

Stop Press

Hello and welcome to the June 2025 edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter full of information.

As always, there is lots of information in this month's Digipost including some disappointing news about our planned Joint Venture between Girlguiding Derbyshire and Derbyshire Scouts.

Please go to page 3 for the information re the Joint Venture.

There is also lots of information in the other sections including opportunities and offers open to all within Derbyshire.

We have a stall booked at Toyota Family Fun Day on Sunday 27th July. We will be running craft activities and are looking for volunteers to help with the event. The event is 11am - 4pm and you can volunteer for a full or half day.

Please contact Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org if you can help.

1st Response

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Dates for 2025 are booking up with only a couple of spaces left. 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:

Sun 14th Sept-Matlock Green- 4 SPACES

5th Oct- Buxton Fire Station- 2 SPACES

Visit the link for more details and to book on:

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

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Mon 9 th June	Girlguiding Accounts package training	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-use-the-girlguiding-accounts-pack-tickets-1333921768919?aff=oddttdtcreator
Sunday 27 th July	Toyota Family Fun day	Toyota, Derby	Looking for volunteers to help run the event, if you are interested please get in touch
Sun 13 th Sept	Derby Baton of Hope	Darley Park	More details to come soon- we are looking for volunteers to support the event
Weds 17 th Sept	Gift Aid Zoom session	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312686152619?aff=oddttdtcreator

We are always on the lookout for people who would be willing to support with County events. If this is something you may be interested in, please get in touch with Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Training opportunities

Support session to help you use the Girlguiding accounts package - Monday 9 June 7.30 to 9pm at Girlguiding Derbyshire County office:
Please book your place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-use-the-girlguiding-accounts-pack-tickets-1333921768919?aff=oddttdtcreator

What is the Unit Accounts Package?

The Unit Accounts Package is a handy spreadsheet that enables you to keep track of your unit finances.

Come along on 9 June and Fiona, our county treasurer, will help you set it up if you have never used it before.

If you already do but have questions and/or would like help to find your way around the pack, then this session is for you too!

Gift Aid zoom session

17th September, 8pm.

Zoom call for all volunteers providing information on setting up and claiming Gift Aid.

To book: [Click here](#)

All members- Girlguiding HQ

Girlguiding all members call

When: Wednesday 4 June 2025, 7.30-8.30pm

Who's it for: All adult members and volunteers

We'll be discussing: Please join us for our June call, the topic of the call will be confirmed soon. There will also be a question and answer session.

[Register for the summer term call](#)

When: Thursday 6 November 2025, 7.30-8.30pm

Who's it for: All adult members and volunteers

We'll be discussing: Please join us for our November call, the topic of the call will be confirmed soon. There will also be a question and answer session.

[Register for the autumn term call](#)

Please contact events@girlguiding.org.uk with at least 1 week's notice for any access requests, including BSL. You can also share any questions that don't fit in the registration form with events@girlguiding.org.uk.

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Joint Venture- Update:

Update on the Proposed 2027 Joint Residential Event

Dear Members,

Following the work over the past two years exploring the possibility of a joint residential experience between Derbyshire Scouts and Girlguiding Derbyshire, we want to thank everyone who has supported this initiative so far.

Earlier in this process, a joint committee from both associations came together to develop a clear governance structure and outline key 'go/no go' markers that would guide us through the decision-making journey. This framework has allowed us to carefully and responsibly assess the feasibility of the proposed event.

We were pleased that significant progress was made — a dedicated group visited and evaluated several potential venues, resulting in two strong contenders: one in Staffordshire and the other in Nottinghamshire. These locations offered promising options for what could have been a memorable joint residential experience in the summer of 2027.

However, at this next critical stage, we were required to fill three essential leadership roles to move forward confidently: two lead organisers (one from each associations) and a finance team leader, ideally individuals with experience in overseeing large-scale events.

Despite positive engagement and the interest shown by our community, we have only been able to appoint two of the three required roles by the deadline. As a result, and in line with the agreed governance markers, we must now take the difficult decision not to proceed with planning the event for 2027.

While this news is disappointing, it reflects our commitment to ensuring that any large-scale event we undertake is done so with the right structures, leadership, and support in place from the very beginning.

