting booked if they work for you. To book, please go to the training section of our website at <https://girlguidingleeds.org.uk/member-resources/training/>

If you need a place and none of the available dates work then please let us know by emailing training@girlguidingleeds.org.uk. We can't promise a solution, but if we know there is demand for a different day or venue then we can look into it.

Safer Guiding

We expect most people will choose to complete Safer Guiding as an e-learning, but it can be done via a webinar or face to face training for anyone who would prefer that.

Webinars can be booked via the learning platform. If you would prefer a face to face training, please let us know by emailing training@girlguidingleeds.org.uk and we will aim to arrange one if there is sufficient demand.

The e-learning is divided into four sections each of which has a quiz at the end. You have up to three attempts at each quiz. On the third attempt, if you don't reach the required score, you will receive a message asking you to contact your commissioner. You will still be able to complete the other sections of the training. If it is only one quiz that you don't pass, then please email your division commissioner with your name and membership number and details of which section it was. They will then send your details to the region safer guiding lead who will put you in touch with a trainer. The trainer will discuss the section with you to make sure you understand it. If there is more than one quiz that you don't pass, you will need to book onto a webinar or face to face training.

Please don't worry about it if you do "fail" one or more of the quizzes, as it just means doing the training in a different way. It is, though, worth starting the training as soon as you receive the email telling you it is due for renewal to allow time for the alternative if needed.

Inspire & Ignite

These sessions are a new initiative launched last year starting with short Zoom sessions introducing different topics to inspire people to take on new roles or develop their skills. The intention is to follow up with further support as wanted.

So far take-up has been very limited, so it would be useful to know if this is something there is

interest in, but the dates or topics haven't suited.

If you would like to attend the planned sessions, please book via the website as soon as possible so we know if there is enough interest to go ahead.

If you are interested but can't do the planned dates, please let us know by emailing training@girlguidingleeds.org.uk.

Please also email to let us know if there is another topic you would like us to offer.

- **Introduction to Girlguiding Leeds** – *dates have passed*
- **Being part of a county/division team** – Sat 22 Feb, 10–11am.
- **Being a mentor** – Tues 8 Apr, 7–8pm & Sat 26 Apr, 10–11am.
- **Leaders supporting young leaders** – Sat 3 May, 10–11am & Fri 16 May, 7–8pm.

County training day & weekend – Task and Finish Group

There has been interest expressed in having a county training day and weekend. These are a great opportunity to meet other leaders from around the county to share ideas and experiences, as well as taking part in training sessions on topics you are interested in.

We would like to put together a task and finish group to plan a training day either for later this year or early next year and a weekend for either next year or the year after.

We'd love to have a mix of people who have previously attended such events and those who haven't, so we can get a range of views and hopefully plan events that will appeal to a wide range of leaders. Tasks will include finding venues and planning the social side, as well as having input into the training topics. This could be an option for those working on their Queen's Guide looking for a project at county level.

Please contact Anne at cc@girlguidingleeds.org.uk if you would be interested in joining the group.

EVENT & CHALLENGE WITH LEEDS RHINOS

Hopefully you will have seen the email last week launching our exciting new challenge and event in partnership with the Leeds Rhinos.

We're pleased to be able to announce that the challenge pack is now available to download. The badges have been designed but aren't quite ready yet – we'll let you know as soon as they are available to purchase from our online shop.

We need to let the Rhinos know how many tickets to reserve for the rugby match for us. If you are interested in attending the event, please click the link to complete our [Expressions of Interest form](#) or use the QR code on the next page.



Girlguiding Leeds has teamed up with **Leeds Rhinos** to create some amazing opportunities for us to get out and about, explore our communities and learn about our environment all while having fun!



There are 2 ways your unit can get involved!

Tell us you are interested by
Mar 2, 2025

1. Attend a special rugby match day.

You, your unit, and their families can attend our special Girlguiding Leeds, Leeds Rhino event on **June 14, 2025** where everyone will have the opportunity to participate in an afternoon of Girlguiding and Rhinos inspired activities.

Time: 2:30-7pm, June 14, 2025

Location: Leeds Rugby Stadium

More Info: <https://girlguidingleeds.org.uk/leeds-rhinos/>

Tickets to the event will be available for purchase from April. Watch out for details at the link above.



Express your interest by scanning the QR code.

2. Complete the Leeds Rhino challenge badge.

Our challenge pack is filled with activities that are linked to things which are meaningful to the Leeds Rhinos team, including sport and fitness, being part of the community, and understanding environmental impact, as the rhino is at risk of extinction. This is a great challenge to do during **Out & About week (June 9-15)**.

Challenge badges will be available for £1 at our online shop and can be posted, pickup up at the Trefoil Centre or collected on the day of the event.

Download the challenge pack by scanning the QR code.

