

Stop Press

Hello and welcome to the February 2025 edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter full of information
February is always a busy month... Thinking Day, subscriptions report being available, award nominations going live.. As well as the everyday Guiding that happens in your units, districts and areas!
It's not too late to book on for County Day on 1st March and also our international opportunities weekend for leaders and girls who will be 14 in Summer 2026, 21st-23rd February. Make sure you look through Digipost to see the booking links for both.

Huge thank you to Danielle Watson, our County walking advisor. Since Autumn last year, she has been hosting different walks around our County which have been well attended. In January, the walk took in Shining Tor and Goyt Valley. There are further walks planned for February and March. Carsington Water in February and Lathkill Dale in March. If you'd like to book on, please see the links below:

<https://bit.ly/CountyWalkCarsingtonFeb>

<https://bit.ly/CountyWalkLathkillDale>



1st Response

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There are lots of dates for 2025 1st Response training sessions. 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:

11th May- Tibshelf- 4 SPACES

14th June- Etwall- 3 SPACES

6th July- Chesterfield- 6 SPACES

4th Oct- Trefoil House- 8 SPACES

23rd Nov- Etwall- 11 SPACES

Visit the link for more details and to book on:

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

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sun 9 th Feb	County Walk-Carsington Water	Carsington Reservoir	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkCarsingtonFeb
Mon 10 th Feb	Gift Aid zoom session	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyGiftAid
Fri 21-Sun 23 rd Feb	International selection weekend	Pax Tor, Matlock	Adults- Sat 22 nd Feb Guides, Rangers and YLs- Sat 22 nd -Sun 23 rd Feb £10 charge pp. See Eventbrite booking for more details by clicking here https://bit.ly/AdultInternational https://bit.ly/14-18International
Saturday 1 st March	Girlguiding Derbyshire County Day	Allestree Woodlands School	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyDay25
Tuesday 11 th March	Rolls Royce Brownie event	Rolls Royce, Derby	See Eventbrite booking for more information, limited places and Brownies only event: https://bit.ly/RollsRoyceSTEM
Sat 22 nd March	County Walk-Lathkill Dale	Youlgrave	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/CountyWalkLathkillDale
Sun 18 th June	Bonkers for Conkers- Rainbow and Brownie event	Conkers, Swadlincote	See Eventbrite booking for more information: https://bit.ly/RainbowBrownieConkers

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 selection weekend.

Sat- 22nd Feb- Adults

Sat 22nd-Sun 23rd Feb- Guides, Rangers and YLs, 14-18yrs old.

This event is being held at Pax Tor, the cost is £5pp for adults and £10pp for young members which includes all activities, food and accommodation.

Are you a leader looking for your next challenge? Whether you have lots of international experience or this would be your first trip, we'd love to hear from you. Selection for the leadership team for the 2026 trip will take place at the international sleepover

Derbyshire County International Trip 2026 - Midlands' Rome to Home, and also a long-haul Volunteering trip

For more details:

<https://bit.ly/AdultInternational>

<https://bit.ly/14-18International>

Leader support sessions

Virtual Gift Aid session

Monday 10th February- 8-9pm on Zoom.

A step-by-step information session on how to apply for Gift Aid and boost your unit funds.

Booking link: <https://bit.ly/CountyGiftAid>

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

Contact Judith Glenn on training@girlguidingderbyshire.org

County Day 2025- Saturday 1st March 2025

08:45am-4pm at Allestree Woodlands School, DE22 2LW.

Bookings for county day have now closed. Any problems please contact the office on office@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Payments need to be made promptly. Please remember to bring a flask and your lunch. There will be cakes for sale and different stalls in the market place- fundraising and information stalls.

This event is not for units- unit leaders, unit helpers, young leaders, leaders in training only.

At County day the Derby shop will be in attendance. Anyone wanting to order anything please email your orders in advance to Nic so that they can ensure your items are ready to be collected on the day of the event:

girlguidingderbydepot@gmail.com

Pax Hoh pricing updates

Derbyshire Guiding Groups

Camping Equipped £8.00 per person per night

Camping Unequipped £5.50 per person per night

Day Visitors attending camps

No charge

Meeting Sessions

09:00-13:00 £13.00 per session

13:00-18:00 £13.00 per session

18:00-22:00 £13.00 per session

Bookings covering two sessions incurs a double charge

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-4pm

Magical Midlands

Don't forget to get your unit booked onto Magical Midlands- region event happening at Uttoxeter Racecourse on Saturday 12th July 2025.

More details: <https://www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/whats-on/calendar-events/magical-midlands/>

Frost camp

This weekend, we hosted our first Derbyshire Girlguiding frost camp at our Pax Hoh campsite. A total of 47 Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, and Leaders gathered for an exciting 24 hours filled with activities like making dream catchers, practicing first aid, solving mysteries, and enjoying a campfire with s'mores. The weather was kind to us, and we were even treated to some sunshine on Sunday morning. There were plenty of smiles all around as everyone happily earned the winter section of the Girlguiding Midlands four seasons badge.

Huge thanks to Jan Irlam and her team for making the event happen





Bonkers for Conkers! 2025



Rainbows and Brownies

When?

Sunday 8th 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.



Guiding & Scouting Evening

Calling pack leaders out there! We are welcoming all Guiding and Scouting groups including Rainbows, Squirrels, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs for two special evenings this summer!



Calling all Guiding & Scouting groups!! On Tuesday 3rd June and Thursday 3rd July we are extending our opening hours just for you!

Come and join us for an evening at the farm park and enjoy meeting our animals and exploring the farm after everyone else has left! Will you hand feed our Highland Cattle? Or will you challenge your leader to a go kart race? Join in the fun and take away lasting memories to kick start your summer.

£10 per child, including:

- Entry for 2hrs • Small Animal Petting
- Access to meet our field animals around the park
- Bag of animal feed for each child
- Jumping pillow (dry weather only) • Enchanted Hamlet

£10 per child with 1 adult going FREE with every 5 paying children. Extra adults £10. Entry is 5.30 - 7.30pm on either Tuesday 3rd June or Thursday 3rd July. Pre-booking essential, no extra time will be allocated for late arrivals. In the case of wet weather, we will open the indoor play barn, however this will be shut if the weather is dry.

To book or for more information please contact learn@matlockfarmpark.co.uk

Matlock Farm Park, Jaggers Lane, Matlock DE4 5LH. Tel: **01246 590200**