Although we won't be progressing at this time, the spirit of collaboration and ambition behind this idea will continue to inspire future possibilities.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding.

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,
The Trustees

County team- changesPax Hoh

After many years as being chair of the Pax Hoh committee Steph Presland has stepped down from this role. Steph has been a stalwart of the campsite and has ensured that the venue has gone from strength to strength and we thank him for his commitment and hard work to Pax Hoh. He is staying on the committee so all his knowledge will not be lost. Thank you so much Steph for your dedication over the years.

We want to thank Kath Clay for being willing to become the new chair of the campsite committee, ensuring that things will continue to be managed seamlessly.

Properties Adviser

Steph has also decided to step down from his role of Derbyshire county properties adviser. Steph has been very knowledgeable about the properties and has always been available to discuss any issues regarding other Girlguiding held properties. Thank you, Steph for all your hard work in this role, it is appreciated.

If this role is something that would interest you, please email Angela on cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Inspire- 18-30s

Charlie Bentley has decided to step down from the role of Inspire adviser. She has worked incredibly hard to get this section off the ground and has run some great events. Thank you, Charlie for all your hard work. If this is a role that you would like to get involved with, please do contact Angela on cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Derby Guide Shop Update

We may have disappeared off the High Street but we are very much still around and trading.

All orders should be sent through by email to girlguidingderbydepot@gmail.com

We will make up your order and either post, hand deliver or arrange with you for collection, whichever is easiest for you!

Our shop loyalty scheme is still in operation for all units and your parents who buy from the Derby Guide Shop. Profits made are returned to local guiding through grants to our members.

Leaders are continued to be supported with discounted uniform prices.

Please shop locally and advertise our contact details with parents wishing to purchase uniform.

We are still actively looking for a new shop location but if you have any suggestions please contact us through the email address.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support.

Thank you
Nic and Jill

International opportunity: Rome to Home 2026

We are still looking for leaders to take our county patrol of Rangers on the Rome to Home Trip in 2026, and we need leaders for other internationals in 2026/7. You could apply as an individual or part of a team if you are already a team of leaders. Please fill this form in by 29/06/25 to submit your interest!

<https://forms.gle/GWLJqPKbyxQqMWmQ9>

County advisor's- save the date!

Midland's region advisor day

Date: Saturday 27 September, 9.30-9.45 arrival until mid afternoon

Venue: Ashby School, Nottingham Road, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 1DT

Reasonable travel expenses will be paid; we encourage car sharing where possible. Everyone will be required to bring their own packed lunch, refreshments will be available on arrival and in the afternoon. Please save the date if you can attend.

Tean Valley Meadow- craft sessionsCraft based nature course

We have been running courses for all sections for the past four years at our nature reserve just outside of Uttoxeter. We have made bird boxes, bug hotels, bee hotels and at Christmas- wooden reindeer decorations. Please see our website for a taster of other sessions or if you are interested, please contact Alan Williams on 01283 813541 or 07899 953734-

teanvalleymeadow@gmail.com

<https://teanvalleymeadow.org.uk/>

St John's Ambulance

Within St John's Ambulance we are having a large push for more community engagement, where SJA volunteers will come in to unit nights or sessions and run first aid courses or what the leaders or organisers would like within our charities domain. As our first aid program was designed alongside SJA they would be able to help with the delivery.

If you are interested in St John's visiting your unit, please contact Barry on barry.monroe@sja.org.uk

Heritage Wood- Illuminated Walk

We are busy making preparations for this year's event which promises to be an amazing night out, filled with lights, colour, music and features.

To express your interest please contact: Jill, Heritage Wood, 01335 360488 or heritagewood.Derbyshire@gmail.com

Heritage Wood address: Hollington Lane, Ednaston, Ashbourne DE6 3AE

Booking Now Open

Join us at Unity 2026, an International Camp hosted by Girlguiding Staffordshire.

25th – 31st July 2026

Statfold Country Park, Tamworth, Staffordshire

Early Bird Participant Price: £250

Early Bird Leader Price: £65

Service Team Price: £225

Staff Price: £55

www.unitycamp.org.uk



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WHEN: SATURDAYS, (DATE TBC) FOR 12 WEEKS

WHERE: HADFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

TIME: 10AM-12PM

INTERESTED? INFO@THE-BUREAU.ORG.UK

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