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County Commissioner

# Welcome to

## Girlguiding Derbyshire

Here in Derbyshire, we know how lucky we are to have such a great team of inspirational volunteers doing a brilliant job, enabling the girls & young women in our county to develop, grow and have some amazing experiences and we provide a fantastic support network to help those volunteers develop existing skills, learn new skills & gain qualifications.



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If you have any questions, that are not covered by the information in this booklet, then please contact your local commissioner or the County Office who will be able to help.



Izzy, Michelle & Jo  
County Commissioner Team

Our County team, along with our team of commissioners, mentors and trainers, are here to help give our girls and volunteers the best opportunities for personal and team development and most importantly of all...

**to make friends  
& have fun**



**Our volunteers aren't paid but they are priceless.**

# Getting to know Derbyshire

We are lucky in Derbyshire that our leaders have a great support network. This is offered through their area and district commissioners, section advisers, training opportunities and membership support.

## County Team

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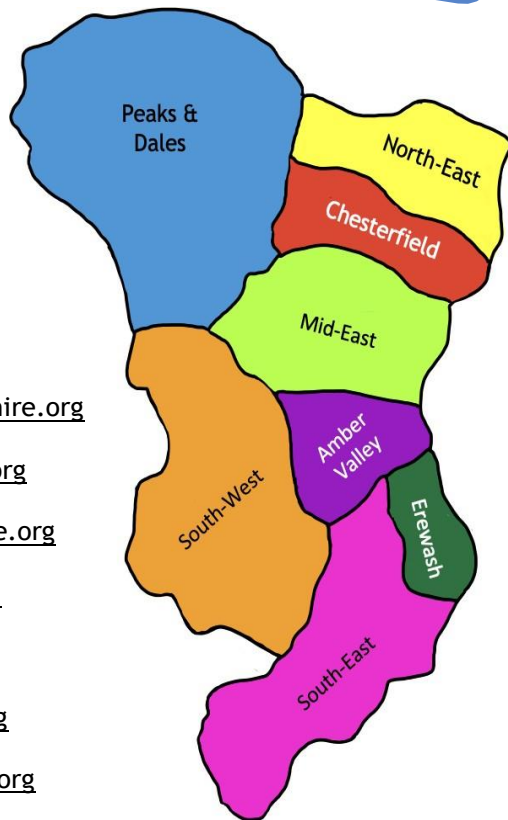
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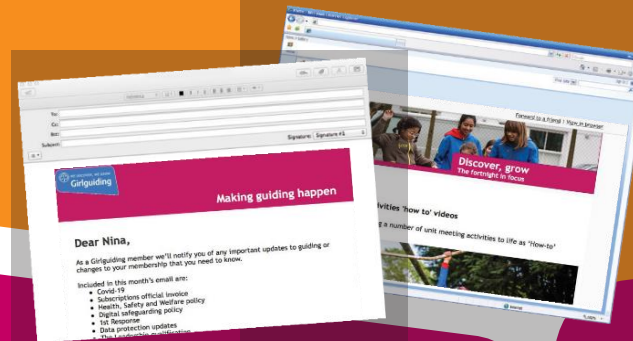
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# Keeping in touch

There's always so much going on in guiding. That's why we like to keep you in the loop and up to speed.



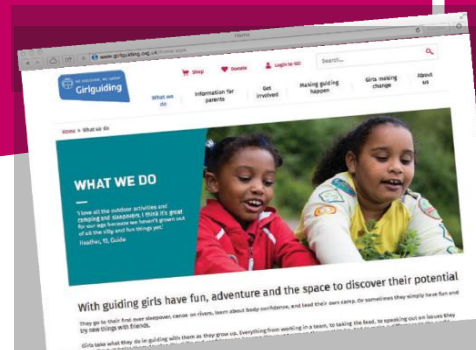
Look out for our e-newsletters landing in your inbox - you'll get *Discover, grow* every two weeks, *Making Guiding Happen* and *Girlguiding Derbyshire's Digi-Post* once a month. These round up all the most recent goings-on in guiding, important updates and membership changes.

Each term we'll send you *guiding* magazine (make sure you opt in on GO to receive it!). You'll find it packed full of activity ideas, great guiding conversations and insightful interviews.



Got a question about guiding? Chances are the answer will be on our website. What events are coming up? Easy. What training can you get? Sorted. If it doesn't have the answer you're looking for, it'll tell you where you can find it. [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk)

Keeping in touch works both ways. Share your photos, views and stories with us on Facebook and Twitter (where you can also get all the latest news and updates from us). [facebook.com/GirlguidingForMembers](https://facebook.com/GirlguidingForMembers)



# So what could you turn your hand to?

There are so many ways you can get involved with guiding. You might want to have adventures with girls. You might want to support other volunteers. You might want to go to every weekly meeting, or you might want to just help out when you can.

## Leader in training

Leaders enjoy all kinds of adventures with girls and you'll get lots of support while you train.

## Young leader (if you're aged 14 to 18)

A chance to develop your leadership skills, which always looks good on applications for jobs or higher education.

## Unit helper

Use your skills to support a unit, whether working with girls or helping to keep essential admin on track.

## District/Area administrator

Be a vital part of the local team, helping with everything from running events to updating GO (the membership database).

## Unit administrator

Manage unit records, balance the books and get involved in fundraising initiatives, opening up more opportunities for girls.

## Unit helper

Join the fun in a unit or on residential trips without committing to weekly meetings.

