

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

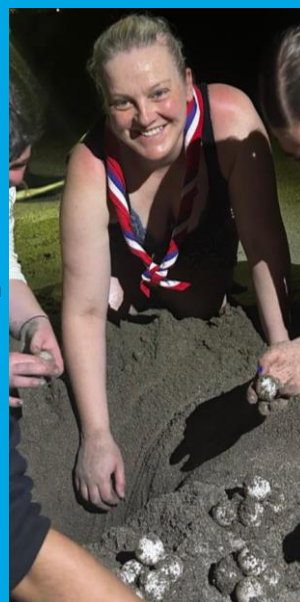
Now we are a couple of months back into our regular weekly Guiding we hope all units are enjoying being back and are very much looking forward to Christmas! It's been great to see what units have been up to- keep sharing your pictures/activities so we can continue to showcase the fabulous Guiding in Derbyshire! You can send pictures to [accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org) but be sure to check photo permissions first!

Due to Angela taking up the role of County Commissioner, this left a space in the Erewash area for a new AC- Welcome Bev Myszka! Hi, I'm Bev and I'm area commissioner for Erewash. I live in Long Eaton with my husband and 2 cats Brody & Bella. I'm really passionate about Girlguiding and what it offers to girls and volunteers. Taking on this new area role is for me, a great opportunity to support our amazing volunteers and be able to recognise their awesomeness!

I am a leader with 16<sup>th</sup> Long Eaton Rainbows, as part of a great team with Emily and Yola. I also get to mentor new district commissioners which I love doing. Doing this role has helped me immensely in my role as a commissioner.

This year I took part in my biggest Guiding adventure yet! Being part of the team who went to Mexico was a wonderful experience with 9 young women who were absolute warriors and I hope to take part in more international adventures in the future.

Going further back, I joined Girlguiding as a brown dressed, bobble hatted Brownie and carried on to Guides, with the funky Jeff Banks uniform and continuing my way heading into leadership.



## Stop Press

### 1<sup>st</sup> Response

Please see the dates below for the various different 1<sup>st</sup> Response, face to face, training sessions. All of these training sessions can be booked online.

Please click [here](#) to book your place.

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

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Littleover- SPACES

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November- Belper- SPACES

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Ilkeston- SPACES

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Etwall- SPACES

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January- Matlock- SPACES

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Chesterfield- SPACES

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Belper- SPACES

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Long Eaton- SPACES

Practical Assessment- 2 hour face to face training session (module 1)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Long Eaton- SPACES

County Day 2024- a survey will be coming out as want to know what YOU want from YOUR County day...watch this space!

## Learning & Development

## Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct- Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	BBC Children in Need	Nationwide	Fundraising pack available from <a href="#">here</a>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	International selection weekend- Europe events	Girlguiding Derbyshire county office	Email Zoe to book your place: <a href="mailto:international@girlguidingderbyshire.org">international@girlguidingderbyshire.org</a> Open for both adults and girls aged 14-18
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov- Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Sparkle and Ice camp	All GG activity centres	Available for Guides, Rangers and leaders. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Odeon cinema screening- Wish	Selected Odeon screenings	See Girlguiding UK for more information
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	County Day	Allestree Woodlands School, Derby	More information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024- save the date	Azores and Tanzania 2025	Trefoil House, Birmingham	More information to follow- Midlands region international selection for girls aged 14-18
6 <sup>th</sup> +7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Brownies and Guides day trip to Legoland Windsor	Legoland Windsor	Region trip- more information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> August- save the date	Denmark Dash- a book and go trip for units, districts, divisions or counties	Denmark	More information to follow- Girlguiding Midlands

## Initiatives

- Remembrance Sunday- Badges are available from GGUK trading. This year's theme is all about how the Girl Guides worked for and supported MI5.
- The Girlguiding UK impact report is now available. There are some interesting statistics come from this, have a read by clicking [here](#)
- There are some new materials available for girl and volunteer recruitment. Have a look at the toolkit by clicking [here](#)

## Other Notices

Subscriptions: The final amount per person should be published soon. We know that the planned increases will be hard so please budget accordingly. There are letter templates available to make parents aware of increases. There are also grants available for units who are in areas of deprivation- these cannot be used for subs but may help 'free up' funds for subs. There is also cost of living grants available to help struggling units but please do not rely on these. If you think your unit will struggle with the subscription please do get in touch with the County office.

Safeguarding: The safeguarding procedure was updated 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please familiarise yourselves with this procedure by clicking [here to read it](#)

## Commissioner Zone

### Commissioner Support:

There have been updates to the safeguarding procedures, especially regarding low level safeguarding concerns and digital safeguarding. Please familiarise yourselves with these updates.

There are two new courses available on the E-learning platform:

- E-learning top up for assistant leaders wanting to become a leader
- E-learning course for any leaders who many want to move sections.

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