

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

We are looking to revamp our website and introduce some newer content- if you have any ideas, please contact Emma in the office on emmagilbert@girlguidingderbyshire.org

On the back of how well our Winter camp went in February, we are pleased to say that our autumn camp is now open for bookings! Friday 17th October for Rangers and Saturday 18th October for Guides. See page 3 for more information.

NEW WATER ADVISOR!!!

Hello, I'm James Stafford and I have supported Girlguiding in Long Eaton Central District as a Unit Helper, helping with residential experience and DofE. I have always loved the outdoors and had an interest in water activities, especially Sailing! Research shows that being active and by the water is great for people's mental health.



I am really excited to support adult volunteers ensure that all our members have opportunities to participate in water activities, from sailing to kayaking, canoeing, power boating, rowing, rafting and paddle-boarding! I am keen to make links between water activities and the programme, badges and awards, to highlight opportunities and adventures available across the county. It will also be great to help leaders develop skills to enable them to deliver even more water activities.

It is great to join the County Programme Team and I look forward to meeting you all.

water@girlguidingderbyshire.org

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Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sun 13 th Sept	Derby Baton of Hope	Darley Park	Get in touch if you are free to help- Rachel accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
Sun 13 th Sept	Derby Pride	Markeaton Park	Get in touch if you are free to help- Rachel accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
Weds 17 th Sept	Gift Aid Zoom session	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312686152619?aff=oddtcreator
Sat 4 th October	Going Away With scheme Safer Guiding LDP Mandatory Training	St John's Walton, Chesterfield	In response to feedback from County Day we will be holding face to face sessions in the training listed below. Keep an eye out for more information: Going Away With Safer Guiding LDP Mandatory Training
Sat 11 th – Sun 12 th October	International Selection	TBC	This will be leaders and young members (12 years plus) who are interested in taking part in a county international. Booking link to be shared.
Sun 7 th December	Christmas Event	TBC	Look out for further details in September!

Girlguiding all members 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.

1st Response

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:

Current dates for 2025 are all fully booked; however, you can join a waitlist if you wish to.

Visit the link for more details and to book on:

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

Would you like to support our volunteers to be their best?

Are you keen to ensure we offer high quality learning opportunities and good guiding for our young members?

Ever thought of becoming a Girlguiding trainer?!

To find out how follow this link:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/learning-and-development/helping-others-to-learn/becoming-a-trainer/>

or contact Judith for a chat: training@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Gift Aid zoom session

17th September, 8pm.

A Zoom call providing a step by step information session on how to apply for Gift Aid and boost your unit funds. To book: [Click here](#)

Face to face training opportunities:

Saturday 4th October at St John's Walton, Chesterfield S42 7LT.

Following feedback from county day we are offering several slightly longer training sessions that have been specifically requested.
Drinks will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Going away with scheme – 10am to 2pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540426098929?aff=oddtcreator>

Curious about taking your unit away?

Want to know what's involved with residential or interested in finding out the process for getting your GAW licence?

Come along to find out more.

Safer guiding – 10am to 2.30pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540653880229?aff=oddtcreator>

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

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

LDP – Celebrating every member – 10am to 12

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540619467299?aff=oddtcreator>

The mandatory training for anyone becoming a leader. An alternative to the webinar.

LDP – Effective communications – 12.30 to 2.30pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540971249489?aff=oddtcreator>

The mandatory training for anyone becoming a leader. An alternative to the webinar.

Save the date!!

County Day 2025 Saturday March 21st

David Nieper Academy, Alfreton

Please check your Go contact details!

We have noticed that we are getting non-deliverables more often when contacting leaders. Over the summer, please check that the correct details are recorded on Go so we have the most current information. We'd also appreciate you spreading this request to other leaders as they may not see this message!

Inspire coordinator required.

This is a really interesting role for the 18-30 year age range. The aim is to expand the opportunities available to young women to develop and socialise, as well as to promote a more flexible model of volunteering. If this is something that you would like to lead on please contact Angela. This could be part of your Queens Guide award.

Giving girls a voice in Girlguiding Derbyshire. Is this for you?

