

Stop Press

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

We want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to Leanne, our fantastic Office Manager, for all that she has done for the County. As she now heads off on maternity leave, we wish her all the best with this exciting new chapter and look forward to meeting the new arrival!

The office remains in safe hands during her absence, with Ann Vardy stepping into the role of Office Manager. We're also delighted to welcome Emma as our new Office Assistant. Wishing Leanne all the best, and a warm welcome to Ann and Emma in their new roles!



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:

5th Oct- Buxton Fire Station- 6 SPACES

23rd Nov- Etwall- 3 SPACES

Visit the link for more details and to book on:

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

Events

| Date | Event | Venue | Booking link/more information |
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| Sat 22 nd March | County Walk- Lathkill Dale | Youlgrave | See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkLathkillDale |
| Sun 8 th June | Bonkers for Conkers- Rainbow and Brownie event | Conkers, Swadlincote | See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/RainbowBrownieConkers |

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

Equally, if you are aware of any events you think County may be able to support with, please get in touch with Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Commissioner Zone

County commissioner day 2025

Saturday 26th April- lunch will be provided for all.

The Post Mill Centre, South Normanton, Alfreton

Times to be confirmed- keep an eye on your emails.

This event is for all District and Area commissioners across the County. An opportunity to network and discuss plans in the County and across areas/districts. County advisors and growth/social media reps are also invited to join.

International

International opportunities

We had a successful selection weekend in February but interest from one adult across the County.

We now are in a position where we have young members who are really keen to have an international experience but no leaders to run any trips.

We are looking for both leaders with international license, leaders who are wanting to experience an international but not necessarily lead it and leaders who are interested in gaining their international license and leading a trip.

If you fit any of the above, please do get in touch with Zoe on international@girlguidingderbyshire.org.

We are also looking to hold a virtual 'International- find out more' so keep an eye on Digipost, social media and your emails for more information about this.

Leader support sessions

Girlguiding all members call

Girlguiding UK are holding another all members call on Wednesday 12th March, 7:30-8:30pm. The topic of the call is yet to be confirmed.

For more details, please click the following link:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/events-and-opportunities/events/all-member-and-volunteer-calls/>

If there is anything you feel would support you in your role, please get in touch.

Contact Judith Glenn on training@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Barbara Lomas Legacy

Girlguiding Derbyshire have been extremely fortunate to have been bequeathed a large legacy from Barbara Lomas a guider from Buxton. This is in the region of £550,000. With this money we would like to buy a permanent home for Girlguiding Derbyshire and give opportunities to our girls to have adventures. Whilst we make decisions about the legacy, we are investing the money. This very generous gift will support Girlguiding Derbyshire for many years to come, and we are very grateful to Barbara.

Baton of Hope- Derbyshire.

We are looking to support the main event in Derby on the 13th September but the organisation are looking for awareness stalls at different events across Derbyshire- this may be something you could involved in, within your local area.

The UK's Largest Suicide Prevention Initiative. The Baton of Hope will be coming to Derby/Derbyshire on 13th September. To support the main day there will be mini events across the route where there is opportunity for stalls, entertainment, activities, crafts and much more.

As well as this main event we are also hosting pre-events across Derbyshire!

Events you can sign up for;

- Baton of Hope Main event 13th September 2025
(batonofhopederbyshire.co.uk for more information)
- ThinkFest – Chesterfield Vicar Lane – 14th May 2025 – 10am to 3pm
- Long Eaton, West Park (Rugby Club) – 6th July – 10am to 3pm
- Staveley Chesterfield – TBC Please register interest
- High Peak (New Mills or Glossop or Both) – TBC Please Register interest

There may be opportunity to support at other events, if you are interested you can contact myself

(luke.oldham@derbyshire.co.uk) or the Baton of Hope Derby/Derbyshire volunteer committee on batonofhopederby@gmail.com

What are we looking for?

- We are looking for a range of stalls which will be sharing information on local support or services (Free)
- Activities and entertainment which people can get involved in (Any ideas welcome)
- Crafts and art-based activities
- Music and live performance groups
- Local volunteers to help with supporting on the day

North West region – British Overseas Territories

Support the Girlguiding British Overseas Territories by purchasing our exclusive badges! These beautifully designed badges are a perfect addition to your collection and a great way to show your support for Girlguiding on the British Overseas Territories (GGBOTs). Every purchase directly benefits GGBOTs, helping to fund essential programs, activities, and resources for our members. Your contribution will go a long way in supporting our mission to empower girls and young women across the British Overseas Territories. Get your GGBOTs badges today and make a difference!

