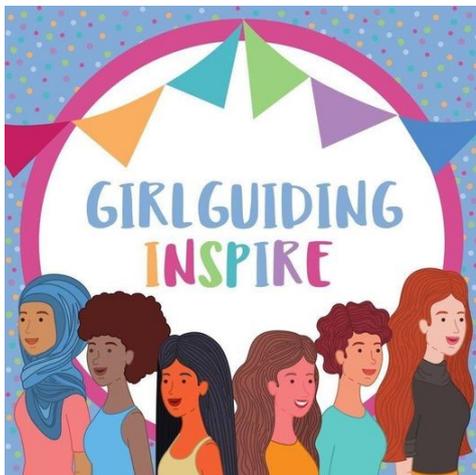


## *From the County Commissioner....*

It was great to see so many of you at BOUNCE, what a great weekend we had at Topstones. There were nearly 1000 girls, leaders and volunteers at the event, enjoying inflatables, s'mores and pizza, circus clowns, fire lighting and of course the camp fire. A big thank you goes to everyone involved in organising the event.



We are now looking forward to unit meetings, getting back to face-to-face and even more events.....

If you are an Inspire member there is an afternoon at Topstones on Saturday 2 October for a walk and pizza. And then in November we have our Rainbow Winter Wonderland event - more information coming soon.

Have you been on a monopoly event? Would you like to help us create our very own event? There will be day events, activities and a badge! If you want to be part of the team or just want to share some ideas please get in touch via the County Office.

Finally don't forget you can still take part in the LOROS Rocket Round Leicester events and even take part in our own Girlguiding Leicestershire challenge, which can be downloaded [here](#). This is a great event and an amazing cause.



Sam Harrold  
County Commissioner



## Market Harborough sisters Gold awards



Sisters Thea and Isabella have both gained their Gold awards and have moved up to the next section.

Thea is now a Brownie with 5th Market Harborough and was a Rainbow at 1st Meadowdale Rainbows.

Isabella was a Brownie at 5th Market Harborough Brownies.

Emma Parr

5th Market Harborough Brownie leader



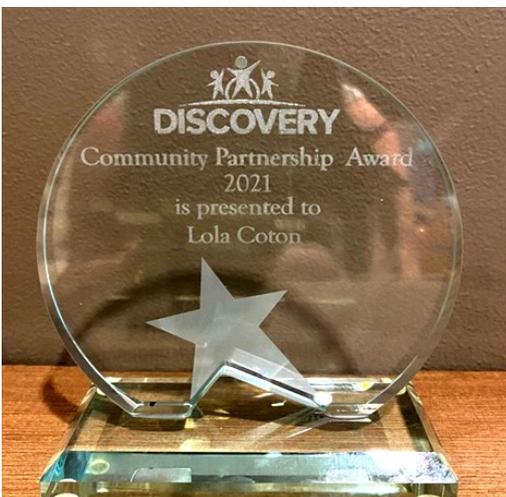
## Well done Lola!

This is Lola who is 5 years old and is a member of 1st Asfordby Rainbows. I am so proud of her as she has been making bracelets and raising money for Rainbows Children's Hospice (£160 so far). She started doing this as part of her Helper badge.

Her school are also very proud and the head teacher nominated her for an award within their academy trust.

Amazingly, she won! So on Thursday she made her Promise as a Rainbow - and on Friday she had a visit from her head teacher to present the award. One very happy little Rainbow.

Maureen Dixon





# Winter Wonderland

Save the date for our next  
Girlguiding Leicestershire Rainbow  
event on  
Saturday 27th November



Various activities for  
Rainbows to enjoy



More details coming  
soon

If you want to join our planning team please contact Laura  
at [eyoresrainbow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eyoresrainbow@hotmail.co.uk)



With the challenges of COVID, we have had an unusual year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, however this has not stopped those keen to achieve their award. We currently have 53 active DofE participants in Girlguiding Leicestershire across all three levels and several awards waiting to be presented!



In June, 23 participants (including three from Staffordshire and one from Northamptonshire) completed their Bronze expedition in Leicestershire. Due to the COVID restrictions most of the training was done virtually and during the expedition they went home to sleep rather than sharing tents. In all other respects this was a 'normal' expedition and they gained a lot from it. We thank the parents for their support in transporting their daughters to and fro to enable them to complete this.

