

Stop Press

Welcome to the February newsletter of Digi-post. February is always a lively and eventful month, and this year is no exception. We are especially excited to mark World Thinking Day, which in 2026 celebrates an extraordinary 100 years of global connection, reflection, and solidarity. It's a wonderful milestone, and a moment for all of us to feel proud of the movement we're part of. This month also sees trial invoices and subscription payments going live. If you have any concerns, or think you may struggle to make a payment, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are here to support you. Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to County Day on 21st March (see page 3 and 4 for the booking link and full details). We also hope to see many of you at our Adult Members' Social Weekend in April- details and booking link on page 5 — always a lovely opportunity to meet, relax, and connect. Wishing you a positive and inspiring February.

There's plenty to look forward to in 2026. County Day 2026 bookings are now live — please see page 5 for full details and to book [click here](#).

1st Response and other training opportunities

1st Response training dates

Dates for 2026 so far:

Sat 28th Feb- Long Eaton- 2 SPACES

Sun 8th March- Spondon- 1 SPACE

Sat 18th April- Chesterfield- 1 SPACE

All bookings can be made by clicking the link below:

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

Other training opportunities

Face-to-Face Safer Guiding training

A trainer led session to complete Girlguiding's safeguarding training for all volunteers.

This is an alternative to the 3 hour e learning option.

Please wear uniform if you have it and bring a packed lunch.

Drinks will be provided.

Matlock Green Scout and Guide HQ

Sunday 26th April 9:30-14:30

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sunday 22 nd February 2026	County Thinking Day Event	Different areas across the County	We are looking to get all areas together to celebrate World Thinking Day as we would love to celebrate the 100-year anniversary 'together'. Your areas should be sharing more information soon
Sat 21 st March 2026	County Day 2026	David Nieper Academy	Bookings are live now! Event for all young leaders and adult members of Girlguiding Derbyshire. To book: https://bit.ly/CountyDay2026
17-19 th April 2026	County social weekend	Pax Tor, Darley Dale	Booking link: https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/leaders-social-weekend
Friday 1 st - Sunday 3 rd May	County Water Weekend	Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre	Save the date! Water Weekend opportunity for Guide groups. More details coming soon
6-9 th August 2026	County Anglesey Adventure- Guide and Ranger groups	Conway Centre, Anglesey	See poster below for further information

Commissioner support

Derbyshire Commissioner support zoom calls 2026 - for all ACs and DCs:

- Monday 1 June
- Tuesday 13 October

Please put the dates in your diaries- a good opportunity to share information and support each other in your role.

UK Commissioner winter call

- Wednesday 11th February- 8pm
- Held on zoom

What we'll be discussing: Tailored updates and insights to support you in your leadership. There will also be a question and answer session.

[Register for the call](#)

Saturday 9th-Sunday 10th May- Midlands Commissioner weekend

- Jubilee Conference Centre, Nottingham
- There is no cost to this event. More details will be shared ASAP

County Day 2026

Are you booked onto County Day yet? If not- why not?

We have some amazing training and social opportunities available. The theme for the day is Be Well- supporting you and your unit to be well!

Sessions range from: managing challenging behaviour, drumming, crafts, connecting with nature, stress free planning, sessions for Young Leaders and sessions for leaders in training.

Please wear your uniform, bring your lunch and a reusable cup for hot and cold drinks. The cost to attend is £6 which can be claimed from unit funds.

Market Place

There will be an opportunity to purchase items from the Derby Guide shop as well as talk to the different advisors we have in the county. Members from the county Rome to Home team will also be in attendance, raising money for their trip this summer.

Help needed!

Coming to county day and able to lend a hand?

We need help with the following 'jobs' to ensure county day can run smoothly. If you can help, please get in touch with Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org

- Registration- checking in members and handing out information packs
- Signage around the site- setting up and collecting in at the end
- Transporting items from the county office to Alfreton and back again
- Car park- supporting members with finding the venue and parking

County water weekend:

Join us this May for an action-packed Water Activities Weekend at Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre! Perfect for Guides who love getting on the water, trying new skills, and having a brilliant weekend with friends.

- Exciting water activities
- Amazing outdoor setting
- Meet other Guides from across the area
- Trent Lock Scout Activity Centre

Only 60 spaces available – don't miss out!

This is set to be a fantastic weekend full of fun, challenge, and adventure. Spaces are limited!

More details and booking info coming soon – keep an eye out in the next Digi-Post. Email James on water@girlguidingderbyshire.org for more information or water related questions

Pax Hoh County Campsite

During 2025, new improvements were completed.

