

## Stop Press

**Hello** and welcome to the September 2025 edition of **DIGI-POST**, your monthly newsletter full of information.

Welcome back to Girlguiding – we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. As the new term begins, now is the perfect time to tick off those important admin jobs such as updating risk assessments, venue assessments and making sure details on GO are up to date. If you're not sure where to start, this useful checklist can help: [Things to do before term starts](#).

We're always keen to hear your good news stories for DigiPost. Tell us what your units have been up to – whether that's exciting trips, creative projects or fun activities – so we can celebrate them across the county. Please send contributions to **[accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org)** before the end of each month to make sure they're included.

This summer has been filled with incredible international adventures, and DigiPost is the best place to catch up on the highlights. You'll also find details of our next international selection event and other key dates coming up, so please do read it carefully to stay up to date. If you have any feedback about DigiPost, we'd love to hear from you – your thoughts will help us make it even better.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:events@girlguiding.org.uk).

## All members- Girlguiding HQ

## Events

Date	Event	Venue	Booking link/more information
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Derby Baton of Hope	Darley Park- 9:00-13:00	Get in touch if you are free to help- Rachel accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Derby Pride	Markeaton Park 10:00-18:00	Get in touch if you are free to help- Rachel accgrowth@girlguidingderbyshire.org
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Help at Pax Hoh	Pax Hoh County Campsite Hulland Ward 11:00-16:00	Pax Hoh needs your help! We need to clear the camp store, declutter and take an inventory ready for essential building works to take place. If you can help, even for a couple of hours please get in touch with Kath Clay on Contact Kath Clay (Pax Hoh Chair) phone / text 07767 331855 or e-mail office@girlguidingderbyshire.org (with 'Pax Hoh Help' in your message title . There will be a free badge and refreshments provided throughout the day.
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gift Aid Zoom session	Virtual	See Eventbrite booking for more information: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312686152619?aff=oddtdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1312686152619?aff=oddtdtcreator</a>
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Going Away With scheme Safer Guiding LDP Mandatory Training	St John's Walton, Chesterfield	In response to feedback from County Day we will be holding face to face sessions in the training listed below. Keep an eye out for more information: Going Away With Safer Guiding LDP Mandatory Training
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> October	International Selection	Pax Hoh County Campsite	This will be leaders and young members (12 years plus) who are interested in taking part in a county international. Booking link: <a href="https://bit.ly/GGDInternationalSelection2025">https://bit.ly/GGDInternationalSelection2025</a>
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct and Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	County Leaf Fall (autumn camp) Friday- Rangers/Leaders Saturday- Guides/Leaders	Pax Hoh County Campsite	Opportunity for members to get the Autumn part of the Midlands four seasons badge and to sleep outdoors. To book places: <a href="https://bit.ly/17OctAutumnCamp25">https://bit.ly/17OctAutumnCamp25</a> <a href="https://bit.ly/18OctAutumnCamp25">https://bit.ly/18OctAutumnCamp25</a>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 coming soon!

## 1st Response

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Response as there is always a high demand- if you are interested in becoming a trainer, please contact Judith on [training@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:training@girlguidingderbyshire.org)

### Dates for 2025:

We have x2 on the following 1<sup>st</sup> Response course:

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Matlock Green Scout and Guide HQ

To book your place:

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

All other spaces are currently full. Please keep an eye out for the release of 2026 dates.

**Would you like to support our volunteers to be their best?**

**Are you keen to ensure we offer high quality learning opportunities and good guiding for our young members?**

**Ever thought of becoming a Girlguiding trainer?!**

**To find out how follow this link:**

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-volunteers/learning-and-development/helping-others-to-learn/becoming-a-trainer/>

**or contact Judith for a chat: [training@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:training@girlguidingderbyshire.org)**

Gift Aid zoom session

**17th September, 8pm.**

A Zoom call providing a step by step information session on how to apply for Gift Aid and boost your unit funds. To book: [Click here](#)

Face to face training opportunities:

**Saturday 4th October** at St John's Walton, Chesterfield S42 7LT.

Following feedback from county day we are offering several slightly longer training sessions that have been specifically requested.

Drinks will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Going away with scheme** – 10am to 2pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540426098929?aff=oddtcreator>

Curious about taking your unit away?

Want to know what's involved with residential or interested in finding out the process for getting your GAW licence?

Come along to find out more.

**Safer guiding** – 10am to 2.30pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540653880229?aff=oddtcreator>

A trainer led session to complete Girlguiding's safeguarding training for all volunteers.

This is an alternative to the 3 hour e learning option.

**LDP – Celebrating every member** – 10am to 12

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540619467299?aff=oddtcreator>

The mandatory training for anyone becoming a leader. An alternative to the webinar.