Taking advantage of some of the changes introduced due to COVID, we were able to offer our first bushcraft expedition which saw 13 adventurous young ladies not only learning the basics of bushcraft but truly living it - they complete their silver qualifying expedition at the end of July where they built shelters, slept in hammocks, cooked on open fires (even in the rain), built bird boxes and made rope from nettles amongst other things. It was a truly unique experience and all of them thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a huge amount.



In 2022 we plan to offer the Bronze award (including a walking expedition), the Silver award (including a bushcraft expedition) and the Gold award (including a paddling expedition) - we will have limited numbers for our Silver/Gold award expeditions and priority is always given to those who have completed a previous award with us. Full details, including dates, will be on the county website [here](#).





## GIRLGUIDING LEICESTERSHIRE

Continued

We are holding some information sessions (on Zoom) in the autumn. These sessions are open to anyone who would like to find out more about DofE, and whether it is the right choice for you - parents, leaders and Guides/Rangers/YLs/Young Adults aged 13+ (school year 9). Girls under 18 must complete the Zoom permission form available on our website [here](#).

Dates for DofE information sessions:

Wednesday 29 September 2021 - 7pm-8pm

Tuesday 12 October 2021 - 7pm-8pm

Thursday 28 October 2021 - 7pm-8pm

Thanks to the amazing DofE team: Liz Bailey, Donna Stephenson, Dawn Scott, Ian Scott, Louise Mynott & Ros Nicholls for all your help in the last 12 months. We would love to offer DofE to more young people, so if you think you could help us with this, please do get in touch!

Lucy Faulds

## Historic roles and qualifications

If you have an historic volunteer role or qualification missing from your GO record, please let Girlguiding know.

For missing or incorrect roles, please email membership systems at Girlguiding, using this [link](#), giving your membership number, role held, name of unit/district/division, level number (if known) and start and end date.

For historic qualifications please email Girlguiding, as above, giving your membership number, name of qualification and start and completion dates.

Please copy in county office, [office@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:office@leicestershireguides.org), so that they are aware. This needs to be done by 30 November so do not delay.



## Guiding Essentials Leicester shop

This term (including October half term) our Leicester shop will be open on the following days:

Mondays 10am to 1pm

Thursdays 3pm to 7pm

Fridays 10am to 1pm

Saturdays 10am to 1pm

We continue to offer a postal service and order and collect on these days.

Please send orders to [equipstore@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:equipstore@leicestershireguides.org)

Thank you to everyone who supported the shop during the past 18 months, your purchases have allowed us to pass a small amount of profit to the county.

For up to date information check the [shop page](#)  
or email [equipstore@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:equipstore@leicestershireguides.org)

## Topstones camping

Would members of your unit like to come to Topstones and camp in the near future? We have funds available under the Generation Green project to increase numbers of people enjoying our natural landscapes. The project is looking to widen participation and create equitable access for those in groups aged 7 to 26 so they can access and enjoy the outdoors.

This year the Generation Green project has successfully secured external funding to offer grants to 2000 young people who camp overnight at one of the many locally owned/managed guiding campsites across the Midlands (which includes Topstones), North East England and North West England regions.

The funding criteria is that the young person must be in one or more of the following groups:

- ◆ young carer
- ◆ looked after child/care leaver
- ◆ black, asian or minority ethnic
- ◆ disabled or with complex medical needs
- ◆ low household income or receiving benefits

The young person will get their first night of camp free.

You can download a booking form from the Topstones website.

Hurry - this offer is open until March 2022 but only as long as the funding lasts.



Jacky Brooks  
Chair of Topstones



## The International Team

After two COVID-thwarted attempts to go to Iceland, we hope that it will be third time lucky and we will be able to travel in 2022! Unfortunately some of the original participants are no longer able to join us but others have been offered places on this adventure and we are committed to making it a truly memorable trip.

If you have any participants in your unit/district/division please do support them with their fund-raising as they've had a tough time during the pandemic - or have a relatively short time now to raise the needed funds. We will be running a Christmas raffle again, and your support for that will be very much appreciated.

