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Hello and welcome to the January 2025 edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter and the last one for 2024!

Happy new year to all!

We would like to say a big thank you to Ali Campbell for all her hard work and dedication as the Derbyshire County inclusion adviser. She has now decided that it's time for someone else to take this area forward and we're delighted to inform you that Anna Wilson and Kate Wicks have agreed to be the next EDI advisers, and they introduce themselves below. If you need to contact them their email address is EDI@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Kate Wicks

Hi I'm Kate Wicks and I'm currently DC for Chapel-en-le-Frith district and lead a large joint Guide and Ranger unit. I've also been a Midlands region EDI adviser for the last two years. I'm part of the LGBTQ+ days and have several disabilities that have a significant impact on my issues and life. I am particularly experienced in accessibility for neurodivergent people and those with mobility issues and write a mean grant application! Outside of guiding, I work in research information governance at a university and am keenly interested in involving the public in health research.

I've been involved in EDI initiatives since my student days, and am delighted to have the chance to share my experience and help Derbyshire leaders support their unit's young members and volunteers.

Anna Wilson

Hi, I'm Anna Wilson and I have been a guider for 20 years as a Guide and Ranger leader in Ashbourne as well as DC for the Ashbourne District since 2019/20.



I am a SENCO in a SEN school, supporting students with Autism and associated Communication and Interaction needs. I want to be able to use my professional and personal knowledge around SEND to ensure that all members of guiding feel included and supported. I want to ensure that all members are able to participate in all aspects of the Girlguiding programme, no matter what their personal circumstances are.

I hope I can offer advice, be an advocate for those who need support and play my part in helping Girlguiding grow.

1st Response

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There are lots of dates for 2025 1st Response training sessions. A huge thank you to Jan who runs these sessions for us. We are always on the lookout to expand our team of trainers, especially with 1st Response as there is always a high demand- if you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Judith on training@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Dates for 2025:

1st Feb- Belper- 4 SPACES- please note this is an external provider which is recognised by Girlguiding as a 1st Response equivalent. Attendees will gain accredited Emergency 1st Aid at work certificate as well as Girlguiding recognition

11th May- Tibshelf- 10 SPACES

6th July- Chesterfield- 8 SPACES

4th Oct- Trefoil House- 10 SPACES

23rd Nov- Etwell- 12 SPACES

Visit the link for more details and to book on:

<https://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/learninganddevelopment>

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sat 18 th Jan	County Walk- Shining Tor and Fernilee Reservoir	Goyt Valley, Derbyshire	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkGoyt
Sun 9 th Feb	County Walk- Carsington Water	Carsington Reservoir	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkCarsingtonFeb
Mon 10 th Feb	Gift Aid zoom session	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyGiftAid
Fri 21-Sun 23 rd Feb	International selection weekend	Pax Tor, Matlock	Adults- Fri 21 st -Sat 22 nd Feb Guides, Rangers and YLs- Sat 22 nd -Sun 23 rd Feb £10 charge pp. See Eventbrite booking for more details by clicking here https://bit.ly/AdultInternational https://bit.ly/14-18International
Saturday 1 st March	Girlguiding Derbyshire County Day	Allestree Woodlands School	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyDay25
Tuesday 11 th March	Rolls Royce Brownie event	Rolls Royce, Derby	See Eventbrite booking for more information, limited places and Brownies only event: https://bit.ly/RollsRoyceSTEM
Sat 22 nd March	County Walk- Lathkill Dale	Youlgrave	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkLathkillDale

Commissioner Zone

County commissioner day 2025

Saturday 26th April- lunch will be provided for all.

The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton, Alfreton

Times to be confirmed- keep an eye on your emails.

This event is for all District and Area commissioners across the County. An opportunity to network and discuss plans in the County and across areas/districts. County advisors and growth/social media reps are also invited to join.

International

International selection weekend.

Fri 21st-Sat 22nd Feb- Adults

Sat 22nd-Sun 23rd Feb- Guides, Rangers and YLs, 14-18yrs old.

This event is being held at Pax Tor, the cost is £10pp which includes all activities, food and accommodation.

Are you a leader looking for your next challenge? Whether you have lots of international experience or this would be your first trip, we'd love to hear from you. Selection for the leadership team for the 2026 trip will take place at the international sleepover

Derbyshire County International Trip 2026 - Midlands' Rome to Home, and also a long-haul Volunteering trip

For more details:

<https://bit.ly/AdultInternational>

<https://bit.ly/14-18International>

Leader support sessions

Virtual Gift Aid session

Monday 10th February- 8-9pm on Zoom.

A step-by-step information session on how to apply for Gift Aid and boost your unit funds.

Booking link: <https://bit.ly/CountyGiftAid>

If there is anything you feel would support you in your role, please get in touch.

Contact Judith Glenn on training@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Thinking Day Pen Pals

Last year we held a Thinking Day Pen Pals swap- units signed up and made cards/pictures/letters and sent them to another unit of a similar size.

We want to organise this again so if you want to sign your unit up, please click the following link and fill in your unit details. Closing date is 8 pm, 12th January to ensure we have time to match your unit to another unit and give you time to create and post.

<https://bit.ly/ThinkingDay2025>

County walks

A huge thank you to Danielle, our County walking advisor, who has planned many walks for January, February and March. See the calendar table above for booking links for each walk. There are walks to Shining Tor, Carsington Reservoir and Lathkill Dale.