**LDP – Effective communications** – 12.30 to 2.30pm

Booking link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1540971249489?aff=oddtcreator>

The mandatory training for anyone becoming a leader. An alternative to the webinar.

**Save the date!!**

**County Day 2026 Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>**

**David Nieper Academy, Alfreton**

### **Girlguiding Advocate panel- opportunity for girls aged 14-18 or over 19s in an adult role.**

Recruitment for this year's advocate panel is now open! The application portal is live on the [opportunities page of our website](#). Advocates are young members who speak out on the issues that matter to them, meet decision-makers, shape Girlguiding's research, and take part in exciting events and residential.

We're looking for members aged 14-18, or 19-year-olds in an adult volunteer role, who are passionate about making the world better for girls. It's a brilliant way to build confidence, develop communication and leadership skills, and make lasting friendships. To help you learn more about the role and how to support young members with their applications, join us at an [informational webinar](#) for unit leaders and volunteers on Monday 8 September, 7:30-8:30pm.

As part of our commitment to become more inclusive, we'd love to hear especially from members who are currently underrepresented in Girlguiding, including girls of colour, care-experienced girls, and girls who are experiencing financial challenges. Applications close at **23:59 on Sunday 5 October**.

If you have any questions, please contact: [advocacy@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:advocacy@girlguiding.org.uk)

To apply:

[https://girlguidingnews.org.uk/c/AQj\\_exDLiJwHGGJ2NqolCIKbS9acBn4ZaHdNm1jxZKI DhC0hpD54wOa32yK5WIFA-tl2sRug](https://girlguidingnews.org.uk/c/AQj_exDLiJwHGGJ2NqolCIKbS9acBn4ZaHdNm1jxZKI DhC0hpD54wOa32yK5WIFA-tl2sRug)

### **Leaf Fall Autumn Camp**

On the back of the success with our Winter camp in February, we will be holding an autumn camp at Pax Ho.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October for Rangers/Leaders and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October for Guides/Leaders

Leaders can come without Guides/Rangers if they would like to get this element of the badge.

Guides/Rangers must come with a leader. No residential license required.

Tickets are on sale now! There is a limit of 48 per night.

For more details:

<https://bit.ly/17OctAutumnCamp25>

<https://bit.ly/18OctAutumnCamp25>

### **Rolls Royce Event- for Brownies**

Due to a unit reducing numbers, there are 33 spaces remaining at the next Rolls Royce Stem event on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 6-7:30pm.

This is a free event with an emphasis on fun, science, tech and engineering activities designed specifically for Brownies.

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rolls-royce-stem-event-for-brownies-tickets-1448943241239?aff=oddtcreator>

### **Pax Tor- available to book!**

Pax Tor House - 'we are now accepting bookings for 2025'

Pax Tor has been used by Derbyshire Guiding since 1960, it is situated on a wooded hillside above Darley Dale overlooking the Derwent Valley. We can accommodate 18 x girls, plus a room for leaders (max occupancy 24).

There is plenty to do and much to explore in the area. There are swimming pools and parks in Matlock and Bakewell. The Heights of Abraham via Cable Cars and Gulliver's Kingdom at Matlock Bath. The Red House Stables and Carriage Museum in Darley Dale; Chatsworth House, Farmyard and Adventure Playground; Haddon Hall and the Old House Museum at Bakewell are all within easy reach.

Peak Rail Heritage Railway runs steam trains between Rowsley and Matlock and Crich Tramway Village; the home of the National Tramway Museum is nearby too.

Please click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org/pax-tor-derwent-valley>

Please note: Pax Tor is not adapted for visitors with limited mobility. Leaders are advised to visit and assess the suitability of the property before booking.

### **Young leader Midlands event: 11<sup>th</sup> October, Trefoil House, Birmingham**

Please share this with young leaders within your unit.

Calling all young leaders – join us in Birmingham on 11 October for a day just for you. Whether you're working on your YLDP or not come along, make new friends, learn things to help you in your role and find out about the YLDP.

Find out more and book your space <https://ow.ly/YZ4e50Ww9fI>

Leaders – please share with your young leaders – we know they're not likely to see this post!

### **Updating qualifications on GO**

Most adventurous activities that Girlguiding members can participate in should be led by those with the appropriate skills and knowledge and often this is by holding the appropriate activity National Governing Body (NGB) qualification. This ranges from Archery to Water sports, all of which can be added to your GO membership record. It would be helpful in preparation for the year ahead if you could take a moment to add any NGB qualifications you have to your record. There are three simple steps that will help you get this done, please see attached.

