



Adviser Reports February 2024

Awards Committee Report

Sheila Everitt, Awards Committee Chair

Via office@girlguidingessexne.org.uk

Please make sure everyone is aware that all nominations (Jack Petchey or county) MUST be made without the knowledge of the nominee or her family.

Jack Petchey

After our November committee meeting, we put forward 3 leaders to be considered for leader's awards and I am pleased to say the JPF accepted all our nominations for Ginny Lawrence of

Zodiac Ranger unit, Julie Craven of 5th Bocking Guide unit and Holly Davis of 3rd Writtle Guide unit.

All of them have been presented with an interim certificate and now have the chance of obtaining a grant of up to £1000 to spend on their unit.

Our celebration evening took place on Thursday 9 November at Charter Hall, Colchester. All who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we thank Rachel and Jasmine who provided the entertainment for us.

We have already been told by the JPF that they have again booked Charter Hall, Colchester for our celebration evening for this year so please put this date in your diaries now - Thursday 7 November 2024

The closing date for the next round of the awards is Thursday 29 February 2024 when all nomination paperwork should be with the county office.

Please, when putting in a nomination, ensure that the name of the girl is spelt correctly and how they would wish it to appear on a certificate, should they be successful. We have recently had several requests for new certificates because names are incorrect. On checking the original paperwork received, the certificate matches the spelling on the nomination form. The JPF only give us the correct number of certificates for each round of the award so getting a replacement can be problematic.

Please also note that if your member is successful, it is important that you adhere to the 3 stipulations below

1. the return form must be back to Carol Clarke by the agreed date

2. the money must be spent by the agreed date, on what was asked for on the nomination paperwork (or you must contact Carol Clarke to get approval to change it)
3. the receipts must be in by the agreed date

If you do not stick to these 3 things, then unfortunately further nominations will not be accepted from your unit for the next round of the award.

County awards

The closing date for the next round of awards is Thursday 29 February and all paperwork should be received by the county office by that date, to date I have not received any. There are many dedicated leaders who have been working with units for considerable lengths of time who have never been put forward for an award. Have you someone in your unit/district/division you could nominate? Please give it some thought. The up-to-date nomination form is available on the ENE web and you should obtain a seconder for the application.

Long Service awards

The number of overdue badges has fallen – thank you to everyone who is ensuring leaders get their service awards at the right time. Please keep up the good work.

Anglia Awards

On the Anglia website there is information regarding regional awards. The committee is especially interested in receiving nominations for the Anglia Youth award and the Buddy award both for individuals and units. If you have any girl you think might be deserving of being recognized please get in touch with me (sheila_everitt@yahoo.co.uk) and I will be pleased to help you through the nomination process.

The “in-between” service e-cards that Anglia have been promising to send out for the last 2 years have not materialised and from the latest information I have been given it does not seem likely that they will now go ahead with doing so..

Learning & Development Report

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- First Response

Since the last County Exec 4 full First Response courses have been run within the County, these have all been well attended. The next course is being held at Hatfield Peverel [Scout & Guide HQ] on Saturday the 2nd of March, spaces still available. We aim to run one most months across the County, if an area has a number of leaders/leaders in training due at the same time please do contact us via the Guiding Development email above and we will look to provide trainings if possible. All forthcoming trainings will be advertised in the County Update and are available to book on Eventbrite. We would appreciate DCs help to promote these. Please remind volunteers that there are 2 parts to the qualification: e-learning that should take approx. 10 to 15 minutes, plus the 6 hour face to face session. The

qualification is valid for 3 years and only becomes valid once both parts have been completed.

- The process for accepting external first aid qualifications has changed and that the decision is now held with Anglia Region. Please submit external qualifications to Anne at the County office in good time for them to be considered. The online e-module also needs to be completed. GO/LDP records cannot be updated unless this module is complete.
- One person at each unit meeting must have a valid first aid qualification, however, Girlguiding encourage every volunteer to undertake the training if possible, so that weekly unit meetings, trips and residentials are fully covered. The First Response course is a legitimate unit expense and should be budgeted for when planning unit spending, the current cost through County is £30 per person.

- Safe Space Level 3

Level 3 can be completed by attending a webinar, all sessions can be found and booked on the Learning Platform. County are running an additional face to face session for those unable to complete online – 16th March, Collingwood Guide HQ, Colchester. Booking is via Eventbrite, no cost.

Level 3 must be completed by leaders in training before their LDP can be completed. It must also be held by at least 1 leader per unit meeting (ie leader, assistant leader, leader in training). The recommendation is that all leaders complete it.

Level 3 must also be completed by mentors, advisers, coordinators (except GO coordinators), licence holders on residentials, trainers, tutors, anyone leading a team of adults, and those doing level 4. Please remember that Safe Space 1 & 2 must also be completed, these are e-learning sessions and are available on the Learning Platform.

If renewing level 3 you can now complete a renewal e-learning course however you can only access this course if your level 3 is currently in-date, if its expired you'll need to complete the full training session. This takes 30-45 minutes.

- Finance Training & GiftAid Training

If any district or division is in need of training please contact us.

Outdoors Report

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- Residential List – Chelmsford Museum has been removed, Airpark Chelmsford and Colchester (formally Jump Street) have been added. Ninja Warrior Chelmsford is waiting assessment as is Bradwell Outdoors.
- Mentors – We would like some more GAW mentors for Colne Valley, Witham, Maldon and Elmstead.

