

Stop Press

Welcome to the April newsletter of Digi-post. It is packed with information and exciting opportunities for everyone across Girlguiding Derbyshire. We are thrilled to share not one, but three international opportunities for members in 2027—be sure to explore the international section to find out more. You will also find helpful updates from April, our County Queen's Guide Advisor, and James, our County Water Advisor—don't miss their insights. Finally, a reminder that County Awards nominations are now open until the end of April. Please consider recognising the girls and adults in your units or districts who go above and beyond:

<https://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/derbyshire-awards>

Office opening times

Just a reminder that the office has limited opening times and replies could be delayed

Monday 9am – 2pm

Tuesday 9am – 4pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Thursday – CLOSED

Friday 9am – 12pm

GO – update details

Please ask members to take the time to log onto GO and check their contact details.

1st Response and other training opportunities

1st Response training dates

Saturday 18 April – Chesterfield Guide HQ – FULL

Sunday 14 June – Buxton Fire Station – 6 spaces

All bookings can be made by clicking the link [here](#), if the course is full, please join the waitlist.

Other training opportunities

LDP Mentors Zoom call – Thursday 7 May – 7.15pm

[Click here to book](#)

Subs Sums Support Zoom Session – Wednesday 20 May – 8pm

[Click here to book](#)

Gift Aid Support Zoom Session – Tuesday 23 June – 8pm

[Click here to book](#)

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

Events

| Date | Event | Venue | Booking link/more information |
|--------------|--|---|--|
| Various | Selection rides for Scout & Guide trip to the Netherlands 2027 | Ilkeston - 18 April Melbourne - 10 May Matlock - 6 June Wirksworth - 12 July | Selection rides in Spring 2026 for young people interested in the trip to experience what the days will be like in the Netherlands Click here to book |
| Tues 5 May | Rolls-Royce STEM event | Rolls-Royce Learning & Development Centre, Derby | A fun Rolls-Royce STEM day full of cool science and engineering activities just for Brownies! Click here to book |
| Thurs 7 May | LDP Mentors Call | Online | Opportunity for mentors to discuss the LDP and how it is going with their mentees |
| Mon 1 June | Commissioner support call | Online | See information in the commissioner support section |
| Sat 6th June | County Singing day | Gresley Scout Hut | More details to be confirmed but please save the date! |

Commissioner support

Derbyshire Commissioner support zoom calls 2026 – for all ACs and DCs:

- Monday 1 June
- Tuesday 13 October

Please put the dates in your diaries- a good opportunity to share information and support each other in your role.

Wednesday 10 June – Chat with confidence

- There is no cost to this event. More details will be shared ASAP

UK Commissioner call

- Wednesday 9 June - 8 - 9pm
- Held on zoom. Tailored updates and insights to support you in your leadership

For Sale

For Sale

We have 40 folding chairs with stand available. If you are interested or would like to make an offer, email office@girlguidingderbyshire.org



We have three fantastic opportunities for travel in 2027. There will be four trips running including the Japan trip (participants already selected). For more information or questions about our international offers, please contact Zoë on international@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Interrailing 2027!

We are selecting participants to go on an Interrailing Adventure in 2027! We plan to take part in the Girlguiding Midlands Ride and Seek event, with a wide game in Amsterdam, and a day at Phantasialand theme park, Germany, with other groups from across the Midlands, plus extra adventures along the way!

Dates will be around the Ride and Seek event on 30th and 31st July. We expect the trip to cost around £2000 but we are in the early stages of planning! This is open to Guides 12 + in Summer 2027, Rangers, and Young Leaders up to 18 at the time of the trip

Have you always wanted to visit Sangam, WAGGGS World Centre in India? Ready for your own Guiding adventure as an adult (without bringing your Rainbows/Brownies/Guides with you!!)?