**How to add National Governing Body Qualification to GO.**

The screenshot shows the 'GO Membership System' interface. On the left is a sidebar menu with options: My Profile, My Daughters, My Enquiries, My Roles, My Committees, My Events, My Safe Practice Summary, My Communication, My Achievements (highlighted), and My Mentees. The main content area is titled 'My Achievements' and 'QUALIFICATIONS, AWARDS AND COURSES'. It features a table with columns: Qualification Type, Status Reason, Started On, Completed On, Expires On, and Actions. A row is visible for 'RIB National Water Boat Level 2' with status 'New' and 'Started On' '1/1/2025'. A blue 'Add Qualification' button is located at the top right of the table. Three numbered steps are overlaid on the image: STEP 1: Log in to GO; STEP 2: Select 'My Achievements' (with an arrow pointing to the sidebar menu); STEP 3: Click 'Add Qualification' and add the details. (with an arrow pointing to the 'Add Qualification' button).

### **International**

Guides, Rangers and Adults, come and find out more about International adventures, with an opportunity to be selected for future trips with Derbyshire! We are looking for leaders and participants for trips to Europe and beyond – come along whether you have an international license or not, and regardless of experience with international trips. Please share with Guides and rangers who will be 11 years or over by 31st August 2026. The day will be filled with international themed fun with a campfire to close.

Any queries contact [International@girlguidingderbyshire.org](mailto:International@girlguidingderbyshire.org)

DATE: 11th October

LOCATION: Pax Ho campsite

TIME: 10am to 5pm

COST: £0

Book your place here: <https://bit.ly/GGDInternationalSelection2025>



# SUMMER OF INTERNATIONAL

It has been an incredibly busy summer of international adventure for lots of people across our county.

We've had participants in region trips: Tanzania, Denmark Dash, The Azores,  
and county/unit trips: Vietnam, Interrailing around Europe, Switzerland and Mexico

Have you been inspired by the different international trips? We have county selection coming up, details below!

When: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October- 10am til 5pm

Where: Pax Hoh County campsite, Dog Lane Ashbourne DE6 3EH

Cost: nothing!

Who for: adults and Guides 11 upwards, must be 11+ by 31st August 2026 to attend





# REGION INTERNATIONAL

Region selection event for adults, details below!

When: Sunday 14th September 11am til 4pm

Where: Trefoil House, Birmingham

Cost: nothing!

Open to adults interested in leading or supporting with region international trips in 2027

Booking link:

[Click here to book](#)





# CHRISTMAS PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

LEESBROOK ACADEMY  
MORLEY RD,  
CHADDESSEN, DERBY  
DE21 4QX

SUNDAY  
**7TH**  
DECEMBER

THIS EVENT IS FOR ALL  
SECTIONS  
MORE INFORMATION  
COMING SOON



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# CHRISTMAS BADGE COMPETITION

We are holding a Christmas badge design competition for our 2025 County Christmas badge.

Rules for entry:

Max. 8 colours

Can be any shape- round, square, hexagonal etc  
Must include 'Girlguiding Derbyshire county' and 'Christmas 2025' somewhere on the design.

Deadline for entries: Email/ Post before 1st October

See the county website for more information

[www.girlguidingderbyshire.org](http://www.girlguidingderbyshire.org)



## Midlands Region Singing Day

Saturday 20 September 2025

10am to 4pm

Boldmere Methodist Church

Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 5UB



Everyone from Rangers to Trefoil is welcome to attend this non-uniform day. The singing will be led by Ruth Carruthers. Don't worry if you don't have songbooks, we usually have lots to share! Please bring a packed lunch - drinks will be provided and available from 10am. Please bring your own mug.

- COST - £5 adults / £2.50 Rangers
- Please complete the form below and return it with a cheque payable to "Girlguiding Birmingham county singing circle" to Ruth Carruthers, 16 Shadow Close, Cofton Hackett, Birmingham, B45 8GQ.
- Or ... send your form by email to Ruth at [142ndbirminghambrownies@gmail.com](mailto:142ndbirminghambrownies@gmail.com) and pay by bank transfer to our Lloyds Bank Account (sort code 309950, account 2655 5162, Girlguiding Birmingham County Singing Circle)

If you find you can come at the last minute and haven't booked, please text Ruth on 07890 480202 to check the day is still happening or phone me. You'll be very welcome. If you have difficulty finding us please telephone. You will find a small car park on site behind the church, a pay and display opposite at the Travelodge or it's a 10min walk from Wyld Green Station.

## Pax Hoh needs you!

As the camping season comes to an end, work is planned at Pax Hoh but for this to happen the camp store room needs clearing, cleaning and reorganising.



When?  
14<sup>th</sup> September  
11:00–16:00



Badge and refreshments provided  
If you can help, please get in touch

# HELP NEEDED

## Leaf Fall Autumn camp

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Oct– Rangers/Leaders  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Oct– Guides/Leaders  
Pax Hoh campsite

Guides/ Rangers and Leaders of all ages  
who would like their autumn endorsement  
for the Midland four season camp badge

£16pp  
Tickets on sale now  
See link to book



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