



# Girlguiding Essex West

## Awards

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# UK National Awards

## Silver Fish

For Outstanding Service to Guiding UK



The Silver Fish award recognises what a member has achieved across the breadth of Girlguiding

The award is for an exceptional contribution to a wide section of Girlguiding, including international guiding either in the United Kingdom or abroad. This award may be given to an active adult member of Girlguiding or one of the Branch Associations.

Only a small number of these awards are granted.

### **Award criteria**

The application should reflect the nominee's outstanding service, which must be of an exceptionally high standard.

- Guiding experience - the member should have held a range of roles in guiding at District/Division/County levels and beyond. Within this range of roles the member should have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and made significant contributions as a team member.
- Impact - the member should have made a significant contribution to supporting, motivating, nurturing and developing guiding for both girls and adults. This should be over a range of roles, both locally and internationally.
- Personal attributes - the member should be outstanding and an exceptionally high achiever who is always ready to take on a challenge - someone who makes things happen, and who inspires and motivates people.
- International - it's not essential for the member to have travelled abroad. However, their work should demonstrate a major contribution to guiding in other countries, resulting in the strengthening of guiding relationships between countries.

Applications are made to the Anglia awards committee via the Essex West Committee, if agreed are forwarded to UK Awards committee for consideration

To nominate a member for this award, please contact the Awards Chairman.

**Laurel**  
For Outstanding Service to Guiding



The Laurel Award is a Girlguiding award given in recognition of outstanding service to guiding. It may be given to an active adult member of Girlguiding or one of the Branch Associations.

**Award criteria**

- Guiding experience - the member should have held a number and variety of roles within their District/Division/County or beyond. Within these roles the member should have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and have been an effective team member.
- Impact - the member should have made a significant contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both girls and adults.
- Personal attributes - the member should be a person who is respected by their guiding peers, 'stands out' and has made a significant difference to guiding.

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To nominate a member for this award, please contact the Awards Chairman.

## Good Service Brooch



The Good Service brooch may be given to an adult who is a member of Girlguiding, for excellent service to guiding.

To be eligible for a Good Service brooch the nominee must either:

- hold a current member and recognised volunteer card, or
- have completed a role no more than six months before the application is made.

This award can be presented by the Chief Guide (for service to Girlguiding), a Country/Region Chief Commissioner (for service in a Country/Region) or a County Commissioner (for service in the County).

Any member may make an application by completing a nomination form which must be supported by the appropriate District or Division Commissioner. This is then considered by the Essex West awards committee.

## Thanks Badge



The Thanks badge (either a brooch or a lapel pin) is given to either a member or non-member of Girlguiding as a sign of appreciation for their support.

The Thanks Badge may only be given to a member of the Trefoil Guild if they have given service specifically to Girlguiding.

This award can be presented by any member of Girlguiding, after discussion with a Leader or Commissioner.

No nomination form is required, they are available to purchase from County Office.

## Long Service Awards



Any adult member who volunteers regularly, irrespective of role, gender or age is eligible for a Long Service Award. Service is counted from the date the individual becomes a member aged 16 or over, and actively carries out a role for 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years (not necessarily consecutively). A Recognised Volunteer Certificate can be presented to individuals who volunteer regularly in guiding but have chosen not to be a full adult member.

The Long Service award brooches are all of similar design with different finishes and metals signifying the years.

Any member who believes that they are overdue a Long Service Award should speak to their District Commissioner.

## Anglia Brooch



This Girlguiding Anglia award is for exceptional quality of service given (not just length) and is for service *within* the Region, *not to* the Region.

- (i) A member of Girlguiding Anglia, or
- (ii) A member of The Trefoil Guild in Anglia Region, or
- (iii) A non-member who by virtue of an appointment fulfils the criteria.

This award is made for:

- (a) Commitment and level of service which has been over and above 'the call of duty' in respect of one or more appointment/event within or to guiding or the Trefoil Guild, or
- (b) A notable display of mental or physical courage in pain or adversity
- (c) A notable display of bravery
- (d) A demonstration of initiative and devotion to duty (without risk to their own life)

A minimum of five supporting letters must be included with nominations.

## Essex West Awards

### Essex West Silver Brooch

For outstanding service to Essex West



This award is made at the discretion of the County Commissioner for outstanding service to guiding in Essex West over a period of many years and normally in more than one capacity.