****New ! Sheltered outdoor washing-up sinks with hot and cold running water**

****New! Permanent picnic benches**

Looking ahead to the warmer weather, come and visit the 2 acre site near Hulland Ward.

Bring your unit(s), district or large groups for:

- a camp (unequipped or equipped)
- a self- planned outdoor activity day
- a summer evening meeting
- enjoy a campfire
- outdoor cooking
- use of our games and other resources
- and the space to enjoy the outdoors

Equipment can be hired on site.

See the county website for more information

Look out for our stand at County Day

**Girlguiding: Share and inspire sessions**

Share and inspire sessions give volunteers the chance to learn from a volunteer panel, share experiences and get inspired. The learning team are kicking off 2026 with a focus on residential ideas.

Please encourage volunteers to register. The session will run on 17 January from 9.30-10.30am for rainbow and brownie ideas, and from 11am-12pm for guide and ranger ideas. All other topics will also be delivered in two parts (rainbows/brownies first, guides/rangers second), except February and September, which will run as a single 8pm session.

Upcoming dates and topics:

16 February – Thanks and recognition

28 March – Girl-led guiding

13 May – Mental health and guiding

20 June – Getting outdoors, ideas for the autumn term

3 September – Parliament Week and girl-voice

17 October – Programme focus on Know Myself and Express Myself

7 November – International guiding in unit meetings and around the world.

Feel free to contact the learning team with any questions.

learning@girlguiding.org.uk

Facebook

Did you know we have a group dedicated to adult members? Request to join and fill out the information by clicking the link here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/370637053373433/>

County day 2026

Time to laugh, learn and share!

When? Saturday 21st March 2026

Time? 8.45am-4pm

Where? David Nieper Academy, Alfreton

Cost? £6pp

Bookings will open the first week in January and the link will be shared with all registered County members and on our social media pages.

There will be opportunities to meet and chat with County advisors.

A range of sessions will be available for you to choose from, including one specially for young leaders and another for leaders in training.

Some of these (but not all) are:

To book your place:

Bookings open 6th January at 8am and close on Sunday 22nd February at midnight <https://bit.ly/CountyDay2026>

Slow flow
Yoga

Be Well ideas

Neurodiversity

Stress
relieving
crafts

The new
"Going Away
With"
scheme

Music

Teamwork

Effective
Communication-
LDP Module

Tricky
Conversations



Girlguiding
Derbyshire county

Science

Recruitment

Click to book: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/leaders-social-weekend>

Adult members social weekend

Fri 17–Sun 19th April

Pax Tor

Come and socialise with other leaders from across our County

Walks, campfire, meals and general down time together

Limited space available. See link to book your place

Three different options:

1. 2x night stay (Friday/Saturday) £25
2. 1x night stay (Friday or Saturday) £15
3. Day visit only (Saturday) £5



PAX TOR

Make it your next adventure!



We are a fully-equipped and refurbished residential house catering for up to 24 members for all sections, payable per person per night, located on a wooded hillside on the edge of the Peak District in Darley Dale.

The house is a home-from-home providing a cosy living experience with outdoor campfire cooking facilities and covered crafting area.



For further information go to
<https://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/pax-tor-derwent-valley>





Scouts



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Flying High

2026
Gang Show

Buy 10,
get the
11th free!

**Wednesday 11th - Saturday 14th February
at Derby Theatre**

Wed - Fri 7.15pm, Sat 1.30pm & 6pm
Tickets £18 / £16 concessions (under 16 & over 60)

Box office: 01332 593939 derbytheatre.co.uk

Find us on Facebook or visit our website: flyinghigh.org.uk

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KENNING PARK COMMUNITY FOREST SCHOOL PRESENTS

SUMMER FOREST SCHOOL

2026



Calling all local voluntary groups!

WE'RE INVITING LOCAL VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS TO JOIN US AT OUR POPULAR KENNING PARK SUMMER SESSIONS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE AMAZING WORK YOU DO, CONNECT WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE INCREDIBLE GROUPS AND VOLUNTEERS IN OUR AREA.

WE'D LOVE TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT YOU IN REACHING NEW FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

EMAIL: KENNINGPARKFORESTSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM

CALL: 07743 110078

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE DETAILS. WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- OUR DATES ARE:
- WED 29TH JULY
- WED 5RD AUGUST
- WED 12TH AUGUST
- WED 19TH AUGUST
- WED 26TH AUGUST
- WED 2ND SEPTEMBER

**KENNING PARK
CLAY CROSS**

**10AM-
3PM**



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Kenning Park Community Forest School