

**Stop Press**

**Hello** and welcome to the December edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter. A very (early) Merry Christmas to you all! We hope you all manage to enjoy some quality time with your family and friends over the festive period and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!



**Learning & Development**

**First Response**

Please see the dates below for the various different First Response, face to face, training sessions. All of these training sessions can be booked online. Please click [here](#) to book your place.

Note- trainees must complete e-learning First Aid on the Learning platform prior to course.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Etwall- SPACES

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January- Matlock- SPACES

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February- Chesterfield- SPACES

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March- Belper- SPACES

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Long Eaton- SPACES

**Practical Assessment- 2 hour face to face training session (module 1)**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March- Long Eaton- SPACES

**County Day 2024-** a survey will be coming out as want to know what YOU want from YOUR County day...watch this space!

County Day 2024 - Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Allestree Woodlands School, Blenheim Drive, Derby

More information coming soon

Got an idea for something you'd like to see at County Day?

Email [office@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:office@girlguidingderbyshire.org) with your ideas!

Commissioner Support session

Virtual session to talk through Our Plan data- useful for all Area and District commissioners.

February 2024- info to be sent out ASAP

**Initiatives**

- Social Action 2023-24

All section initiative from Girlguiding Midlands. Supporting two charities "Young Minds" and "Dogs for Good". Our challenge pack aims to educate our young members and get you helping your communities and local causes. These two charities work together harmoniously as dogs are a common feature in looking after our young members and their mental health.

- Free UMAs and Skills Builders

Available from Girlguiding UK Trading website. Currently there are physical copies available (but you will need to pay a small postage charge). From 2024 Girlguiding UK are looking to make these resources electronically available as PDFs

## Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> -Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Odeon cinema screening- Wish	Selected Odeon screenings	See Girlguiding UK for more information
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9am-3pm	Whiteley Woods Outdoor Skills Day	Whiteley Woods Outdoor activity centre, Sheffield	Cost: £15 full day (includes hot lunch) £5 half day Contact us at 07841014324 or <a href="mailto:anna.guiding@hotmail.com">anna.guiding@hotmail.com</a> <a href="https://forms.gle/PtRzgrWgJiFWQxo7">https://forms.gle/PtRzgrWgJiFWQxo7</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	County Day	Allestree Woodlands School, Derby	More information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024- save the date	Azores and Tanzania 2025	Trefoil House, Birmingham	More information to follow- Midlands region international selection for girls aged 14-18
6 <sup>th</sup> +7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Brownies and Guides day trip to Legoland Windsor	Legoland Windsor	Region trip- more information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> August- save the date	Denmark Dash- a book and go trip for units, districts, divisions or counties	Denmark	More information to follow- Girlguiding Midlands

### Subscriptions:

Key dates you need to be aware of for the annual subscriptions process:

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 24- trial invoices will be available via GO.

6<sup>th</sup> Feb 24- email reminder to download and check your trial invoice will be sent

19<sup>th</sup> Feb 24- no more changes will be able to take place

20<sup>th</sup> Feb 24- official invoices will be available to download and pay either by card or cheque. An email will be sent to let leaders know.

14<sup>th</sup> March 24- reminder email will be sent to ensure payment is made.

28<sup>th</sup> March 24- all subscriptions must be paid by this date.

There are also grants available for units who are in areas of deprivation- these cannot be used for subs but may help 'free up' funds for subs. There is also cost of living grants available to help struggling units but please do not rely on these. If you think your unit will struggle with the subscription please do get in touch with the County office.

### Pen Pals

The Brazil Girl Guide Organisation has a Guide group based in Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais that is hoping to establish connections through a pen pal programme with Guides in England. The Guides participating are ages 12-15. If anyone would like to take this forward please contact [Emma.guthrie@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:Emma.guthrie@girlguiding.org.uk)

### Flying High Gang Show- 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Tickets for the 2024 performance have gone on sale via the Derby Theatre box office. Come and support your fellow Guiding and Scouting members- rumour has it our very own County Commissioner will be treading the boards! <https://derbytheatre.co.uk/event/flying-high-gang-show-2024/>

## Other Notices

### Commissioner Support:

Commissioner Support session

Virtual session to talk through Our Plan data- useful for all Area and District commissioners.

February 2024- info to be sent out once all details are confirmed.

### Units that need some support for Subscriptions in 2023

If you have units in your districts that have raised financial concerns with you and are worried about being able to pay Annual Subscription, then please get in touch with your Area Commissioner as we have received a small pot of money from Girlguiding to specifically support units in need, so please get in touch.

## Commissioner Zone

## Vacancies

We have the following vacancies to fill- if you are interested in finding out more please contact Angela on [cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org)

### Peer-Ed Co-Ordinator

As a Peer-Ed Co-Ordinator you will support the peer-educators in linking up with units/leaders. You will help to shout out about the peer-educator programme and encourage Rangers to get involved. We have a group of members already trained up and ready to go- just no co-Ordinator to oversee it all!

### Young Leader Co-Ordinator

We are looking for somebody to help guide the Young Leaders through their qualification. They will be assigned a leader to support them but need someone to liaise and answer further questions etc. Interested? Email Angela to find out more!

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# CELEBRATION TEA 2023



Last month we were joined by over 100 members from across the county for our Awards Celebration Tea. It was a fantastic afternoon with so many inspirational people.

Nominations will open again next year on Thinking Day 2024.

Please do nominate people from your area!

Pictures from the 2023 event can be found on the Girlguiding Derbyshire Facebook