



Adviser Reports February 2025

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 an award and I am pleased to say the JPF accepted our nominations for Joanna Howse (3rd Writtle Guides), Harriet Williams (6th Springfield Guides) and Kim Hudson (Braiswick Rangers and 1st Myland Guides) and that they have all been presented with an interim certificate and now have the chance of obtaining a grant of up to £1000 to spend on their units.

Please note the Jack Petchey leaders award is, unfortunately, only open to those of our leaders who are actively working with the 11 to 25 age range i.e. with guide, ranger or young leader units.

Our celebration event for award winners was held last November and again was a great success with all who attended thoroughly enjoying themselves. Our thanks go to Summer who entertained us with a solo and members of Blackwater West district who told us about their time at the Essex Jamboree.

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 13 November 2025

and if you have a member or members of your unit who would like to provide entertainment for us please get in touch.

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

We only had 1 nomination for the October round of county awards and their badge and certificate has been presented.

Sue did choose to recognise some of the support team for the Wyvernwood event and for leaders who worked on the Essex International Jamboree planning team and they had badges presented at the afternoon tea. Sue herself was recognised for all the work she has done for the county over many years by being awarded the Essex Badge.

The next opportunity to nominate one of our dedicated leaders for a county award will be in May 2025. The up-to-date nomination form is available on the ENE web and you should obtain a seconder for the application.

Long Service awards

Our afternoon tea held in November for all those whose long service award fell due in 2024 was not as well attended as we hoped but those who did come enjoyed themselves and we had many compliments from both leaders and our VIP guests. Our thanks go to Caroline and her team for all the hard work in providing the delicious cake and scones.

We have decided to again host a similar event this year, hoping that those who attended last year will spread the word that it was an enjoyable event, encouraging those whose awards fall due in 2025 to attend. We have booked a hall in Coggeshall for the 11 October. Invitations will follow in due course.

Please remember when ordering badges from Janet Paul that they should not be ordered more than 6 weeks before the due date and that payment should accompany the request.

Anglia Awards

Anglia is in the process of changing how the regional awards are decided upon. All information regarding which awards are available and the form to complete is on the region website. Any nominations should, in the first place, be sent to the county awards committee for consideration. The region committee is especially interested in receiving nominations for the Anglia Youth award. 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.

Learning & Development Report

Gill Hillman-Crouch, Guiding Development Chair

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First Response

Courses get booked up really quickly, please book early to avoid disappointment. The cost of the course is £30, it's a legitimate unit expense.

Courses in 2025:

Saturday 15th of March – Springfield Scout Hut, Chelmsford

Saturday 26th of April – Black Notley Scout & Guide HQ, nr Braintree

Saturday 24th May – The Ark Church, Colchester

Saturday 21st of June – Utling village hall, near Maldon

Saturday 6th of September – Maurice Rowson Hall, Gosfield

Saturday 4th of Oct – tbc

Saturday 8th Nov – tbc

Saturday 6th December – Colchester

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.

External first aid evidence should now to be uploaded onto the Learning Platform by the volunteer after completing the e-learning.

While the requirement is that there must be someone with 1st response or the equivalent at every meeting, the recommendation is for more than 1 person per unit.

Safer Guiding [was Safe Space]

There are 2 types of safer guiding training – safer guiding and safer guiding basics. The one you'll do will be based on your role.

If you have any contact with girls – you'll need to do the safer guiding course. This has 4 topics and replaces a safe space levels 1, 2 and 3.

This e-learning takes about 3 hours and is divided into smaller modules. It's designed for you to dip in and out of and it'll save your progress along the way. We wouldn't recommend completing this all in one go but make sure you allow plenty of time to complete it before your deadline.

At the end of each of the 4 topics there's a quiz for you to do. You must pass each quiz to complete the course.

For those without direct contact with girls – You'll need to do safer guiding basics – a shorter version of the safer guiding training. It's required instead for a small number of

non-girl-facing roles. This takes around 45 minutes to complete and there's no quiz attached to it. You can complete the training on the Learning Platform.

Finance Training & Gift Aid Training

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

Outdoors Report

Julie Craven, Outdoor Activities Adviser

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Residential

- We have a few outstanding GAW licenses where leaders haven't submitted their books for verification. Although there is no time limit, the longer it's left the less likely they will complete it, it's a shame after putting the hard work into the plan and running the event.
- Currently have 4 leaders working towards their GAW
- Please encourage new district commissioners to contact us if they are unsure of the GAW process, we are happy to talk them through it.
- Division commissioners - please confirm if you have a division residential advisor in role

Kayaking - We are waiting on confirmation of dates when we have the coaches available. We are looking at replacing a couple of the kayaks which will be more suited to the girls. This year we are planning on a longer paddle for those who have experience, so please look out for the dates and encourage older Brownies, Guides, Rangers, young leaders and adults to attend. Sessions will cost £12.50, session times 9.30am, 11am and 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Archery - For Brownies, Guides, Rangers, young leaders and adults on 22nd June, Riffhams. Bookings, once open will be via Eventbrite (links via [Archery 2025 - Girlguiding Essex North East County](#)). The cost is £12.50. Sessions will run at 10am, 11.30am and 1pm

DofE - sadly we haven't got the numbers to run a Bronze this year. We are for the first time running a GOLD alongside Silver at the end of July and October Half term, if you have any Ranger age up who would be interested then please contact Eleanor Coulson or Natalie Sadler

County Walking Days

If you like the great outdoors and fancy joining the county walking advisers for some guided walks. Walks are social events, but can include navigation skills as well if required. Usually 1st Sunday of the month

Please contact our Walking Adviser on walkingessexnortheast@gmail.com if you are interest in joining us on any of the walks below.