Lucy Faulds  
Group leader



## Iceland Challenge

The Iceland Challenge will be available soon from [here](#), and has been carefully written to enable everyone from Rainbows to Trefoil Guild to complete it.

The challenge allows you to explore the nature of Iceland, the folklore, 'fire and ice' and, of course, Icelandic culture. We have included guidance to which activities are suitable for use on Zoom, socially distanced or even on your own at home, along with links to the programme.

Our unusual badge reflects our changing dates and we hope that you will support us by doing the challenge with your units and buying a badge!

Lucy Faulds  
Group leader





## Girlguiding Leicestershire BOUNCES back!

Topstones, our county campsite, has been very quiet for the last 18 months but that all changed in August when over 900 of our members arrived over a weekend to take part in BOUNCE 2021!

The site looked amazing as Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and leaders from all over the county came to take part in lots of fun activities with their units before joining together for a great campfire singalong to end the day.



The girls moved around three zones:



BOUNCE BACK had activities including bushcraft, den-building, giant bubbles and harmonica-making. Girls in this zone could also try challenges from guiding in 1910s to 1960s to see if they would have achieved their 'first class' award. Finally, participants enjoyed a falconry show, watching fantastic birds of prey (including owls of course!) swoop over the campsite.



Then, everyone got to BOUNCE AROUND on four different inflatables as well as enjoying lots of the Topstones site activities such as the centenary scramble, go karts, grass sledges, bouldering wall and a whole host of sports including playing with the biggest beach ball we've ever seen.





## BOUNCE continued

A visit to the BOUNCE OFF zone meant making delicious s'mores and pizzas as well as dressing up for a hilarious photo booth picture.



There were also lots of interesting STEM activities and challenges, including making mouse rockets and balloon-powered boats, which were tested in a huge paddling pool.



No visit to Topstones would be complete without a visit to the shop and an ice lolly! BOUNCE had a truly tremendous variety of activities for everyone to enjoy.



But the best part was seeing so many smiling faces and hearing the laughter of both girls and leaders, thrilled to be able to meet in a large group together again.

A huge thank you must go to the whole event organising team, who planned such a wonderful event, ensuring that everything was run safely and also the Topstones site team, who care for and develop a campsite that Leicestershire can be so proud of.



We are also really grateful to all of the leaders and young leaders who brought their girls along to play in our favourite field at BOUNCE and the leaders and Rangers who helped run everything from activities to car parking as part of our event team.



It certainly was a memorable weekend! Look out in the Bulletin or on our social media pages for more information about how you can join in the fun and be involved in future exciting Girlguiding Leicestershire events.

*Emma Chodynicki*  
BOUNCE Event Organiser



Do you have a Hero in your unit, district, division? Send your nominations to us now.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND?

# GUIDING HERO AWARD

Nominate a member now and show them your appreciation. It could be for an adult or a young member. More details above.



Heroes can be of any age! Do you know a leader who has gone above and beyond to keep guiding going? A Brownie who has made a special effort to fundraise? A Rainbow who has coped with adversity? A helper who has supported guiding activities?

Nominate them now for a Guiding Hero award.... Fill in the simple nomination form and tell us why you think they deserve to be celebrated. Download the form [here](#), then once complete send it to us [at the county office](mailto:office@leicestershireguides.org) and we can make the magic happen!

The closing date for the next issue will be  
**Monday 6 December**

Please send all articles to [office@leicestershireguides.org](mailto:office@leicestershireguides.org)



# Walk & Pizza at Topstones

*Inspire Members (members aged 18 - 30 years)*

Saturday 2 October

3pm - 8pm

£5



Come to our favourite Leicestershire field & join us for around an hours walk around the Topstone area, followed by pizza making using the Topstone pizza oven.

You are welcome to join us for the walk & pizza (Option 1) or just the Pizza (Option 2). Timings vary.

Please email [girlguidingleicinspire@gmail.com](mailto:girlguidingleicinspire@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining us stating which option you would be interested in & any dietary requirements.

Payment details will be provided as part of the booking interest confirmation email.