Register your interest in our Adult Members trip to Sangam in the Easter school holidays, 2028! Please fill in the online form where there is more information, and we will keep you in the loop with our planning!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

Exciting Opportunity for Young Members!

We're thrilled to share a fantastic adventure for young members aged 12+ by 2027! Join Girlguiding Derbyshire and Derbyshire Scouts for a joint cycle ride around the Netherlands – an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and new friendships.

For full details, take a look at our handy Sway guide, where you'll also find booking links.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/tkuAvk4b6GRyjuCA?ref=Link>

If you have any questions, please get in touch: netherlands@girlguidingderbyshire.org

FIETSKAMP

Have you got what it takes to cycle 250 miles across the world's flattest country?

International opportunity for Guides, Scouts, Rangers, Explorers and Young Leaders

Girlguiding Derbyshire county

Scouts Derbyshire

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Selection Event
For our County trip around Europe

Sunday 31st May 2026
County Office, Ripley
11am - 4pm

Will you be ages 12+ in Summer 2027?

Contact:
international@girlguidingderbyshire.org
to book your place at the selection event.

Girlguiding Derbyshire County

SANGAM 2028
8th-20th April 2028 (Dates TBC)

Register Your Interest at
adultinternational@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Netherlands Cycling trip update

The leadership team for the trip is now in place, now we just need some girls! The trip is joint with Derbyshire Scouts and open to Guides aged 12+ and Rangers. Trip dates are Saturday 21st August – Sunday 29th August 2027. We are running selection rides around the County in April, May, and June 2026, with monthly training rides to get us fit and used to riding as a group. All the info for selection dates are below, or email Netherlands@girlguidingderbyshire.org for updates/further information.

Belper Town Football takeover

Back for 2026! We will be taking over Belper Town Football club again with places for Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. When? Saturday 9th May 2026
Cost- £5 per person
What is the event? Skills training sessions in the morning led by different coaches and then all sections tournament in the afternoon.

More details to follow but save the date!

We are also looking for volunteers to help run the event. If you are passionate about football, passionate about Girlguiding or sports in general then please consider volunteering. There are roles for everyone to help from registration, supporting activities, photography and more! Contact Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org for more information.

Region opportunities

There are several events and opportunities advertised on the Region calendar: https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/whats-on/calendar/?cal_month=3&cal_year=2026

Coming up in April:

Neurodiversity Matters- online webinar helping to expand your knowledge when working with members who are neurodiverse- Sat 11th April

Coming up in June:

Growth Success Stories- Join us for this online session where we will share lots of practical hints and tips that have been successfully used across Girlguiding Midlands this year. They've worked for someone else... they could work for you too!
-Mon 8th June

Water Adventure Badge

Planning your Summer Programme: Add in the Water Adventure Badge!

This adventure badge includes getting a little bit wet! There are so many activities you can do at a unit meeting, in... on... or under the water. Adventure is all about challenging girls.

If you would like some ideas get in touch with our County Water Activities Adviser – James Stafford DL. There are so many resources readily available about water safety, the environment and water activities.

Ask unit members these questions to work if they've had a water adventure:
Did the activity or challenge take them outside of their comfort zone or routine?
Was the activity or challenge new for them?
Did they experience something new?
Did they discover something new about themselves?

We'd love to hear about your water adventures. Let us know what you get up to. Water@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Rolls Royce are holding a STEM activity session just for Brownies!

When? Tuesday 5th May 2026

Where? Rolls-Royce – Learning and Development Centre

Time? 6–8pm

Cost? Nothing

There are only 100 Brownie places for this. To book your place see the Eventbrite link for more details.



Brownies
Derbyshire county



For more information about the above event for Brownies: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-stem-event-for-brownies-tickets-1984378954872?aff=oddtcreator>

Region grants

Don't forget to look at the Region grants that are available to support individuals and your units. To apply or more information click:

<https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/grants-for-units/>

Take on the Queen's Guide Award!

