

**HELLO** and welcome to October edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter

It's been a busy month since our last newsletter, with lots more guiding getting back to 'normal'. We have seen plenty of face-to-face meetings, events and award presentations, which is brilliant. Please do keep sharing your news items with us so, if you have permission, we can share them on our public social media too 😊

Last weekend, we were absolutely delighted to see Pat Presland from Chesterfield receive a Laurel Award in recognition of her outstanding service to Girlguiding.

The Laurel is only awarded to a very small number of people and recognises outstanding leadership skills across a variety of different roles and levels within Girlguiding. The award recipients are those who have made a significant contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both girls and adults and are respected by their guiding peers and stand out as a positive role model.

All of which Pat truly embodies!

Congratulations Pat on your very well-deserved Laurel Award 🙌



Stop Press

Date (2021)	Event	Time	Venue	Booking Link/ More Information
Mon 4th Oct 2021	Virtual 1st Response – part B	6.30pm	Online	Contact office
Weds 6th Oct 2021	Virtual 1st Response – part A	6.30pm	Online	Contact office

### Your Learning & Development needs

We sent out a survey over the summer to help us understand what learning & development you would like, but if you missed it, you can still contact us at [training@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:training@girlguidingderbyshire.org) with your requests for anything other than First response and Safe Space trainings which will be published soon. So if you think you would benefit from knowing more about any aspect of Guiding, please get in touch and we will do what we can to help.

#### Safe Space Training

You can complete Levels 1 and 2 via e-learning (use the links opposite).

**CLICK HERE LEVEL 1 TRAINING**

**CLICK HERE LEVEL 2 TRAINING**


#### Safe Space Level 3

This training will continue to be run online through Region and Nationally. Should you require this training please [CLICK HERE](#) to link to a booking form for you to complete with dates from Region.

**NOTE: You cannot hold unit meetings without someone who holds a Level 3 Safe Space present.**

Learning & Development

Events

Date (2021)	Event	Venue	Booking Link/ More Information
w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct (or anytime to suit)	Social Action Week - Support your local community in any way you wish - Part of the CC challenge.	All over Derbyshire!	<a href="#">Click here</a> to buy badges
22nd October 8pm	Autumn Term - all volunteer call to discuss what's planned over the next few months, subscriptions and a host of other things	Via Teams	<a href="#">Click here</a> to book a place
23rd October 10am	County Social Walk - Meet at Nether End car park, Baslow, DE45 1SR to start walking at 10am	Baslow	<a href="#">Email Danielle</a>
27th November	County Social Walk - save the date		**Save the date**
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> December	CC Team Christmas Challenge - organise your own event, take part in our challenge and exchange Christmas Cards. More details are available in the pack, via the link 	All over Derbyshire!	<a href="#">Click here</a> to buy badges <a href="#">Click here</a> to download the activity pack
Sat 18th - Sun 19th June, 2022	Brownies camp in tents!	Glenbrook	**Save the date**

### \*\*\*QUEENS GREEN CANOPY\*\*\*

We are invited to join in with the planting of trees for the Queens Green Canopy, which is to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee. Free trees are available through the Woodland Trust and all the details of how to apply for them can be found at [www.queensgreencanopy.org](http://www.queensgreencanopy.org)  
 More info about what is happening in Derbyshire can be found on [Facebook](#) Jubilee Trees Derbyshire [Instagram](#) @jubileetreesderbyshire

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## Initiatives

### \*\*\*CC TEAM CHALLENGE\*\*\*

The countdown has begun! From 11th October, help your local community in anyway you wish. Share in local news outlets and let your Area Growth and Social Media Reps know (ask your DC's if you're not sure who these are)! To order badges [CLICK HERE](#). If you would like to share your week in action, please email [socialmedia@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:socialmedia@girlguidingderbyshire.org)



Ideas:  
 Lobby for change on an action that's important to your girls.  
 Complete a neighbourly act, such as litter picking.  
 Share stories of guiding today whilst helping older people.

### \*\*CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE\*\*

Make sure that you're starting to plan your activities to fit in with the Christmas Challenge. There are lots of ideas in the challenge pack of how you might be able to run an event locally and join up with the rest of the county!

Follow the links to the badge pack in the 'Events table' and get planning 😊

### \*\*COULD YOU DESIGN OUR COUNTY CHRISTMAS CARD\*\*

This year, we are asking for someone to design our County Christmas cards.

Get designing - any member of Girlguiding Derbyshire can enter, Young or adult. Just make sure that names and ages are on any back of any entries.

Entries can either be sent into the office or e-mailed to [events@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:events@girlguidingderbyshire.org)

## Other notices

### \*\*\*GROWING GUIDING CHALLENGE BADGE\*\*\*

Our units have experienced significant change; less girls due to social distancing guidelines in meeting spaces, more girls through enabling them to join zoom and some different activities to what we're all used to. Like us volunteers, girls have also changed during the pandemic - Guiding is just important as ever to enable girls to be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. Ensuring many people know about our offer is key. Our lives have been changed by Guiding - you can change somebody else's? Badges are free to those in Derbyshire.

[Growing Guiding Challenge](#) | [Girlguiding Derbyshire](#)



### \*\*\*GUIDING RESOURCES\*\*\*



Why reinvent the wheel?

There are plenty of resources available to use to promote guiding. Leaflets and brochures available for free from trading (just pay P&P). Banners, gazebos and deely boppers are available from county office to name a few items:

[Resources - Equipment](#) | [Girlguiding Derbyshire](#)

Area Growth and Social Media Reps have a wealth of knowledge about promoting in the local area - reach out to them!



## Commissioner Zone

### Commissioner Support Sessions - Dates for your Diary

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - 7.30 pm - County Office Ripley** (open from 6.30 pm if you want to come along a bit earlier for a chat, please bring your own packed tea/snack) Can everyone also bring your own drinks mug please and drinks will be provided - [CLICK HERE](#) TO REGISTER - Registration closes 15th October. If you haven't already collected your commissioner folder, then please pick up when you attend 😊

The next commissioner support session after this will be on **9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - 7.30 pm** again at County Office in Ripley.

**Safe Space & DBS Compliance** - Please do make sure that the units in your district are aware that they need to have someone with a level 3 Safe Space qualification on any unit meeting, even virtual ones keep an eye on Safe Space levels 1 & 2 and DBS compliance to ensure that no-one gets caught out with a sanction or stuck as active pending because they haven't completed it. If you need some support please do ask your Area commissioner or drop a message in the DC WhatsApp group.

**Commissioner's Day** - We are hoping to be able to hold our next face-to-face All Commissioner's Day on Sunday 23rd January 2022 so please save the date as we'd like as many of you to join us as possible. More details will follow nearer the time.