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Office opening hours

Please see the office opening hours for this coming year:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday- 9am-4pm

Thursday- call ahead as the office may not be open

Friday- 9am-12pm , afternoon telephone only 12pm-4p

Chief commissioner recruitment – now open

The recruitment process has now started to seek a successor to Clare. Details on the region website.

<https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/jobs/chief-commissioner-girlguiding-midlands>

[Sign up for our next property conference](#)

March 2025, at Trefoil House, Birmingham; 10am – 3:30pm.

We're hosting a day to support members with responsibilities for local Girlguiding properties and to network with other property owners. Topics will include fire safety, legionella, insurance, and legal advice.

County day 2025

We had a lovely time at County Day 2025 and we hope you did too! We are feeling a bit flat after a brilliant day so we are looking forward to planning 2026's event and your feedback is really helping! Below are some pictures, showing just what we got up to.





Bonkers for Conkers! 2025



Rainbows and Brownies

When?

Sunday 18th June 2025

Where?

Conkers, Swadlincote, DE12 6GA

Cost? £5pp (1 leader free per 5 children)

See eventbrite booking link for more
information.

FAQs are available on the County
website, under the events tab. These will
also be emailed out to booking leads.





Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers

All welcome to Climb, Boulder, Abseil, Air Walk & Cave

1 hour - £15 per head

1.5 hours - £17.50 per head

2 hours - £20 per head

Activity day 10am-3pm - £55 per head

Discounts are available

Book a second session within the same school year and its Half Price.

Includes entry, equipment and instructor.

Sessions will differ depending on capabilities of groups

Leaders who take part no charge

Proof of insurance and risk assessments available

Climbing Sessions, 6 x 1.5 Hours

We instruct all of the the essential skills needed to become a safe climber. For Scouts and Cubs, they can also earn an activity or climbing badge.

6 sessions at a discounted price of £90 per person. Groups of 8-16 are ideal.



Opening Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

4pm - 9pm

Wednesday 4pm - 10pm

Saturday 9am - 4pm

Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Can open outside of normal hours if required.

Booking Essential

Email: questions@alter-rock.co.uk

Call 01332 367200

The National Scout and Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band present their Anniversary Concerts

**Celebrating 50 years of the NSGSO and
10 years of the NSGCB**

Nottingham Albert Hall

Thursday 7th August 2025 at 6:30pm

Tickets: £5 - £8

Birmingham Symphony Hall

Saturday 9th August 2025 at 7.00pm

Tickets: £8 - £25



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REPERTOIRE TO INCLUDE

ABBA GOLD
DANZÓN NO. 2 - MÁRQUEZ
OVERTURE TO CANDIDE - BERNSTEIN
JUPITER FROM THE PLANETS - HOLST
THEMES FROM STAR WARS - JOHN WILLIAMS

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**Tickets on sale now via
tickets.nsgso-nsgcb.com**

Group rates available





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TAKE PART IN
The Classic Skegvegas 100
107 mile cycle

or
the New

Ashbourne Amble
20 mile walk



Start: Derby Arena **Date:** 17th May 2025 **Time:** 6:30-7:30am

For more details or to join in simply scan
the QR Code to register your interest!





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CORPORATE TEAMS

Partner with Hike & Bike and Make a Lasting Impact.



Join us and align your brand with one of Derbyshire's most inspiring charity events. The Bike & Hike unites cyclists and walkers in support of Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre and Derby Kids' Camp. Entering a business team boosts visibility while making a real difference for local children. Get your business involved in an unforgettable team-building experience while making a real impact. Our corporate packages include: Event tickets for your team (choose from cycling or walking options), branded t-shirts to represent your company with pride, recognition on our website and social media and marketing opportunities to connect with event participants.

Visit cosybikeandhike.com/corporate_teams to find out more

Package Options:

Corporate 10 – £1,000 (10 participants)

Corporate 4 – £500 (4 participants)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Maximum Exposure, Maximum Impact

As our Event Sponsor, your brand takes center stage across both the SkegVegas 100 and Amble to Ashbourne events. This premium sponsorship package includes: Branding on all event materials, signage, and merchandise, featured sponsor recognition on our website and all digital communications, extensive social media coverage, highlighting your support to our engaged audience, prime placement in all email campaigns sent to fundraisers and participants, complimentary event tickets for your team, along with branded t-shirts. Custom marketing opportunities to showcase your brand to thousands of participants and a link on the event website.