County Day 2025- Saturday 1st March 2025

08:45am-4pm at Allestree Woodlands School, DE22 2LW.

Bookings are open for County Day from Thursday 9th January 8pm 2025, but be quick as bookings close on 2nd Feb at 23:59.

The format for County Day is slightly different this year, starting at 08:45am and finishing at 4pm.

There will be two morning sessions and then two afternoon sessions available to book.

Sessions include (but are not limited to): promise activities, fun with STEM, managing challenging behaviour, including adventure, getting our message out there, exploring the outdoors, crafts, line dancing, money matters, celebrating using the calendar and much more.

Bookings open on 10th January and can be made using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/CountyDay25>

There will also be dedicated morning sessions strictly for young leaders and then young leaders can book on to workshops in the afternoon, so please share the details with young leaders within your team.

Youth United

Youth United - on the 15th January we will be attending a Youth United meeting with other uniformed groups in Derbyshire. We're looking for two to three members aged 14-18 years who would be interested in coming along with Lucie to help shape Youth United going forward. If you have any members who would be interested in attending, please contact Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org

County office opening hours

Monday - 09:00-16:00

Tuesday - 09:00-16:00

Wednesday - 09:00-16:00

Thursday - 09:00-16:00 Work from home

Friday - 09:00-12:00 - **PM (12:00-16:00 work from home)**

(We advise that you call ahead to ensure the office is manned)

County day 2025

When? Saturday 1st March 2025

Time? 8.45am-4pm

Where? Allestree Woodlands School, Blenheim Drive, Allestree

Cost? £6pp

Booking link:

<https://bit.ly/CountyDay25>

There are a range of sessions available including sessions for young leaders.

The sessions are (but not limited to):

Fun with STEM



Including adventure in the programme



Promise activities



Crafts

Celebrations



Getting our message out there



Using the online design centre



Involving young members in programme planning



Experience the outdoors

Walking with your unit



Line dancing



5 minute fillers



Food craft



Risk assessment blues



Money matters



Thinking day 2025



Similar to last year, we are looking for units to send cards/pictures to other units within the County as part of celebrating Thinking Day 2025 and thinking about Girlguiding as a wider movement.

Interested? Click the link to sign your unit up
Closing date- 8pm, 12th January 2025

Booking link:
<https://bit.ly/ThinkingDay2025>

County walks within Derbyshire

Organised by Danielle, our County walking advisor

We have three fantastic walking events on offer over the coming months. These walks are open to all adult members of Girlguiding Derbyshire but places are limited.

Walk 1: Shining Tor and Fernilee Reservoir- 18th Jan, 9:45am-4pm

This is a 6-9 mile walk (if you stay to walk around Fernilee Reservoir) climbing up Stakeside to Shining Tor and taking in the beautiful views before dropping back down into the valley

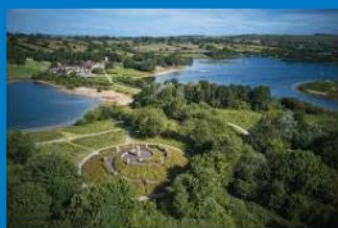
Walk 2: Carsington Water

9th February

9:45am-3pm

This is a 7.5mile walk, exploring Carsington Water and the following the trails around the reservoir.

This walk is limited to 20 places only.



Walk 3: Lathkill Dale

22nd March

10.15am-4pm

This is a 8.5mile walk, exploring the length of Lathkill Dale and the Limestone Way

This walk is limited to 20 places only.



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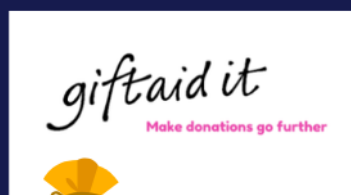
Gift Aid zoom session

When? Monday 10th Feb, 20:00-21:00

Where? Held virtually on Zoom so from the comfort of your own home!

Unsure how to claim Gift Aid and want to find out more about setting up your account, getting appropriate details from parents and submitting your Gift Aid claim? Join us for this virtual session where we walk you through the process and answer any questions you may have- all from the comfort of your home!

For more information see the link in the main post.



Booking link:
<https://bit.ly/CountyGiftAid>

Water activity advisor

Steph, our County water advisor, is looking for someone to work alongside him with advising the County on all things water, planning water weekends and supporting units with water related queires.

interested in finding out more about the role? Contact Steph directly on water@girlguidingderbyshire.org or Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Outdoor Skills Training Day



Saturday 15 February 2025

From beginners fire lighting to advanced backwoods cooking, whittling, shelter building, pioneering and much more, this is a hands-on training day that caters for all Scout and Girlguiding leaders who want to share outdoor adventures with their units.

This year we are delighted to be working alongside Simon Denton of Rivelin Woodland Skills and Robin Widdowson (forest school instructor) to offer some amazing sessions!

Open to all leaders/young leaders 16+ (some sessions 18+ only)

Booking now open!

Cost: £17 full day (includes a hot lunch) or £8 half day. Drinks provided throughout the day.

Costs can be claimed from your unit (Girlguiding) or Scouting District.

For more information and to book a place go to

<https://forms.gle/obevRuREGvTk1fvF8>

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