### Essex West Outstanding Service Certificate

For outstanding service in Essex West



This award is made to any member at the discretion of the County Commissioner for outstanding service to guiding in Essex West.

## Essex West Good Guiding Award



The Essex West 'Good Guiding' award is designed to recognise those leaders who have consistently provided a Good Guiding programme for the girls in their unit over a period of time.

They will be seen to:

- Be involved at District level attending meetings, and events with their unit;
- Provide a variety of activities that include trying new things;
- Provide out of the meeting place experiences;
- Provide residential opportunities.

Any member may make an application by completing a nomination form which must be supported by the appropriate District or Division Commissioner. This is then considered by the Essex West awards committee.

## **Awards for Young Members**

### **Essex West Achievement Award for Young Members**



The Essex West Achievement award is designed to recognise those young members under the age of 18 yrs. who stand out from the crowd and are an inspiration to others. They will have shown outstanding observance of one or more of the Guide Laws which demonstrates the true spirit of guiding.

Any leader may make an application by completing a nomination form. This is then considered by the Essex West awards committee.

### **Anglia Buddy Award**



This award is designed to recognise young women in guiding who act as 'buddies' at units, camps and holidays or events, enabling other members with a wide range of special needs to access all the amazing opportunities open to them in guiding.

To nominate someone for the Girlguiding Anglia Buddy Award they need to meet the following criteria:

- Be aged 25 and under and a member of Girlguiding Anglia.
- Have worked as a Buddy to support a member or members with special needs for at least 25 hours. This must be on at least three separate occasions.

The nomination should be made by a Unit Leader, and where possible, supported in some way by the young member(s) with whom they work.

Any leader may make an application by completing a nomination form. This must then be sent directly to Anglia

## Girlguiding Anglia Unit Buddy Award



Within Girlguiding Anglia, we would like to recognise the Units which contain girls and young women who regularly help and support members with special needs in those Units each week during their meetings. Their support enables our members with special needs to experience the amazing opportunities offered within guiding and be included in Unit activities.

To nominate a Unit for the Girlguiding Anglia Buddy Award they need to meet the following criteria:

- The Unit must be within Girlguiding Anglia.
- The Unit must have supported a member or members with special needs for at least 25 hours. This must be on at least three separate occasions.

The nomination should be made by a District Commissioner and, where possible, supported in some way by the young member(s) with whom they work.

The award is a cloth badge for each member of the Unit and these will be presented along with the personalised certificate (provided by Region) at an appropriate occasion, to show the importance of the work carried out by the Unit.

Any leader may make an application by completing a nomination form. This must then be sent directly to Anglia

## Anglia Youth Award & Certificate



This Girlguiding Anglia Award can be awarded to a young person whom the Anglia Awards Sub-Committee considers merits this award, who will be:

- (i) A member of Girlguiding Anglia,
- (ii) Under the age of 18

This Award is made for demonstration of **one** of the following elements:

- (a) Notable commitment and level of participation which has been over and above the 'norm' within a Unit, District, Division, County or in the Region.
- (b) A notable demonstration of initiative and adherence to the Guide Laws.
- (c) A notable difference to the lives of others through supporting a Charity or worthy cause, other than Girlguiding, over a number of years or through a 'one off' large event
- (d) A notable demonstration of speaking out or empowering others where they wouldn't normally have a voice, to influence decision makers.
- (e) A notable demonstration of how they have actively championed the rights of girls and/or young women.

A minimum of five supporting letters must be included with nominations.

To nominate a young member for this award, please contact the Awards Chairman.

## Guiding Star



### **The Guiding Star rewards bravery and determination in challenging situations**

An award for any member of Girlguiding, up to her 26th birthday, who has displayed exceptional courage or who has shown great initiative or responsibility during an incident.

### **What are the award criteria?**

The Guiding Star Award may be given for:

- Saving or helping to save a life
- Bravery and competence in facing an emergency situation
- Caring for a sick relative
- Have made a significant contribution and impact on guiding in their unit or area whilst showing courage and determination in the face of a serious or long-term medical condition
- Have made a significant contribution and impact on guiding in their unit or area whilst coping with exceptional circumstances in life.

If the award application is based on an incident or emergency situation, this must have occurred within the last six months.

Applications are made via the Essex West Awards Committee. If agreed it will then be forwarded to the Anglia awards committee, and then to the UK Awards committee for consideration.

To nominate a young member for this award, please contact the Awards Chairman