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Hello and welcome to the March 2024 edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter. There's lots of information in this newsletter so be sure you read each section ☺

We'd like to introduce Judith, our new training Co-Ordinator for the county.

"Having recently moved back to Derbyshire, I am looking forward to reacquainting myself with Guiding in the county.

I was a Brownie, Guide, Young Leader, and gained my warrant in Allestree, Derby. Continuing as I moved into the North-East Region at University and then North-West with work, I have spent the last 36 years in Girlguiding Greater Manchester West where I have held various roles.

I am passionate about welcoming new volunteers and keen to support all our leaders by offering relevant, interesting and good quality training. Please do get in touch if you have any ideas about the best ways, we can do this and if you would like to find out more about the role of a trainer.

training@girlguidingderbyshire.org "



The 2024 Awards nominations are now open. Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/derbyshire-awards>

We get questions about the two Girlguiding shops within Derbyshire: Derby and Chesterfield. Check out page 6 for further information about these two shops.



Learning & Development

1st Response

Please see the dates below for the various 1st Response, face to face, training sessions. All these training sessions can be booked online. Please click [here](#) to book your place.

Note- trainees must complete e-learning First Aid on the Learning platform prior to course.

Sunday 24th March- ****Module 1 only****- Long Eaton- SPACES

Sunday 21st April- Chesterfield- Fully booked

Saturday 11th May- Long Eaton- Fully booked

Sunday 5th October - Inkersall- 4 SPACES

Saturday 12th October- Long Eaton- 13 SPACES

Fi Caldecott, our county treasurer, is more than happy to support units with end of year accounts. Please email her on

finance@girlguidingderbyshire.org if you need any assistance ☺

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Saturday 9 th March 2024	Derby International Women's Day festival	The Spot, Derby and The Market Place, Derby	We want Brownie, Guide and Ranger units to join us in the parade for the International Women's Day. The parade starts at 11am until 12pm and will begin at The Spot in Derby and finish at the Market Place. We will also have a stall 11am-4pm if there are any leaders who would like to join us. Please contact Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
13 th -14 th April 2024- save the date	Azores and Tanzania 2025	Trefoil House, Birmingham	Midlands region international selection for girls aged 14-18- See page 5 for more information
6 th +7 th July 2024	Brownies and Guides day trip to Legoland Windsor	Legoland Windsor	Region trip- See page 5 for more information
Saturday 14 th September 2024	Derby Pride	Markeaton Park, Derby	We will have a stall again at Derby Pride event. If you would like to volunteer please contact Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
Saturday 14 th - Sunday 15 th September 2024	Derbyshire County International Selection event	Venue TBC	Save the date- more information to follow
Sunday 22 nd September 2024	Region adult international selection day	TBC	See Girlguiding Midlands website for more details: https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/whats-on/events/international-selection-for-volunteers/

Commissioner Zone

Commissioner Support:

We would like to run some more Commissioner support sessions. If you have something you are specifically interested in or would like support with please contact Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org and we can see what sessions we can deliver for you.

We would love to hold a mixture of virtual and face to face support sessions for leaders: new and experienced. Ideas of sessions are navigating around GO, recording the programme on GO, support with branding, social media, the online design centre and creating graphics.

If there is anything you feel would support you in your role please get in touch.. We would love to support you but need to know what best suits!

Contact Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org or Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org if you have any specific ideas.

Mental health:

Mental health is becoming ever more important and as volunteers it is vital that we keep informed about how to support our young people and other leaders. Recently, many of the Area commissioners and county commissioners attended a Mental Health Awareness course. This course informed them about mental health issues and how to support volunteers with their mental health.

To develop our offer for mental health support, we have appointed Emma Hillsdon as our county mental health champion. She is for leaders who want to discover more information about mental health issues, general advice and signposting to further assistance. Emma can be contacted on mentalhealthchampion@girlguidingderbyshire.org

It must be stated that if you have a mental health safeguarding concern about a young member or leader HQ must be contacted for help and support. The county offer is for general advice and doesn't replace safeguarding procedures.

Leader support sessions

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/girlguidingderbyshire | Instagram: www.instagram.com/GirlguidingDerbyshire | Twitter: www.twitter.com/GuidingDerbys

Subscription invoices

Subscription invoices are now live on GO. Please ensure these are accessed and payment is made before midday on 28th March. Payments can be made by card or cheque- check with your district if you would normally send payment to them and they go to HQ in bulk. Receipts are only available until 30th September so make sure to download these for your accounts.

Accounts

2023 end of year accounts now need to be submitted so that they can be finalised and verified. They must be submitted by 31st March 2024.

If you are requiring support or want to talk anything through, please get in touch with Fi Caldecott, our County treasure on the following email

finance@girlguidingderbyshire.org

GO single sign on process

From Spring 2024 (no date has been circulated at the time of writing) there are changes to the way we can login to GO and the learning platform. When the changes go live, you will need your email address and 1 password to access both GO and the learning platform. You will then need to confirm your identity in one of the following ways: email, text message, phone call or using the Microsoft Authenticator app. This is called 2-step authentication. To prepare for these changes please login to GO and ensure your mobile phone number and email address are correct. There is more information about this process which can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Uniform design hub

As you may have seen from recent correspondence from HQ all sections are having a uniform update. Uniform won't be changing until 2026.

