

Stop Press

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

Meet your next County Commissioner

I am absolutely delighted to be able to share with you the fantastic news that Angela Arter from Erewash has agreed to become our next County Commissioner. Angela brings many years of experience to the role, both as a leader and commissioner and I am confident that the county will be in safe hands. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Angela to the role and give her your full support when she starts in position on the 1st September 2023.



Programme Training (Suitable for all sections)

Friday 9th June - 7pm-9.00pm at Waingroves Community Centre
136 Church St, Waingroves, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 9TE
- To book your place - [Click here](#)

1st Response - 6hr face-to-face, Module 1, 2 & 3

Saturday 10/06/2023 09:30am-4.15pm - Buxton Fire Station Community Room, Staden Lane, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 9RZ
To book your place [Click here](#)

Sunday 08/10/2023 9.30am-4.15pm - Chesterfield Guide HQ, St Margaret's Drive, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 4SX
To book your place - [Click here](#) to book

Learning & Development

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sun 25th June	Recruitment Event - Derbyshire County Show	Borrowwash Road, Elvaston, Derby, DE72 3EN	To register your interest, please complete this form
Sat 1st July	Youth United Activity Day	Chatsworth	TBC, more info to follow
Sat 8th July	Recruitment Event - Derby 5K Pretty Muddy (for Cancer Research)	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this form
Sun 9th July	Recruitment Event - Derby Race for Life 5K 10K (for Cancer Research)	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this form
Sat 22 nd - Wed 26 th July	SHINE County Camp	Lea Green, Matlock	Click here to book (closing date 31 st May)
Sat 29th July	County Picnic open to all volunteers 18+ in the county	Pax Hoh, Hulland Ward	Click here to book your place
Sat 9th Sep	Recruitment Event - Derby Pride	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this form
Fri 15 th - Sat 16 th Sept	Adult International Sleepover	TBC	**Save the date**
Sat 16 th - Sun 17 th Sept	Guide/Ranger/YL (age 14-18) International Sleepover	TBC	Events will be for those interested in international opportunities.

Initiatives

Come and join the party!

Michelle, Jo & Izzy will be finishing their term as CC Team at the end of August this year and we would love to invite all volunteers in our county to join us for a celebration picnic at Pax Hoh camp site between 1pm and 4pm on Saturday 29th July 2023, it's a casual drop in event, so bring your picnic and your guiding friends. It would be great to see you!
Book your place by [clicking here](#)

CC Team Challenge – The final pieces of the puzzle

The final pieces of the CC Team Challenge are now ready to be launched. The final badge designs are being finalised and once they are we will update the website.

But for now, here are the last three challenges –

DISCOVER – Discover our amazing county, learn new facts and spread the word about Girlguiding Derbyshire

MY NEXT STEPS – As Michelle, Jo and Izzy look at their next challenges in Girlguiding, you can too. Whether that's a volunteer taking on a new role or a young member moving on to the next section.

CELEBRATE – Just as it says, lets Celebrate! This can be used for any occasion or special event.



Other Notices

Meet the office team



Leanne Ross is the office team lead and works in the office Mon-Fri 8.30am-4pm. Leanne is responsible for the day to day running of the county office. Leanne manages the administration of all county events and meetings. To contact Leanne via email – leanneross@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Ann Vardy is the office assistant and works in the office Mon, Tue, and Wed 10am-2pm. Ann is available to deal with any queries, information and support. To contact Ann via email – office@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Carla Fox is the finance assistant and works in the office Mon, Wed and Fri 9am-12pm. Carla is available to deal with any finance queries. To contact Carla via email – accounts@girlguidingderbyshire.org

The next **Commissioner Support Session** is on Wednesday 21st June 2023 and will be face to face to book your place, please [click here](#) to book your space. This is a great opportunity to meet Angela your next County Commissioner.

Ever wondered what it's like to be a commissioner?

We asked a couple of commissioners what they enjoy about the role, here's what they said.

I enjoy going out and meeting lots of other volunteers in Guiding and helping them to achieve the things that they want to do with their girls through advice, guidance, joint problem solving, being a listening ear or sometimes just pressing a button on GO!

I love the variety of the things I do, the people I meet & the unit guiding I experience.

There's lots of support available; including a 1-2-1 mentor, peer support from other commissioners via commissioner support sessions and our team WhatsApp group, training sessions and a lot of support from the commissioner structure in our county..

Commissioner Zone

Opportunities for your Units

County Office have been contacted by the below organisations to offer their activities/opportunities to girls in Derbyshire. Please contact the relevant organisation if you are interested.



PAWS FOR PETS
Poetry Competition

In collaboration with
Jamie Thrasivoulou



Open to young people aged 7-18
Entries close Friday 30th June

Lots more information on the competition can be found on our website; www.rspcaderby.org.uk/poetry-competition

RSPCA Derby are looking for aspiring young poets to write an original poem, in any style, based on the 5 Welfare Needs of Pets (more about this in the competition guide). There are three age categories (7-11, 12-16, 17-18) and the competition is open to young people in the Derbyshire area.

There are also some great **prizes** to be won.



Love4Life is a charity that supports young girls, aged 11-18, to overcome barriers such as poor self-esteem, body image and lack of resilience. They work across Leicestershire and Derby, supporting 371 girls in 2022. They wanted to reach out to see if there were any ways in which we could work together.

For example, helping young people to earn their charities or volunteering badges through fundraising. In return, they could support you by sharing our knowledge and perhaps supporting young people in some way -they are very open to ideas! For more information please contact Lara via email on lara.spray@love4life.charity.



The National Scout & Guide
Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band
BIRMINGHAM 2023
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The Ruddock Performing Arts Centre National Scout & Guide Concert Band Saturday 5th August 3pm
National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra Friday 4th and Saturday 5th August 7:30pm
Tickets can be purchased by [clicking here](#)



One of our members in Girlguiding Derbyshire, Ellan Day, attended the Juliette Low Seminar (JLS) last year. JLS is a programme run by WAGGGS to support and develop leadership in Guiding members all around the world. Part of the programme is a project, known as the "100 Girls Project". Each participant is asked to plan and deliver a project for 100 Girls aged 12 to 18 in their member organisation. This project is focused on tackling the leadership shortage we are facing as an organisation by promoting the leadership opportunities available to our young members and to work with them to inspire them to take on some of these opportunities.

Ellan has put together an activity pack which is available on the Girlguiding Derbyshire by clicking the following link: [JLS 100 Girls Project Event Activity Pack](#). There is also an information pack about [Leadership Opportunities in Girlguiding for Young Members](#).

The deadline for the project is the 30th June 2023 and Ellan needs 100 girls aged 12 to 18 to take part. For more information please email Ellan - ellan.day@btinternet.com