Angela would like to establish a group of our young members who would help steer the county, giving feedback and ensuring that girls' voices are heard when events and activities are being planned.

In the first instance she would like someone to facilitate this initiative with her support. This could be a member who is looking for a Queens Guide project or anyone who sees the importance of having the girls' views taken into account.

This is very exciting as you would be beginning something new and have a blank canvas to start this new initiative.

If this is something that you would like to be involved with, please do contact Angela. Please do spread the word about this initiative and if you think of someone this might be of interest to please let them know.

Leaf Fall Autumn Camp

On the back of the success with our Winter camp in February, we will be holding an autumn camp at Pax Ho.

Friday 17th October for Rangers/Leaders and Saturday 18th October for Guides/Leaders

Leaders can come without Guides/Rangers if they would like to get this element of the badge.

Guides/Rangers must come with a leader. No residential license required.

Tickets are on sale now! There is a limit of 60 per night.

For more details:

<https://bit.ly/17OctAutumnCamp25>

<https://bit.ly/18OctAutumnCamp25>

Pax Hoh County Campsite – Could you help?

Exciting improvement works are planned at our Pax Hoh County Campsite, near Hulland Ward.

Some small improvements have taken place at Pax Hoh over the last few months e.g. the new permanently sited picnic tables, but....

The site is to be closed to users 1 – 17 September for a bigger project, during which the Pax Hoh Team is asking for some help.

The Project: Installation outdoor washing up sinks (with hot & cold water and shelter) on the south wall of the Toilet block, plus fitting of a new boiler, sited in the camp equipment storage room. This work will need some clearance and sorting of the camp equipment storage room.

Help Required: with the clearing, sorting and re-organising of the camp storage room. This will be on-going work during this period. Can you, (guiders, volunteer, young member – guides upwards) spare any time during this period to help with sorting and pitching tents and sorting other equipment so we can catalogue all our assets and only retain those in good condition.

Guide and Ranger Leaders do you want to bring your unit up for a day / weekend (free camping if you stay overnight) a chance to develop camp skills as part of the 'Green badge portfolios'. Note: Free camping, booking will be required, would NOT be available 7th– 11th September.

Individual adult volunteers can you be available anytime during this period to help out, there will be plenty to do other than tent sorting?

Guides & Rangers undertaking DofE, can helping at Pax Hoh be a 'service opportunity' for you (please discuss with your DofE Advisor)?

Contact Kath Clay (Pax Hoh Chair) phone / text 07767 331855 or e-mail paxhoh@girlguidingderbyshire.org or office@girlguidingderbyshire.org (with 'Pax Hoh Help' in your message title) with offers of help or requests of further information.

Kath Clay (Chair Pax Hoh)

Christmas 2025!

Look out for details of our Christmas 2025 badge design competition and Christmas event coming in September!

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



Bookings are now open!

it's going to be wild

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8th - 15th August 2026
Cheshire Showground





We thought you might be interested in this free writing activity

Back by popular demand for 2025 **The Young Writers' Annual Showcase** is now open for entries!

It celebrates all forms of creative writing, has a 1,000 word limit, is open to all 4-18 year-olds in the UK and runs across the summer, closing on the 12th September 2025.

There are so many ideas you can use to inspire a bit of creative, quiet time...

- *A diary/journal about their favourite day or time at camp*
- *A ghost story*
- *Song lyrics*
- *The world around them – be inspired by their surroundings*
- *A day in the life of... who or what would they be if they could be anyone or anything for a day?*
- *A blog about the summer camp*

By entering **The Annual Showcase** entrants could get published and even win a £100 prize!

Writing is a great way to express thoughts, feeling, opinions and to be creative. From song lyrics or **an article** to an epic poem or **script**, the showcase allows imagination to flow and helps kids understand that writing is fun, free and can be done anywhere!

Find out more here! If you have any questions please get in touch.

Lynsey
Young Writers
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We are a working organic farm and run alpaca and goat experiences. We would love to start to offer visits to Girlguiding.

If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch:
Natalie Oldfield
[Peak District Animal Experiences | Rustic Retreats](#)