Details can also be found on our Facebook group for adult members of Girlguiding Essex North East "Girlguiding Essex North East Walking Group".

2025 Dates

Sunday 2nd March

Sunday 6th April

Sunday 4th May

Sunday 8th June

Sunday 6th July

Details will be advertised via the Facebook page.

International Report

Lorraine Pemberton, International Adviser

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Following Anglia International selection in October 24, we had selected

Leaders: Lorraine Pemberton – Morocco 25 Joint Trip Lead, Rosina Rennie – Morocco 25, Holly Davis – Canada 26

Girls: Annabelle Aves – Azores 25, Emily Rushmere – Azores 25, Heidi Smith – Azores 25, Carys Connolly – Morocco 25, Grace Wilkinson – Morocco 25, Francesca Oddy – Morocco 25, Audrey Green – Mexico 26.

There is an Anglia International Selection for Leaders for 26/27 trips on 25–27 April at Patterson Lodge, Hautbois Activity Centre. Trips are Malta 2026, UK-based international jamboree 2026 – Poacher and/or Wings, Interrailing, in 2027 and Sangam, India in 2026. Booking information will be available on Anglia info emails. Leaders must attend to be considered for trip teams. Complete adult international form <https://www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/download/adult-international-application-form-aug-2024>

From the Anglia County International Advisors meeting 21/2/25 I believe the adults only trip to Chalet, Switzerland, September 25, is now full. Majority of the cost is the Chalet fee. Contact Anglia International if still interested.

Anglia are also organising 2 adults only trips to Sangam, India. Details will be released shortly, one will have 4 days at Sangam and then travel South, other will have 4 days at Sangam and travel north. Adults will need to book own flights and insurance, but will be given guidance.

Anglia selection for girls for 26–27 trips will be 4 October 25. We will arrange a County selection to choose girls, most likely after exams in the summer.

I have received 2 leaders interested in helping run International Fundays based on world centres, will require more volunteers to go ahead. I have created a list of activities for world centres, putting together resource files to accompany them. May be as a County

Challenge badge if leaders are not interested in having fun days.

We have one Unit planning their own International trip to PGL Disney Paris. Please remember to complete a Permission to plan REN on GO having chatted with County commissioner and myself. This should be 12-18 months before your event. All International RENs are completed on GO.

Morocco 25 group have created a challenge badge, details will be available very soon.

County trip is still to be planned.

If you are interested County International team please contact me on international@girlguidingsexne.org.uk

Marketing & Communications Report

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PR display resources

County Promotional Display Items available to book out for your events!

We have two sets of displays (one gazebo) plus pull up banners, feather flags, display units and more.

Please book well in advance as many events share the same date.

Contact our county office to discuss your requirements. office@girlguidingsexne.org.uk

GENE presenters

We are looking for girls aged 14-18 who are existing members of Girlguiding who would like to join our team of presenters. They should be confident speakers who are happy to talk live on air, no experience is necessary as training will be given. GENE is now broadcast live on a Sunday morning, based at Anglia Ruskin in Chelmsford.

Branding

I am happy to help with the design of badges and clothing, offering advice on how to pass the HQ branding guidelines.

Recruitment

Bespoke recruitment leaflets for your unit are available from county office.

We will be issuing a number of social media posts about transitioning onto the next section, giving parents information on ages and how to enquire at the next level.

Energy Burst are looking to recruit staff for the event on 18-20th July details can be found on [Energy Burst Guide and Ranger Camp 2025 - Girlguiding Essex North East County](#).

Smashing Boundaries

Essex Cricket are happy to arrange for a coach come to them or, if they are local to a cricket club that has a girls section, would look to arrange the session at the cricket club. Contact Lauren@essexcricket.org.uk

Girlguiding Inspire Report

Rosina Rennie, Inspire Co-ordinator

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Trefoil Guild Report

Mavis Burton & Vanessa Reed, County Chair

Since the last meeting we have had a busy time. Our annual review in October was attended by 55 members inc. Karen Battern (region chair) and Jayne Skingley (Essex South East) followed by a ploughman's lunch and activities.

As a county we had a carol service in Wivenhoe church in which around 40 attended including our Girlguiding County Commissioner Sue Sutton. During the service we were joined by the The Colne Endeavour Band, an all-inclusive brass band, after which we had refreshments and a natter.

We are now planning a meal at Lexden Wood golf club on May 11th, our annual weekend away at Skreens Park Activity centre in June and Sausage Sizzle in August.

Our Guilds have been busy too being educated by talks on floristry with flower arranging, a bee lady, tennis umpiring at Wimbledon, and Kindertransport. Enjoying Christmas crafts from wreath and card making to of course Christmas meals and quizzes.

For our first year in office it has been hard work but enjoyable on the whole as we get used to the job