- GAW – currently 9 leaders working towards GAW
- Canoeing – Dates have been confirmed as 8th June, 20th July, 7th September. sessions will be 1hr 15mins. Cost £12.50, venue Paper Mill Lock. No leader required and it's open for guides, rangers, inspire, LY and leaders, potentially older Brownies. Bookings will go on Eventbrite soon.
- Walking – Several County leaders walks have taken place, dates for future walks are 2st April, 5th May, 26th May, 7th July. If you are interested contact Eleanor by email walkingessexnortheast@gmail.com.
- DofE – Bronze full for this year we have 18 attending the training day. Please encourage girls from across the county to take part next year. Applicants aged from year 9 aged 13 and turning 14. County are also running a silver training and assessment, numbers to be confirmed. All enquiries to Dofe@girlguidingsexne.org
- Tomahawk and Archery – session to be put on this year, we are awaiting confirmed dates.
- County Camp Advisor – position vacant, anyone with camp GAW who may be interested to contact OAA.

International Report

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Marketing & Communications Report

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Events & opportunities

Kawaii online workshop – well attended with 33 girls taking part. The company offer other online drawing workshops inc Manga. This is suitable for Guide plus age, would members be interested?

Ninja Warrior takeover – fully booked plus a further later session arranged on same day. The venue is currently in process of being approved for sleepovers.

Girlguiding Chelmsford has signed up as a team for Beat the Streets – a free, fun initiative that will see Chelmsford & SWF transformed into a giant game! See how far you can walk, cycle, run, scoot and wheel in just 6 weeks. There are great challenges to enjoy and prizes up for grabs. The game will start on Wednesday 28th February 2024 and end on Wednesday 10th April 2024. Sign up and join the Girlguiding Chelmsford team! Let's see how many points we can get! <https://www.beatthestreet.me/chelmsford/>
Anyone coming to Chelmsford can take part.

Looking to organise a media training day for girls aged 13+ in Easter school holidays more

info when available.

Looking for units to take part in GENE radio shows, either via Zoom or I can attend units where practical – contact pr@girlguidinessexne.org.uk

Essex Pride – looking for volunteers to take part in both the parade and to spend the day on the stand – contact office@girlguidingsexne.org.uk

Social media

Please tag us in your activities so we can share them, we also need photo's and stories to share!

Members closed Facebook group – please encourage adult members to join, share this link with them <https://www.facebook.com/GirlguidingEssexNorthEastCounty/> and NOT use the invite facility. All members must answer the require membership questions

Queens Guide Award FB group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/263711583078147/>

Walking FB group – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/girlguidingsexnortheastwalking/>

Girlguiding Essex North East Inspire –
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550592881982>

Displays

We have our displays ready to be used for up-and-coming events, please contact the office if you would like to book banners etc – please don't leave it till the last minute as many events end up on the same weekends

Essex International Jamboree 2024

Still spaces available for groups to book.

Volunteer roles available to join the staff team, Trefoil, Rainbow & Brownie leaders welcome! Roles suitable for all ages and experiences. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in this amazing international event, on your doorstep!

Queen's Guide Award

Caroline Baker, Queen's Guide Award Co-ordinator

I took over as Queens Guide Co-ordinator last summer. At that point two ladies had recently completed their Awards, congratulations to them. Last year a new syllabus for the Queens Guide Award was introduced and the age range increased to 16-30. Since August eight young women in Essex North East have started the Award – mostly at the older end of the age range so the age increase certainly seems to be attaching a wider range of candidates. We also have one candidate working on the old syllabus who is close to finishing.

Candidates have been working on a wide range of projects including training as an archery instructor, learning sign language, learning car mechanics, taking on roles as commissioners and Inspire co-ordinator, working with the Headgate Theatre, working towards Going Away With qualifications and lots more.

Girlguiding Inspire Report

Rosina Rennie, Inspire Co-ordinator

In the last few months, we re-launched Girlguiding Inspire for the county. Inspire is the Girlguiding offer for 18-30 year olds. It was created to provide opportunities and to build a community of members to share skills, meet other people from across Girlguiding and take part in activities for themselves.

At the beginning of the year, I sent out a survey link to gain interest from members across the county. I have had 14 responses so far, with lots of people sharing their interest in taking part in events, camps, and trips. You can still fill out the questionnaire - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdb-WF5PBCP4izTA62WVVFkE0NFtY0usBg4lijC4F-UbWPVfg/viewform>

Six of us are taking part in the London Monopoly Run on the 2nd March - which should be lots of fun.

I hope to organise another event for the end of March. So, keep an eye out.

Please do share with divisions that inspire is active and I would love for as many people as possible to get involved.

Instagram - @gginspireene

Facebook Page - Girlguiding Inspire Essex North East -

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550592881982>

Facebook Group for members age 18-30 -

https://www.facebook.com/groups/girlguidingeneinspire/?ref=share_group_link

Rangers Adviser and Peer Education Report

Eloise Wood, Peer Education Co-ordinator

Peer Education Weekend for members aged 14-25

5th -7th July, Eaton Vale Activity Centre, Norwich

Think Resilient Topic and an adventurous outdoor activity.

Details and booking <https://www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/download/peer-education-training-event-booking-form>

More details from peered@girlguidingessexne.org.uk

Trefoil Guild Report

Mavis Burton & Vanessa Reed, County Chair

We have had our first Committee meeting and meeting of Trefoil Chairs which went well and an Anglia zoom meeting. Unfortunately we started the year by having Stour Valley Trefoil closing although hopefully some members will join nearby ones.

We have been busy putting dates in the diary in July we have our annual weekend at Skreens, Sausage Sizzle at Thorrington in August, a social in October and a carol service in

December. We are looking for a venue for a Thinking Day next year.

There is the regional annual review at Thetford in April where we should be well attended and several trefoil members are attending the National review at Portsmouth in June and the regional holiday at Hautbois in September.

The year has started off well and we hope it continues.