

Hello and welcome to the September edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter.

As you will be aware Michelle, Jo and Izzy have come to the end of their 5 year term as the County team for Derbyshire. Thank you so much for all of your hard work and achievements over the last 5 years. You have been amazing.

We are very excited to announce that we are the new County team and we are Angela Arter as County commissioner, Rachel Bridge as ACC for growth and retention and Lucie Allen as ACC for programme. To introduce ourselves, Angela has been a leader for over 40 years being both a District and Area commissioner and she really enjoys being a leader with 1st West Hallam Guides . She has led international trips abroad when younger and still likes to take her Guides camping. Rachel is a Brownie leader in Hilton and was the Growth and Social media rep in the South West area of the county, until recently. She has been a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Young Leader before starting her adult leadership journey. She has recently led a County trip to Switzerland and is looking forward to continuing the great work Jo has carried out for Growth and Retention in the County.

Lucie is a Guide leader in 2nd Long Eaton Guides and has led a County trip to Switzerland, been a Guide and Young Leader before starting her adult leadership path. She has supported adults on the leadership programme in Erewash and is excited to take on the programme elements of Guiding in our County.



Left to right-
Rachel, Angela and Lucie

Thanks to those who have booked on the 1st Response course in October. There will be new training dates released soon. In the meantime please look on the learning platform for e-learning. If you any training requirements please let us know

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/learning-and-development/>

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sat 9 th Sept	Derby Pride- Girlguiding Derbyshire stand	Markeaton Park, Markeaton Lane, Derby	12pm-6pm- come and visit our recruitment stand!
Fri 15 th – Sat 16 th Sept	Adult International Sleepover	The Gateway Centre, Ashbourne	Link to book place: click here
Sat 16 th – Sun 17 th Sept	Guide/Ranger/YL (age 14-18) International Sleepover	The Gateway Centre, Ashbourne	Link to book place: click here
Sat 23 rd Sept	Inspire (18-30yrs) Kayaking and Picnic	Carsington Water, DE6 1ST	Cost £11pp- Use the link found on the Inspire social media pages to book your place/pay
Sat 1 st Apr-Tues 21 st Oct	Ramble Around the Region- Midlands event	Across the Midlands	The new Girlguiding Midlands walking challenge for 2023. More information please click here
Sun 26 th November	Woolies and Wellies- Midlands event	Lower Drayton Farm and Playbarn, Stafford	Activity day for Rainbows and Brownies. More information please click here
November	Derbyshire County Awards	TBC	Date and venue TBC- please wait for more information

Initiatives

Equality and diversity policy updated, please have a look to keep yourselves informed. [Click here](#) to access the policy.

Programme activity pack 11 out now. For more information [click here](#).

We are looking for a new Young Leader co-Ordinator who will support young leaders aged 13-17 across the county to develop their leadership skills. For more information about this role or if you are interested in volunteering please contact Angela on cc@derbyshiregirlguiding.org

Other Notices

Start of the new term

We've had a bit of a break over the summer holidays and now it's time to think about returning to our weekly unit meetings. Girlguiding UK have a bank of useful resources from new starter forms to example risk assessments. [Click here](#) to be directed to this resource bank.

Now is also a good time to ensure your accounts are up to date- remember your District Commissioners can support with accounts so don't be afraid to seek support or take a look at this link for advice and support from Girlguiding UK: [support with accounts](#)

It is also a good time to ensure Go details are correct. Parents should be able to login and update their young members details for them. You could send out this helpful guide 'Parents and Carers Guide to Go' to remind parents to do this- link for further information: [Guide to Go](#)

Commissioner Zone

Commissioner Support:

The next **Commissioner Support Session** is on Thursday 5th October 2023 and is about Flexible Guiding. This will be held on zoom. If you would like to register your interest or book a place please [click here](#).

There is a new e-learning course on the learning platform called becoming a commissioner and is designed to help new commissioners in the role. Login to the learning platform and search 'Commissioner' for more information

Please remember the following **resources are available** to you to hand out to new volunteers:

- Jute bags for a new volunteers
- Volunteer Code of Conduct bookmarks
- Welcome to Girlguiding Derbyshire booklets

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What is inspire?

Inspire is a community of young women having adventures, gaining skills and making memories to last a lifetime.

If you are aged 18-30 years old and part of Girlguiding you are part of Inspire.

There are so many great opportunities to take part in, being a member of Inspire. All the opportunities fit into one of 7 pathways, or 2 themes.

Pathways:

- ✦ Adventure and challenge
- ✦ Beyond the UK
- ✦ Voice and action
- ✦ Leading the way
- ✦ Events experience
- ✦ Sharing and developing your skills
- ✦ Developing others

Themes:

- ♥ Learning and awards
- ♥ Just for me

There is loads of information of the different opportunities in Inspire on the Girlguiding UK Inspire Web page, such as:

- ★ Represent Girlguiding at an international level
- ★ Queen's Guide Award
- ★ GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development)
- ★ Volunteer at a guiding festival
- ★ Organise your own overnight trip
- ★ Gain the Girlguiding leadership qualification (LQ)

There are also Inspire events going on at a regional level that you can get involved in, such as camps.

Please email us for more information and follow the Derbyshire Inspire socials to keep up to date with opportunities!

inspire@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Girlguiding Inspire Derbyshire



@gginspirederbyshire

Our Derbyshire Inspire community is going to involve face to face and virtual meet ups and residential opportunities in the future

Saturday 23rd
September
2023

Kayaking and Picnic

Location: Carsington Water
DE6 1ST

Cost: £11pp, Use the link found on our socials to book your place/pay

Wednesday
18th October
2023

Halloween Zoom

Time: 7.30 PM
Details tbc – watch this space!

November
2023

Midlands Inspire meet up

Location: Birmingham
(final details and dates tbc)

Friday 18th
December
2023

Christmas Jumper Meal
Location: Derby
Time: 7.00 PM

Meet your county co-ordinators!

My name is Alice Dawes and I am 25 years old,

- I have been in Guiding since I was a Rainbow I am currently a leader for a Guide unit in the Peaks and Dales area.
- My best guiding experience (up until now!) was attending the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Japan,
- A random fact about me is I love playing the saxophone!

My name is Charlie Bentley, and I am 25 years old.

- I joined Girlguiding as a Rainbow and I am currently a Brownie and Guide Leader in South Derbyshire
- My best Girlguiding experiences have been the chance to travel abroad as a Ranger on the Scandihop 2016 trip and again as a leader on the Switzerland 2022 trip.
 - A random fact about me is that I have a twin brother!