If you're aged 18–30 and looking for a new challenge, the Queen's Guide Award could be for you. As Girlguiding's highest award, it helps you build skills while making a real impact within Guiding and beyond.

The award is flexible and can fit around what you're already doing. Activities like the Leader Development Programme, Going Away With licence, Walking Scheme, and Duke of Edinburgh can all contribute, allowing you to develop leadership, volunteering, and outdoor skills in a meaningful way.

I began my award just before turning 30, completing it alongside work and volunteering. It challenged me, helped me grow, and was incredibly rewarding. Now, as County Adviser, I'd love to see more members across Derbyshire take it on.

To get started, speak to your District Commissioner, choose a mentor, and submit your registration form.

Top tips:

- **Pick challenges you enjoy**
- **Keep evidence as you go**
- **Stay proactive and self-motivated**

It's a big commitment—but a brilliant opportunity to grow and achieve. Why not give it a go?

QG@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Adult Leaders Uniforms Clearance Sale

Derby Guide Shop are clearing the stock of current Adult Uniform at £10 or less an item

(plus £3 P&P if required) Our usual collection/delivery service is still available.

| Item | Price | Sizes Available |
|---------------------------------|-------|--|
| Zipped Fleece | £10 | 6, 8, 10, 14, 20, 24 |
| White Polo (No Navy left) | £10 | 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24 |
| Long Sleeved Striped Casual Top | £4 | 6/8 and 10/12 |
| Zipped Hoodie | £10 | 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26 |
| Over the head Hoodie | £10 | 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 |
| Shell Jacket | £10 | 10 |
| Short sleeved Blouse | £5 | 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24 |
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Young Leader Uniform

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| YL Polo Shirt | £10 | 18 |

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Enquiries from Leaders or parents welcome.

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Come and have some fun, singing for pleasure, sharing campfire classics, and learning some new ones.

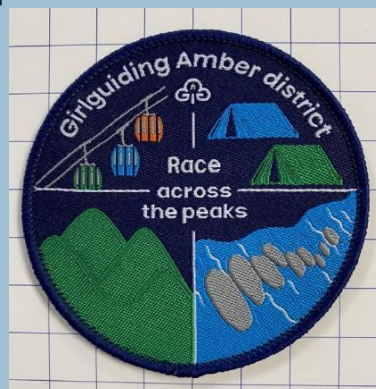
Saturday 6th June, Gresley Scout Hut, Park Rd, Swadlincote. More details coming soon

Race Across the Peaks- Challenge Pack

Helena, a young leader in the Amber Valley area, has created a fun challenge pack called Race Across the Peaks as part of her fundraising for her upcoming county international, Rome to Home.

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Rome2Home2026@gmail.com





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BELPER AMATEURS CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS DYNAMOS CRICKET

JOIN US FOR 2026!

For girls ages 8-11

Each Saturday morning 9:30-10:30 from 9th May until 4th July



Includes cricket
festivals



**BELPER
AMATEURS**

Contact Number: 07968 998568
Contact Email: belperamateurs@gmail.com
Address: The Packhorse Ground DE56 2DP

Spring Lakes Aqua Park

This July, we're opening late on Thursday evenings so that groups such as yourself can make the most of our Aqua Park. This is for organised groups such as including Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, and similar organisations.

When: Every Thursday in July

Session Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Exclusive Group Rate: £15 per person

Minimum Group Size: 15 participants

To take advantage of this offer email
sarah@springlakes.co.uk



Adventures in 2026



Sat 18, Sun 19, Sat 25, Sun 26 April 2026

Swadlincote Snowsports centre

SNOW *adventure days*

£40 per girl – attend for 1 day

**Rainbows**

**Guides**

**Brownies**

**Rangers**

For all sections

**Adventure
Team**

 **Girlguiding**
Birmingham

Sunday 26 April is fully booked

More information and booking form: [Snow adventure days - Girlguiding Birmingham](#)