## New appointments

Vicky Garratt  
Raechel Fairclough  
Charlotte Jeickles  
Kate Lawson  
Alice Hall  
Katie Hall

County Training Organiser  
County Guide Residential Adviser  
County Brownie Residential Adviser  
County Brownie Residential Adviser  
Thurmaston District Commissioner  
Thurmaston District Commissioner



Welcome to our new commissioners, coordinators and advisers,





Ellen Senior  
Ashby Division  
30 years service



Sue Matkin  
Ashby Division  
40 years service

**Congratulations to all who have received awards!**

Alison Salter  
Ashby Division  
30 years service



Catherine Booton, Ashby Division  
30 years service

Mandy Melbourne  
Leicester East Division  
10 years service



# Upcoming Trainings

## Outdoor First Aid - Level 3 award

Leaders in Leicestershire are invited to undertake a 16 hour Outdoor First Aid course at a very heavily subsidised rate. The course is on 6 and 7 November at Birstall and will be just £25 for leaders from Girlguiding Leicestershire, £40 for Girlguiding leaders based outside the county and £80 for non-Girlguiding members.



This course meets all of the requirements for national governing body courses and validates outdoor qualifications.



Please [email](#) for a link to the booking form.

Dawn Scott

## Bushcraft Training for leaders with overnight hammock experience Saturday 2 October



Do you want to learn how to light fires, use a knife safely and put up shelters?

If so then our bushcraft training session on Saturday 2 October is for you. Running from 10am to 6pm you will immerse yourself in bushcraft and come away able to run sessions with your Brownies, Guides or Rangers.

If you are feeling even more adventurous then you can book to stay overnight in the woods in a hammock, listening to the night life of the woods around you.

Places are strictly limited for the overnight experience to 10 leaders. The overnight experience finishes at 10am on Sunday.

Cost - Day training only £15

Day Training + Hammock experience £25

In addition leaders will be able to pay £20 for a bushcraft kit which will include: knife, fire striker, fire bellows, tinder box, tinder, bushcraft instruction manual and safety guidelines. Bookings to Dawn Scott via [email](#)



Dawn Scott



# Upcoming Trainings

## 1st Response

Your 1st Response training is valid for three years. You'll need to redo the full 6 hour training course and e-learning in order to make sure your training is up to date to keep all members safe. You will need to attend a local training session for 1st Response and complete the 1st Response e-learning.

This 1st Response training session is being delivered with a mix of face-to-face and virtual using the online platform - Zoom. The training is 6 hours long and this training course will be split into 1 x 2 hour face-to-face session in Quorn and 2 x 2-hour sessions delivered virtually using zoom.



**Part 1 face-to-face Allen House, Meeting St,  
Quorn, LE12 8EU**  
**Parts 2 and 3 virtual**



Separate sessions split over three weeks, you need to attend all three.

<b>Part 1</b>	<b>Part 2</b>	<b>Part 3</b>
<b>Sunday 26 September</b>	<b>Thursday 30 September</b>	<b>Thursday 7 October</b>
10am - 12noon	7pm - 9pm	7pm - 9pm

## Three part virtual training

Separate sessions split over three weeks, you need to attend all three, and then book in for a short face-to-face afterwards.

<b>Part 1</b>	<b>Part 2</b>	<b>Part 3</b>
<b>Thursday 4 November</b>	<b>Thursday 11 November</b>	<b>Thursday 18 November</b>
7pm - 9pm	7pm - 9pm	7pm - 9pm

Virtual training sessions via Zoom, please book on our website [here](#).

## 1st Response e-learning

The e-learning can be completed before or after the full training course and must be completed in order to be recognised as a first aider in Girlguiding.



## External first aid qualification

If you already have an external first aid qualification, you may not need to attend our 1st Response course. All recognised prior learning or external courses need to be verified by your local commissioner to check that they cover the 1st Response syllabus. This can be done virtually through a short chat.

**Please check the website for more dates and courses.**



# Upcoming Trainings

## A Safe Space

A Safe Space training needs to be completed by everyone, the level depends on your role.

Level 1 and Level 2 training can be completed by e-learning, see the [Girlguiding website](#), it takes less than an hour to complete.

Level 3 and Level 4 are webinar trainings hosted by Midlands region and Girlguiding. To book, complete the region form [here](#), or log into GO and click learning opportunities. Here you will find all the available trainings.

If you need any help booking training please contact County Office for advice.



### Levels 1 and 2

Introduction and creating a safe space

Required for everyone including assistant leaders, occasional helpers, young leaders, unit helpers and home contacts.

