

Meet the team

**HELLO** and welcome to August's edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter.

If you have any feedback about the newsletter please email [accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org).

Let us introduce you to some of our Programme Team - Part 1



Danielle Watson  
 Walking Adviser  
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Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Website and read more about the Team and their Guiding Memories

Learning & Development

Due to the current situation all planned County First Response and Safe Space Trainings have been cancelled. We are continuing to review the feasibility of holding face to face trainings based on advice from Girlguiding HQ.

The requirements for unit volunteers are summarised below

Unit Role	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Leader/Assistant Leader/Leader in Training	✓	✓	As a minimum 1 Leader per unit requires L3
Unit Helper	✓	✓	
Unit Administrator/Treasurer	✓		
Unit Occasional Helper	✓		
Unit Residential Occasional Helper	✓	✓	
Young Leader	✓	✓	
Young External Volunteer (e.g. D of E)	✓		

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**LEVEL 1**  
**TRAINING**

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**LEVEL 2**  
**TRAINING**

Just a reminder that you need to have completed the appropriate level of Safe Space training for your role by 31st December 2020. You can complete your Safe Space training online now click on the relevant box above for levels 1 & 2. **Midlands Region** will be offering Safe Space Level 3 training [online](#) towards the end of August. If you require this training you will receive an email directly from **Midlands Region** giving you details of how to book.

Events

Below is a summary of the County Events coming up in the next few months.

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Booking Link/ More Information
Sat 14th Nov 20	Cityopoly 2020	All day	Across Derby	Coming soon



Peak Camp - 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. What a fantastic event and thanks to all who took part. The sun shone and fun was had by all. The deadline for ordering your badges is midnight 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Here is the link to the form to complete <https://forms.gle/fWgLizek64ip8LuF7>

Virtual Campover 2020 - all badge orders have now been processed. Should you have any queries please contact [office@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:office@girlguidingderbyshire.org).



## Initiatives

### County Survey 2020 - Feedback

We were absolutely delighted with the number of responses we had to the County Survey and are working with the trainers to put together a long term training plan to cover the non mandatory trainings that you have told us you would like to see in the future. We were also blown away with how many people want to get involved in running County activities and it was great to meet so many of you on the overview sessions we ran. We are getting in contact with everyone who has shown interest and in some cases are creating working groups for specific projects, so please bear with us we will be in touch. ☺



### Celebrate our Lockdown Heroes

Thank you for all the wonderful nominations, we have received over 200! It has been a real pleasure to read about all of our fantastic Lockdown Heroes. - you are amazing! The recognition awards are now being processed and will be posted out in the next few weeks.

## Other notices

**County Office, Belper** has now closed and everything placed in an accessible storage facility. Post is currently being re-directed so please continue to use the current Belper Mills address. You can also still contact the Office by email [office@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:office@girlguidingderbyshire.org) or by telephone on 07368 233324. We will continue to look for an alternative and more cost effective office and will keep you updated with our progress.

**Welcome to our new Walking Adviser - Danielle Watson (see photo on previous page)** Hi, I'm Danielle and I'm really excited to be taking on the role of being Walking Adviser for the County. I would love to encourage you to take your units walking, to explore their local area or further afield, and I'll be here for advice if you'd ever like any.

I'm a Guide leader in Buxton, so I'm surrounded by the Peak District which I love. I've gone on walks all of my life, and also completed my Gold DofE through guiding. In 2017 I walked the Peak District Boundary Walk, walking almost 200 miles in 10 days, carrying all of my kit, has to have been one of the best walks that I've been on. My favourite place to walk has to be Kinder Scout, I love being on top of the plateau, it's where I feel free.

I've got some plans for walking in the county, but if you have any ideas, I'd love to hear them, so please get in touch. I look forward to meeting more of you along the way, and hopefully we can have a county walk sometime soon. If you'd like me to change anything, please just let me know.

## Commissioner zone

All District and Area Commissioners are required to complete **Safe Space Level 4**, this is now available as an online webinar training for those commissioners who have already completed levels 1, 2 and 3. Email [Leadership.EmailAccount@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:Leadership.EmailAccount@girlguiding.org.uk) for more details and to sign up and **LOOK OUT** for information coming from Girlguiding Midlands Region about more of these online Webinars becoming available from August

Date for your Diary: "**Toolbox 2**" is being planned for 24th October 2020 as a digital replacement for Commissioners Day.

**Unit Accounts** - Thanks to everyone who has been able to submit their accounts. Anyone needing any help is encouraged to email [finance@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:finance@girlguidingderbyshire.org). To ensure compliance with the Charities Commissioner deadline for submission is 30 September 2020.

**Return to Guiding** - We hope you were able to join one of the recent webinars for Commissioners, but if not you can find recordings of them and the recent Q & A session via your Go account. The FAQ's on the website are also being updated daily, so please keep an eye on them. If you need some support to help your units return to guiding then please contact your Area Commissioner or if you have any questions related to the details of those webinars, please contact your Area Commissioner or use our Commissioner WhatsApp group, as there is a wealth of knowledge and experience there ☺