Visit cosybikeandhike.com/our-partners to find out more

This is the ultimate opportunity to position your business as a leader in corporate social responsibility while gaining exceptional brand exposure.



We offer tailored sponsorship levels, giving businesses of all sizes the opportunity to be part of this impactful event.

**Raising Money for Derbyshire Children's Charities:
Derby Kids' Camp & Derby Children's Holiday Centre**

Magical Midlands

Service team

Magical Midlands will be a day for all sections to come together from across Girlguiding Midlands and we need some fantastic volunteers to make it happen!

Join us at Uttoxeter Racecourse on
Saturday 12 July 2025

Apply by
31 March

Why not come along to tick off the 'volunteer' and 'region' boxes of your 'guiding challenge' as part of your Queen's Guide award?

Service team will be doing any jobs required for set up on the Friday, jobs during the event, and then clear down which will go on into the evening on the Saturday.

Xcite

Xplore

Xtreme

You will be part of the team that does all those 'behind the scenes' and 'front of stage' jobs that ensure this will be a magical event.

There will be the opportunity for volunteers to stay onsite on the Friday and Saturday night if they wish but there may be a small cost for this.

The day will cost £30 to include a hi vis jacket and event badge.

We welcome volunteers aged 16+ to be part of the event service team from across Girlguiding. We hope that you will join us to help deliver a day of amazing experiences.

Find more information and apply at
www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/jobs/magical-midlands-volunteer-team/

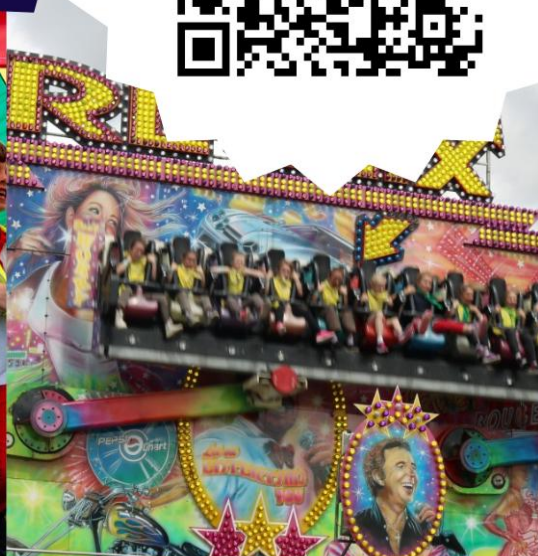
Contact midlands.headoffice@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk with any questions



Magical Midlands

12 July 2025

Scan to book:



Experience 3 fantastic activity zones: Xplore, Xcite and Xtreme! Have an amazing time at the fabulous finale and travel home with lots of magical memories!

Location: Uttoxeter Racecourse, Staffordshire

(A brilliant venue with excellent transport links, including a train station!)

Price: £25 for Girls, £12.50 for leaders within ratios, £15 for additional adults

Bookings open 1 September 2024 and must close 30 April 2025.

Book early to avoid disappointment!



Trefoil Guild Midlands Region

Application Form – New Girlguiding Leader Grant

You can apply for up to £30 from Midland Region Trefoil Guild within the first 6 months of becoming a new unit leader (or returning after a break in membership of over 12 months) with Girlguiding and would like some support in buying uniform or paying the annual subs fee.

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| Name | |
| Girlguiding membership number | |
| Role | |
| Date joined Girlguiding as on GO (from 1/9/2021 onwards) | |
| Unit name | |
| District/Division | |
| County (must be in Midlands region) | |

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| Amount of grant requested (max £30) | |
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| Bank account details for direct transfer if application successful | |
| Sort Code | |
| Account number | |
| Name on account | |

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| Signature | |
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| District or Division Commissioner Name | |
| Signature | |

Please note; Trefoil Guild Midlands Region have a set amount set aside for these grants and once it has gone, it has gone and no further applications will be accepted. They reserve the right to decline an application if deemed necessary.

Email completed form to trefoilguildmidlands@gmail.com

Trefoil use only

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| <i>Trefoil use only</i> | <i>Approved by</i> | <i>Date</i> | <i>Date paid</i> |
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