### Level 3

Recognising, telling and taking action - for unit leaders, residential leads and event coordinators, mentors, advisers and trainers

At least one leader, assistant leader or leader in training in every unit needs to complete this training.

### Level 4

Managing concerns, allegations and disclosures - for commissioners only

Please note: you must complete Level 3 before starting this course.

## Save the date

County training day - Saturday 19 Mach 2022

Brockington College, Enderby



# Upcoming Trainings

## Getting to grips with unit administration



Drop in at the office from 5pm to 6pm for help with unit administration. We can help with finding information on the website, using GO - this will be individual to you, so please bring your device with you.

If you are new and have not logged into GO please try and do so before you come, but if you are having difficulty we can help you on the night. We will be there to help you with any queries you have.

Then from 6pm to 7pm will be a more structured session on unit finance, including accounts, gift aid and fundraising and grant applications.

**Monday 11 October**

drop in session 5pm - 6pm followed by training 6pm - 7pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

## Supporting each other to get back to face-to-face guiding

We are here to help you with a new start after lockdown. If you are concerned about returning to face-to-face meetings please come along for reassurance - it's not just about risk assessments! You may be faced with a room of new girls, a new adult leadership team, fewer or more girls than you are used to. How do you make it work?

We can offer tips and tricks to get your girls and adults comfortable being back together again.



**Wednesday 6 October**

7pm - 8.30pm

County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester, LE1 7DW

To book a place on a training, please complete the online booking form via [our website](#)

- Bookings will be *provisional* until you have received a *confirmation* email from County Office.
- Please do not just turn up - courses could be full.
- Uniform/guide wear is worn at all trainings.
- There is no charge for the training sessions. However, for 1st Response only, if you fail to let County Office know that you are unable to attend, then your division will be charged £5 per place.
- There is often a waiting list so PLEASE tell us, if for any reason, you have to cancel.



## Guiding Essentials Leicester shop



The afternoon of Tuesday 17 August saw a gathering of equipment store volunteers both current and those who had retired over the last 18 months.

Presentations were made to Carole Wheatley and Glynis Sewell retiring as manager and treasurer along with 11 others whose combined service added up to several hundred years.

A mini AGM was held during which the new treasurer, Pam Parker, was able to report that even during lockdown we had managed to continue to send out resources to leaders and as a result a small end of year profit was recorded. The afternoon then continued with a cream tea and much catching up with old friends.

Here is a photo showing Pam Parker, modelling a new adult leisurewear top. These cost £16 and can be ordered via the shop.

Chris Davies  
Shop Manager



## County presentation

On a dry night at Topstones, Assistant County Commissioner, Laura Clarke, was delighted to present the County Appreciation Brooch to Diane Goldby, of Oadby & Wigston division, for everything she has done for Girlguiding Leicestershire.



Diane has over 47 years service as a leader with Girlguiding, in several counties. Most recently she has been a leader with Great Glen Guides and Rangers, has been county archery adviser and taken a group to the Denmark Jamboree which proved to be a huge challenge. Diane is also a division ID verifier.

Diane is retiring to Yorkshire, but is not hanging up her guide uniform just yet - she has already signed up to help with the brownie unit near her new home. Diane leaves Leicestershire with our huge thanks, and very best wishes for happiness in her new home.

Maggie Silver  
County Awards Adviser

## Brownie Gold award



Congratulations to Dylan Coe, 6th Loughborough Brownies, who is pictured here being presented her Gold Award by Sarah Parr, River District Commissioner, and myself - outdoors, of course!

Helen Cliffe  
6th Loughborough Brownie leader



## Diary Dates

COVID restrictions may change these events

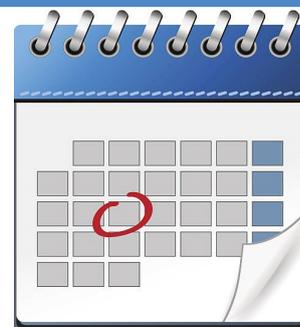
### Bring a friend week

Week beginning 22 November

### Rainbow Winter Wonderland

Save the date - Saturday 27 November

Please check out [the county website](#) or the [leaders Facebook group](#) for more dates, events and the latest information.



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