

Stop Press

Welcome to this month's Girlguiding Derbyshire newsletter! It's packed with useful information and celebrations – including highlights from our County Awards held on Sunday 2nd November and the introduction of our new County Inspire Coordinators, Elisha and Becca. We're also delighted to share our winning Christmas badge, designed by Nancy from 2nd Ashbourne Guides – congratulations, Nancy!



All members- Girlguiding HQ

Girlguiding all members call

When: Thursday 6 November 2025, 7.30–8.30pm

Who's it for: All adult members and volunteers

We'll be discussing: Please join us for our November call, the topic of the call will be confirmed soon. There will also be a question-and-answer session.

[Register for the autumn term call](#)

Please contact events@girlguiding.org.uk with at least 1 week's notice for any access requests, including BSL. You can also share any questions that don't fit in the registration form with events@girlguiding.org.uk.

1st Response

1st Response training dates

All 2025 dates are fully booked. For available dates for 2026 please see information and booking links below:

Sat 17th Jan 2026– Etwall– 3 SPACES

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1745963145769?aff=oddtcreator>

Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sun 7 th Dec	Christmas Event	Lees Brook Academy, Morley Rd, Chaddesden , Derby DE21 4QX	Times to be confirmed but save the date! There will be a dedicated event for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides/Rangers/YLS. Inflatables, crafts, games, meet Santa and more! Cost is £5 which includes a badge and small gift. There will be a £1 charge for adults to cover the cost of the badge. Booking details below. Bookings close 31 st October and payment due by
Sat 21 st March 2026	County Day 2026	David Nieper Academy	Booking link and more information coming soon- save the date!
Sunday 22 nd February 2026	County Thinking Day Event	Different areas across the County	We are looking to get all areas together to celebrate World Thinking Day as we would love to celebrate the 100-year anniversary 'together'. Your areas should be sharing more information soon
17-19 th April 2026	County social weekend	Pax Tor, Darley Dale	More information coming soon but this is a chance to get together and socialise. There will be different options available- from staying over, joining for the day/half day or joining for an evening meal. Save the date!
6-9 th August 2026	County Anglesey Adventure- Guide and Ranger groups	Conway Centre, Anglesey	See poster on page 7 for further information

County Inspire

County Inspire Team

Please give a warm welcome to Elisha and Becca, who are excited to begin their new roles as our County Inspire Coordinators, supporting members aged 18-30 across Derbyshire. Both are passionate about helping others get involved in new opportunities and experiences within Guiding.

Elisha (25) has been part of Guiding since she was a Rainbow and is now a leader for Rainbows, Brownies and Rangers in Amber Valley. Her favourite Guiding memory is taking part in the *Denmark Dash* this year – her first international adventure – where she made some amazing friends and memories. A fun fact about Elisha is that she's a qualified lifeguard!



Becca (20) has been in Guiding since the age of five and now leads both Rainbows and Guides in Amber Valley. Her best Guiding experience was also the *Denmark Dash* with Inspire Midlands, where she met incredible friends and enjoyed new adventures. A fun fact about Becca is that she uses tomatoes to treat sunburn – and swears by it!

Volunteer opportunity- Carsington Water Half Marathon and 10K **Saturday 14th February 2026**

We have been asked if we would like to help with this event and promote Girlguiding at the same time. If you are interested in getting involved ,please contact Rachel on accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Calling all LDP mentors!

You are invited to a county zoom call on Tuesday 18th November from 7.30 to 8.30pm

This will be a support session with time for questions and answers as well as to air and share. To book your place please click this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1754223853769?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Christmas badge 2025

As you have seen from the design on page 1, our county Christmas badge looks excellent! To order yours please fill out the order form by clicking the link below:

<https://bit.ly/ChristmasBadge2025>

County Jingle Jam

Tickets are selling well for this event, see posters on the next few pages for more of what is in store.

To book your tickets:

<https://bit.ly/CountyJingleJam25>

International Advisor Assistant opportunity

Do you have a passion for global adventure and empowering young people through travel? Girlguiding Derbyshire is looking for a dedicated volunteer to support our International Adviser, Zoe, in planning and delivering overseas experiences for our members.

This is a fantastic chance to:

Help shape unforgettable international trips

Gain hands-on experience in travel coordination and leadership

Work towards stepping into the lead International Adviser role by 2027

Whether you're a seasoned traveler or simply enthusiastic about broadening horizons for others, we'd love to hear from you!

 To find out more, contact:

Zoe at international@girlguidingderbyshire.org

Lucie at accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org

County Day 2026 March 21st – David Nieper Academy, Alfreton

For all volunteers and Young Leaders

The theme running through county day 2026 is 'Be Well'

Come along to share, learn reflect and have fun!

Booking will open early in the new year

Rainbows Christmas Party!

Party games
Bouncy castles
Crafts
Face painting
and...

Meet Father
Christmas!!!

Sunday 7th December 2025

9:00-11:00/9:30-11:30

Leesbrook Academy
Morley Rd, Chaddesden, Derby
DE21 4QX

Rainbows £5 Adults £1


Rainbows
Derbyshire county



Brownies Christmas Party!

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12:30-14:30/13:00-15:00

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Morley Rd, Chaddesden, Derby
DE21 4QX

Brownies £5 Adults £1


Brownies
Derbyshire county



Guides/Rangers/YLs Christmas Party!

Silent disco,
Games,
Crafts, face
painting and..

Meet Father
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Sunday 7th December 2025
16:30-18:30/17:00-19:00

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4QX
Guides/Rangers/YL £5 Adults £1

Guides
Derbyshire county

Rangers
Derbyshire county



WE NEED YOU!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME ELVES TO HELP WITH OUR
COUNTY CHRISTMAS EVENT ON SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER, LEES

BROOK ACADEMY.

RAINBOWS- 9-11:30

BROWNIES- 12:30-15:00

GUIDES/RANGERS/YLS- 16:30-19:00

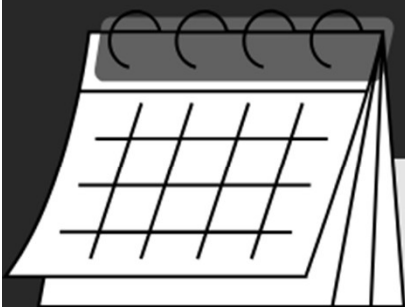
IF YOU ARE FREE TO HELP EITHER WITH ONE SECTION OR

THE WHOLE DAY, PLEASE CONTACT LUCIE ON

ACCPROGRAMME@GIRLGUIDINGDERBYSHIRE.ORG



We need volunteers to help with our County Christmas event on Sunday 7th December. We are looking for support with parking, checking people in, supervising activities and general support. You can volunteer for one section, multiple sections or all day- it can be as flexible as works best for you. What's in it for you? Free badge and tea/coffee/squash and seeing members from our County enjoying the day! If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Lucie on accprogramme@girlguidingderbyshire.org



Save the date!

Saturday 21 March 2026

David Nieper Academy, Alfreton

**Open to all adult members and young
leaders of Girlguiding
More information coming soon**

Anglesey Adventure: Sea Wonders

County trip to Anglesey for Guide and Ranger units (ratio of 1:5)

When? 6-9 August 2026

Where? Anglesey Outdoors Centre, Holyhead, Anglesey

Cost? £400 for girls and £225 for leaders

Whats included? Accommodation, transport, food and all activities: sea kayaking, gorge walking, raft building and more!

Contact for more information contact

peaksanddalesnorth@gmail.com and to book your units place
office@girlguidingderbyshire/.org

£100 non returnable deposit due by 31st January 2026

