

## Stop Press

**Hello** and welcome to the May edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter



As part of the **Kings Coronation** celebrations and as a little thank you to all of the volunteers in our county to celebrate Volunteers Week 2023, we will be sending all adult volunteers and young leaders one of these badges in June.

You can also buy this badge for the girls in your units at £1 per badge plus p&p but \*please note we will not be ordering the badges for your girls until 10th May 2023, so they will not arrive before 30th June.\* If you want to order badges for your girls, please complete this google form before 9th May 2023 and submit payment within 3 days of the order being placed (payment details are on the form).

<https://forms.gle/YyBbZCgvdimINVDW7>



If you are organising an event in your district/area linked to **The Big Help Out**, don't forget we can advertise via The Big Help Out app. If you would like your event adding via Girlguiding Derbyshire's profile, email [accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org)

## Learning & Development

### Introduction to unit accounts training

Monday 15th May - 7pm-9pm at Mickleover Royal British Legion, 30 Poppyfields Drive, Mickleover, Derby DE3 9GB

- To book your place - [Click here](#)

### Mentor training in Chesterfield

Saturday 20th May - 2pm-4pm at Chesterfield Derbyshire Girl Guiding Cross St, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 4SR

- To book your place - [Click here](#)

### Programme Training (Suitable for all sections)

Friday 9th June - 7pm-9.30pm at Waingroves Community Centre 136 Church St, Waingroves, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 9TE

- To book your place - [Click here](#)

## Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sat 20th May	Rangers & INSPIRE Virtual Careers Event	Virtual Event, for 14-30 year olds	Bookings open Friday 5th May @ 8pm, <a href="#">click here</a> to book.
Sun 25th June	Recruitment Event - Derbyshire County Show	Borrowwash Road, Elvaston, Derby, DE72 3EN	To register your interest, please complete this <a href="#">form</a>
Sat 1st July	Youth United Activity Day	Chatsworth	TBC, more info to follow
Sat 8th July	Recruitment Event - Derby 5K Pretty Muddy (for Cancer Research)	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this <a href="#">form</a>
Sun 9th July	Recruitment Event - Derby Race for Life 5K 10K (for Cancer Research)	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this <a href="#">form</a>
Sat 22nd - Wed 26th July	SHINE County Camp	Lea Green, Matlock	<a href="#">Click here</a> to book (closing date 31st May)
Sat 9th Sep	Recruitment Event - Derby Pride	Markeaton Park, Derby	To register your interest, please complete this <a href="#">form</a>
Fri 15th - Sat 16th Sept	Adult International Sleepover	TBC	**Save the date**
Sat 16th - Sun 17th Sept	Guide/Ranger/YL (age 14-18) International Sleepover	TBC	Events will be for those interested in international opportunities.

## Initiatives

A really important part of the role of our County Team of Area & District commissioners and County advisors is to help us develop the County Strategic Plan, where we look at all the different areas we deliver in the county and consider how we want to take these forward in the next few months and years. On 16th April, the full team came together to work through the plan & further refine it.

If you would like to know more or get involved, please email Michelle on [cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:cc@girlguidingderbyshire.org)



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## Other Notices

### FLYING HIGH 2024

Derby East Scout and Guide Gang Show, Flying High 2024, will be performed at the Derby Theatre, from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Workshops are open to any member of the Scout and Guide Associations who wish take part in the show, from age 8 years and above at the time of the show. Please email [producer@flyinghigh.org.uk](mailto:producer@flyinghigh.org.uk) or call 07815 500625 to find out more.



### Go for GOLD (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development)

Will you be 18 by the 1st February 2024 and still 30 or under by the end of October 2024? Are you ready for a life changing international adventure with like minded members from across the UK? Apply for the Go for GOLD selection weekend by the 4th June – [click here](#)

Not sure whether GOLD is the right opportunity for you? Come along to our GOLD webinar on Wednesday 24 May at 7:30pm to find out more about what GOLD is and what you could expect at a Go for GOLD selection weekend. You can sign up for the webinar by [clicking here](#)

GOLD will be paused for a year with no projects departing in 2025, so if you will be 30 in 2024 or 2025, now is your chance to apply!

### Commissioner Support:

The next **Commissioner Support Session** is on Monday 15th May 2023 and will be on zoom to book your place, please [click here](#) to book your space

Please remember the following **resources are available** to you to hand out to new volunteers:

- Jute bags for a new volunteers
- Volunteer Code of Conduct bookmarks
- Welcome to Girlguiding Derbyshire booklets

There will be another Commissioner Support Session in July, this will be a face-to-face session and will be a great opportunity for our commissioners to meet the next County Commissioner. We will confirm the date for that session in next month's newsletter.

## \*\*Opportunities for your Units\*\*

County Office have been contacted by the below organisations to offer their activities/opportunities to girls in Derbyshire. Please contact the relevant organisation if you are interested.



### Band of the Household Cavalry Outreach Opportunity

The Band of the Household Cavalry is a British Army band based in Windsor. It is the country's largest symphonic wind band and is the only band to play mounted on horseback in the UK.

They can visit units/events to give presentations about who they are and what they do, including bringing along pieces of uniform to show the girls and teach them elements of drill and marching.

They can also invite groups that are interested to either watch them perform in a Changing of the Guard ceremony in Windsor Castle, followed by a tour of their stables in Windsor to meet some of the horses, or to go along to attend an open rehearsal held at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, based in Maidenhead.

To find out more, contact **Seth Blackmore** [seth.blackmore104@mod.gov.uk](mailto:seth.blackmore104@mod.gov.uk) or call Band Office: 01753 755209.

### Guide Dogs

Fund Race is a fun and simple way to raise money for Guide Dogs, whilst also learning about sight loss with the launch of the new assembly downloadable tools including inspiring videos of young people sharing their lived experience.

[Click here](#) to Visit their webpage for more Information.



### Shooting Stars Circus Skills

They are offering the following:  
Circus Workshops for District & Area Events \* The Greatest Showgirl themed Unit Meetings \* Camps \* Residentials \* Sleepovers \* Celebrations \* Pack Holidays \* taking place during May, June, July & August. To find out more [click here](#)



**Aquabox** is a volunteer-led charity and community project set up by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth. They provide safe drinking water and humanitarian aid to those in desperate need.

Aquabox have a **Festive Card Competition** and **Challenge Badge Pack** which your unit(s) can get involved in. To find out more, [click here](#).