There are activities available so that you can have your say on uniform suggestions as well as a recording from a recent volunteers call where the uniform changes were discussed. Please see the following link for more information and details about the activities: <https://girlguiding.foleon.com/uniform/redesigning-our-uniform/whats-next?fbclid=IwAR03tE0jqpZBUfcNA2gcUs-vli5q5KrikcOmoplqnyni73Byf8NY-pmSMZU>

Supporting Leaders in training- message from Eileen Melling, Midlands region leadership coordinator:

If you have a Leader in Training working on the leader development programme, (LDP) she will need your support throughout all the stages. There are 3 main parts to the programme and at the end of each stage her mentor will need to visit your unit and observe, (called a check- in,) her carrying out activities with girls. Please take time to talk to her about this as at each observation the mentor will be looking at different aspects of your Leader in Training working with the girls and the unit team. There will be one final check-in visit by the mentor before she can complete the LDP. All information is on her learning platform, which means there is no book to sign off or paper evidence to collect. Your leader in training needs:

- Opportunities to plan and carry out activities – including budgeting and writing risk assessments for the activities.
- To be part of planning meetings and lead suitable planning activities with the girls.
- Time to talk with her mentor, so please don't overload her with tasks on the mentor's visit.
- You share your experience throughout her learning, but not you doing it for her!
- Support to access training, she has mandatory sessions to attend, these are online or face to face, – encourage her to go to County Trainings with you and benefit from the sessions and networking that takes place at these events. She will be constantly learning, and her mentor will support her. She may need more than one check- in per learning area before her mentor and herself are confident in her abilities to run the activities with the girls whilst having fun in a safe environment. If you have any questions about the LDP or would like to become a mentor to support other leaders in training, please speak to your commissioner.

County day 2024

We had a lovely time at County Day 2024 and we hope you did too! We are feeling a bit flat after a brilliant day so we are looking forward to planning 2025's event and your feedback is really helping! Below are some pictures, showing just what we got up to.



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Events and International experiences!

There are lots of different Miland region events coming up this year and next so this is a round up of what is available and where to find out more.

Are you a Guide, Ranger or young leader born between 01/09/2006 and 18/07/2011?



Are you interested in international travel and gaining new experiences?

INTOPS 2024

We are holding our next international selection event for region trips in 2025 heading to Denmark, The Azores & Tanzania, so if you are interested, please join us for a weekend of fun activities and find out more.

13 to 14 April 2024
Central Birmingham
Cost £20

Click the link below to register your interest
INTOPS: Click [here](#)



ICE: Click [here](#)



Rainbows: Click [here](#)

Race to the castle: Click [here](#)

Race to the Castle!
Rangers & Young leaders (with their Adult leaders) are invited to join Girlguiding Midlands in a Race from a 'castle' in or near your home town to Edinburgh Castle, along the way you'll complete challenges to earn points

Starting anytime after 26 Oct and finishing in Edinburgh on 02 Nov 2024

More information coming soon!

Fancy joining us on a Denmark Dash?

Save the dates
30 July - 1 August 2025

A book & go trip for units, districts, divisions or counties details coming soon!

Rainbows & Brownies!
You and your leaders are invited to join us for a fun packed day at LEGOLAND® Discovery Centre Birmingham

Choice of two dates: 12 or 13 October 2024

Book your group onto the event direct with the venue for just £10 per person and for every 5 tickets bought 1 leader goes free!

Legoland Birmingham: Click [here](#)

Legoland Windsor: Click [here](#)

Brownies & Guides!
You and your leaders are invited to join us for a fun packed day at the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort

Choice of two dates: 6 or 7 July 2024

Book your group onto the event direct with the venue using our unique discount code 'GirlguidingMidlands' for just £20 per child and £25 per leader and for every 10 child tickets purchased 1 leader goes free!

Denmark Dash : Click [here](#)



Derby and Chesterfield Girlguiding Shops



Derby Shop:

Contact email: girlguidingderbydepot@gmail.com

The Derby Guide Shop (corner of Osmaston Road and Hartington Street), car park available behind the shop but only accessible from Normanton Road as Hartington Street is one way.

The shop is open Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. We are closed for 2 weeks for Easter holidays, Summer Holidays and Christmas holidays.

The shop is open second Saturday of every month 10am - 12pm apart from April and August.

Saturday 2024 dates are 10th Feb, 9th Mar, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 14th Dec.

The shop will close after business for Christmas 2024 on Saturday 14th December 2024.

E-mail your order for preparation prior to your collection from the shop or alternatively, telephone orders during opening hours on 01332 372658 for collection from the shop or for posting.

- Have your order posted to you or arrange alternative private collections
- Large or heavy orders will be placed directly through Trading with direct delivery to your home address
- Emergency requests dealt with if in stock with hand delivery where possible
- Various payment options available, at the shop – cash, cheque or card and prepared orders will include an invoice with cheque and BACS payment options
- Nominal postage charge of £1 to £2 depending on order size
- Special badges and awards available as County Badge Secretary is Shop Manager
- We offer a Shop discount on all Young Leader and adult members uniform
- Annual unit voucher scheme with money off the shop items the following year – Ask us for more details
- Mobile shop to area events

We are your local shop, what else could we do to help you? Please ask us!

Chesterfield Shop:

Contact email: chesterfielddepot@gmail.com

The Chesterfield Guide Shop is open, term time only, every Tuesday 3-7pm and every 2nd Saturday of the month 10am-noon.

Saturday 2024 open dates are 10th Feb, 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 14th Sept, 12th Oct, 9th Nov and 14th Dec.

Orders can be posted or collected from the shop. Contact them on the details below for any enquiries related to ordering and the shop.

We accept orders via email, chesterfielddepot@gmail.com or telephone, 01246 278336. Telephone orders are only taken when the shop is open.

Address: Address

Chesterfield Guide shop

St. Margaret's Drive

Chesterfield