## What else can you do?

Do you have specific skills and experience that you'd like to share with girls or use to help other volunteers? Event planning expert?

You could run a fun day for Rainbows and Brownies. PR pro? You could help get Girlguiding in the news. Juggler, programmer or Rubik's cube whizz? You could run a workshop for girls.

3 Speak to your commissioner and get involved.

# Buddies

Helping you settle in.

My Buddy is:

## What is a Buddy?

A buddy is someone who volunteers in the same section as you or in a similar role (for example, Rainbows/Brownies/Guides/Rangers or a supporting role such as treasurer). They are there to answer any questions you may have relating to your role or guiding in general.

## When, where and how often will we meet?

This is totally up to you and your buddy. It could be a weekly call, text or an email in the beginning so they can check how things are going and you can ask any questions you may have. If you live close enough to meet up, you may fancy getting together for a cup of tea and a chat or maybe arranging to go to a meeting that is appropriate to your role. It is up to you and your buddy to decide how this works best for you.

## What other support will I have?

The district commissioner or leader in charge of your Unit will typically be your first point of contact, and they are there to answer any questions, you may have too. If you're volunteering with a unit then the girls and other volunteers will welcome and support you as well as others in the district and division who you will meet if you attend wider guiding events.

If you are doing your leadership development programme (LDP) then you will be assigned a mentor to support you through this. There are also lots of ways to find support online - from visiting our websites to joining Facebook groups



# Key Information

If you're joining a unit, here's what you need to know.



My unit

When and where we meet

Contacts

## District Commissioner Contact Details

### Peaks & Dales Area - Districts

Bakewell & Calver - [BakewellCalverDC@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:BakewellCalverDC@girlguidingderbyshire.org)  
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### Mid-East Area - Districts

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# Opportunities

There are so many things you can do with Girlguiding

You can commit as little or as much time as you want - from one-day and weekend events to three-week camps and seminars, to three-year volunteer leadership roles. Whatever you're looking to do, there's always a way to get more involved with Girlguiding!

See what you could get up to with Girlguiding

Current events and opportunities to get more involved in guiding. Learn new skills, go along to an event or see the world. There's always something to do in Girlguiding.



Training for travel and residentials  
Safe Space Trainings  
Become a Trainer  
Fundraising  
E-learning packages and webinars

Leading outdoor adventures  
First Response Training  
Recruitment  
International Trips

**WAGGGS** (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts)  
exciting volunteer opportunities which could include:

- working with new WAGGGS countries
- supporting the work of the WAGGGS regions
- providing translation or interpretation



# Awards

We are really proud of our volunteers, so like to say thank you! Here are some of the ways we can thank our volunteers in Girlguiding Derbyshire.

**Long Service Awards** - Any adult member who volunteers regularly is eligible for a Long Service Award from the age of 16. There are 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 year awards.

## Girlguiding Derbyshire Awards

**Spirit of Guiding** - For girls and young women between the age of 4 and their 26<sup>th</sup> Birthday that have shown they have kept their promise and shown the true spirit of guiding.

**Derbyshire County Rose** - For service that encompasses reliability, loyalty and enthusiasm and demonstrates exceptional and/or outstanding and/or sustained service.

**Cloth 'Thank You' Badge** - For Commissioners to say a special thank you!

**Derbyshire County Commissioners Special Award for Outstanding Achievement** - Given at the discretion of the County Commissioner to units, districts, areas and volunteer groups in recognition of their outstanding group achievement.

**National Thanks Badge** - Can be given to members and non-members as a sign of appreciation for their support.

There are also Midlands Region and National Awards that can be awarded, why not have a look at their website?

# Induction checklist

Use this page to check you have everything you need to get stuck in!

Name

Date

- I've attended a 1-2-1 meeting/welcome event/received a phone call
- I've been introduced to the opportunities available and chosen the most suitable role I've seen the Welcome to Girlguiding video (search 'Welcome to Girlguiding' on YouTube)
- I've completed disclosure check (if required)
- I've submitted details of two referees
- I know who to contact and how if I have a problem
- I've been introduced to local volunteers in my unit/area
- I've been made aware of important dates, meetings and learning and development opportunities available to me
- I've met with my buddy
- I've been shown websites, social media pages and online groups that I may find useful, including [girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen](http://girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen)
- I know where to find guiding resources
- I know the fundamentals of guiding
- I understand where I fit in the structure of guiding
- My contact details and best way to contact me are up to date
- I've been given a tour of the building my unit uses\*
- I've been made aware of any upcoming trainings and development opportunities
- I've been told how to submit an expenses claim
- I've talked to my commissioner about what I need to wear
- I've completed A Safe Space training Level 1
- I've visited a unit\*

\*If you're volunteering in a unit

# Grants

Financial concerns should never stop anyone being involved in Girlguiding in Derbyshire, so to support our volunteers and young members, we have a number of grants available.

## New Girlguiding Leader Grant

You can apply for up to £30 from Midland Region Trefoil Guild within the first 3 months of becoming a new unit leader (or returning after a break in membership of over 12 months) with Girlguiding and could be used for buying uniform or paying the annual subs fee, please visit the website to find out more.

The form is available at - [www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/resources](http://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/resources)

## Other grants are available to support things such as:

- Recruitment and Training
- Opportunities to attend County/Region/National events and trips
- International Trips
- Any young member or volunteer in need, to support their Girlguiding activities

If you need any help or you are not sure which grants are available to you, please contact the county office, who will be able to help.