



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Essex West County

## September 2019

WELCOME

BACK

I hope you all had an amazing summer and have had a chance to relax and recharge your batteries.

If you have been doing amazing things within Girlguiding please remember that David Henderson would like photos/information for the newsletter. Please make sure you have photo permission before sharing.

We've several girls/units having international experiences with 3 girls having gone to Mexico as part of a Region trip; a Unit visit to Switzerland and a County Ranger trip to Croatia.

Chris  
County Commissioner

Work is continuing to move on with the design of our new website and it is hoped to have this up and running in the New Year. However, during the transition period, our old website is now up to date with forms, trainings and events etc. and our thanks go to Sandra Munns for all her hard work on sorting this out. Please do take a look. <https://www.girlguidingessexwest.org.uk/>



DO YOU WANT AN ADVENTURE? DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN?

Expressions of interest are being asked from Leaders of Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders for a fabulous weekend camp at Warwick Castle on 19 – 20 September 2020 (these dates are an update on those previously shown on the flyer). An application form can be found [here](#)



Have you booked to go on the Essex Jamboree next year?

Fiona is being asked by units if anyone else from the County is going, so it would be useful for her to know and maybe put people in touch with one another if they wanted.

Contact Fiona at [outdoor@girlguidingessexwest.org.uk](mailto:outdoor@girlguidingessexwest.org.uk)

Would you like a different experience? If so, staff Registrations are now open!

We need 1500 volunteers to build & run our 120 acre green field tented village.

With so many roles, from plumbing to hospitality to geocaching, we have a job to suit everyone.

Please check out the roles and apply via <https://eij.org.uk/make-it-happen/>

### What else is coming up in Essex West?

5/10/19 – Safe Space Level 3, 9.30am-12.30pm, Brentwood

28/11/19 – Safe Space Level 3/Promise in the Programme, 6.30pm-9.30pm, Harold Wood

17/2/20 – Safe Space Level 3/Promise in the Programme, 6.30pm-9.30pm, Thurrock East

Booking forms can be found [here](#)

If Divisions have any requests for training can you please email Jenny at [training.essexwest@gmail.com](mailto:training.essexwest@gmail.com).

Do you need a **First Aid** course?

Upminster have organised a Full First Aid course for their Division and have some spare spaces

Thursday 19th & Thursday 26th September

7pm-9.30pm/10pm

Trinity Church Upminster

£15 per person

Please contact Sue Emanuel if you are interested or need further details [sue.upminsterguides@gmail.com](mailto:sue.upminsterguides@gmail.com)

*Congratulations!*

Katy Jones, 3<sup>rd</sup> Loughton Brownies – Going Away With Scheme, Modules 1-7 (Brownies)



## New Leaders Need Your Support!

Have you considered being a Mentor for a new leader working on the Leadership Qualification? We are lucky to have a high number of enthusiastic new leaders in the County keen to help with units and bring the fun of Girlguiding to more girls, and they need your support. If you have recently completed the L.Q. yourself, you are up to date with all the requirements and can share your recent experience with others. If you have been with a Unit for a while you have further experience and will have gained new ideas to share. Please let your District or Division Commissioner know if you would like to support a new leader and she can give you further information. The Girlguiding website also gives you information on what is involved in being a Mentor.

## We still have vacancies for the following roles

RESIDENTIAL MENTORS AND ASSESSORS  
DUKE OF EDINBURGH ADVISER

If you are interested or know of someone who is, or would just like further details, Chris Skinner (our County Commissioner) will be more than happy to discuss with you. [cc.essexwest@gmail.com](mailto:cc.essexwest@gmail.com)

### COMMISSIONERS

Also vacant are the following Commissioner roles: Division Commissioners for Epping Forest South and Romford plus District Commissioner for Hutton District. If you are from these areas and might like to consider the role, we would love to hear from you.

If you think you might like to know more about what is involved in being a Commissioner, please contact Chris Skinner on the above e-mail or Chris Hewes on [bobchrishewes@gmail.com](mailto:bobchrishewes@gmail.com) for further information. A Commissioner role can be taken by an individual or shared, either jointly or by a team approach, whichever suits your Division or District, and new Commissioners have a Mentor to help and advise them for the first six months. Please let us know if you would like to take your Guiding journey further with a new role.



## Girlguiding Essex West Awards

If you know of someone to whom you would like to say a special 'Thank you' or 'Well Done', further details of awards and nomination forms are on the website [here](#)



## Updates from the office

- Please remember to use the new badge order form available on the Essex West website [here](#) as we are still getting badge requests using the old prices.
- If you wish to book the Essex West campsite at Chigwell Row, please remember to let both County Office and Chigwell Row know.

## Anglia Updates

Region Leadership Qualification weekend at Hautbois 15-17<sup>th</sup> November cost £50

It is a weekend for any leaders that are undertaking their leadership qualification. They will have the opportunity to complete all the mandatory training aspects of the leadership qualification - First Response, Safe Space level 3, Basic GO programme, whilst getting to know Hautbois Activity Centre and networking with other leaders. You can book via the Anglia Girlguiding website link – [leadership-qualification-weekend](#)

### Safe Space Level 3 and 4 training

1 December 09:30 - 16:30, Holiday Inn, Brentwood, Brook St, Brentwood CM14 5NF

This Level 4 Safe Space training is aimed at Commissioners, designates, deputies and those sharing a role, trainers delivering A Safe Space, safeguarding leads and A Safe Space advisers. The day will also include Level 3 training so is not suitable for individuals that have already completed Level 3. Further details can be found on the Anglia website [here](#)



## Remembrance Poppy badge

Girlguiding has teamed up with The Royal British Legion to develop Remembrance Poppy woven and metal badges. The badges feature our trefoil and the red poppy and can be worn around Remembrance Sunday or throughout the year as a symbol of remembrance and hope. 50% of the profits from the sale of these products will be paid to The Royal British Legion Trading Limited which gives its taxable profits to The Royal British Legion and Poppyscotland. The other 50% of the profits will go to Girlguiding. The office will do a bulk order for these and the order form is on the website [here](#). Please return to the office by 30 September.

The following items  
can be purchased from the County Office – please make cheques payable to Guide  
Association Essex West



County Polo shirt - £15.00



County Full-Zip Sweatshirts - £25.00

Each of the above two items can be personalised at an additional cost of £3.00 per item (Right Breast – Max 2 Lines)



County Necker - £8.50



County Standard, either cloth - £1.50 or metal - £2.85

It would be much appreciated if District Commissioners and Level Contacts could pass on the information in this E-Bulletin to anyone in their District that does not have access to e-mail. Section Leaders are asked to cascade to Young Leaders and D of E / V-Volunteers. There are still some people not receiving their copy of the E-Bulletin as their email address on GO is incorrect. Please check and make sure that your details are up to date.