

## **Awards Committee Report**

**Sheila Everitt, Awards Committee Chair**

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**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 March committee meeting, we put forward 2 leaders to be considered for leader's awards and I am pleased to say the JPF accepted our nominations for Kathy Ashworth of 25th Colchester Guide unit and Sally Morris of 2nd Harwich Guide unit. Both 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.

Many of our award winners both girls and leaders have asked to spend their grants at the forthcoming Essex Jamboree – we, on the committee, all hope they have a marvellous time.

This year's celebration evening is booked for Thursday 7 November 2024 at Charter Hall, Colchester. All winners, who are expected to attend, have been told of this date, please put it in your diaries now.

The closing date for the next round of the awards is Thursday 17 October 2024 when all nomination paperwork should be with the county office.

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 did have some nominations for the May round of county awards and those who have been successful will have their badges and certificated presented at an opportune occasion.

There are still 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. The closing date for the next round of awards is Thursday 17 October and all paperwork should be received by the county office by that date.

### **Long Service awards**

The number of overdue badges has fallen considerably – thank you to everyone who is ensuring leaders get their service awards at the right time. Please keep up the good work. Janet Paul has asked me to remind everyone that long service awards should not be requested any earlier than 6 weeks before they are due. She does an order to HQ almost every week so this still gives time, if she does not have them in stock, to get them for presentations.

### **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.

## **Learning & Development Report**

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### **Let's Get Outdoors! – County Outdoor Training Day Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of September.**

Activities and fun interactive workshops suitable for every section, many of which tie-into the programme. Activities include fire lighting, exploring the great outdoors, rope adventures, orienteering, outdoor cooking, survival skills, bug hunting & homes, camp gadgets, camping skills, bird watching & feeders, wide games, campfire singing and more. Lots of ideas to take back to your units. 9am to 4.30pm, Riffhams, near Danbury.

Bookings opening soon on Eventbrite. £25 per person [legit unit cost], includes full day of training, badge, hot drinks and handouts. Open to all adult members and Young Leaders. Look out for more information, book early to secure your favourite sessions. We would appreciate DCs help to promote the training day.

### **First Response**

Forthcoming courses:

15<sup>th</sup> June – Colchester

7<sup>th</sup> September – Black Notley

19<sup>th</sup> October – Feering

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.

Every leader in training must have first aid listed on their GO record in order for their leadership qualification to be signed off. One person at every 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.

Level 3 must be completed by at least 1 leader per unit (ie leader, assistant leader, leader in training) must have an in-date level 3. 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.

### **Finance Training & Gift Aid Training**

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

## **Outdoors Report**

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Recent archery sessions at Riffhams were well received. If leaders would like our team to

run sessions for your unit please get in contact via the above email address.

Our first canoeing session of the year is this weekend and spaces are available for our sessions on 20<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> September. Unit leaders do not have to attend as ratios are covered by the Outdoors team and permission form details completed by parents on booking via Eventbrite.

Details can be found on our website [girlguidingessexne.org.uk/canoeing-2024/](http://girlguidingessexne.org.uk/canoeing-2024/) and can be shared by units directly to parents.

DofE training expedition was successful with the qualifying expedition being held at the end of the month.

A number of members are completing their Going Away With scheme this year and many are busy preparing for Jamboree. If anyone has any queries or is in need of advice, please contact the team on our email above.

We continue to look for volunteers for the position of camp adviser and overnight adviser, please get in touch to find out more of what is involved and the amount of time needed if this might be of interest.

## **International Report**

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Currently looking for division representatives and those interested in international travel. Anyone interested please contact Lorraine on the email above.

## **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@girlguidingessexne.org.uk](mailto:office@girlguidingessexne.org.uk)

### **Essex Pride**

There's still time to sign up and take part in Essex Pride on Saturday, 22nd June 2024, in Central Park, Chelmsford.

If you are interested, please email [commsteam@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk](mailto:commsteam@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk)

### **Local pr reps**

We are inviting people to become local PR representatives for districts or divisions. The role can be shaped to suit your time and skills. Primarily, we are looking for people to send in press releases to local publications to showcase guiding in your area, this could also involve helping to promote recruitment. Support will be given, and we have a library of template press releases available.

We also welcome keen photographers to cover events either locally or around the county. Please contact [office@girlguidingessexne.org.uk](mailto:office@girlguidingessexne.org.uk)

### **Gene radio show**

Girlguiding Essex North East has its very own radio show, broadcast on the 1st Sunday of each month on CCR104.4fm and available to listen again on Mixcloud. Please follow the shows social media for more info <https://www.facebook.com/GENERadioshow/> @generadioshow on Instagram. You can listen to past shows here <https://linktr.ee/GENERadioshow>

The show is planned and presented by three Rangers and one leader, the team are available to visit your unit or event. They can record interviews with the girls, leaders and visitors and feature them on GENE shows or can run a media evening to link in with various UMA's and badges including photography. Bookings are being taken for the Autumn/Winter term.

The team are particularly keen to visit an Anglia Pyjama party if anyone is running one! Contact [pr@girlguidingessexne.org.uk](mailto:pr@girlguidingessexne.org.uk)

### **Girlguiding Inspire Report**

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Future dates

11am 13th July -Picnic at the beach @ Walton-on-the-Naze

14 September - London monopoly run (bookings for this is imminent)

16 November - CUSAGC marathon challenge

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

### **Rangers Adviser and Peer Education Report**

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Any member of Girlguiding aged 14-25 can complete the training and become a peer educator.

The role is so flexible, so it can be a great way to stay connected to Girlguiding whilst you're at university or when you can't commit to more regular volunteering.

Training is regularly run across the country – keep an eye on the Anglia website for details on up coming training. If you are interested in finding out more and wanting to take the first step to being training up complete the following E-Learning.

If you have any questions about becoming a Peer Educator, contact our Peer Education Coordinator via email – [peered@girlguidingsexne.org.uk](mailto:peered@girlguidingsexne.org.uk)

## **Trefoil Guild Report**

### **Mavis Burton & Vanessa Reed, County Chair**

The Guilds continue to hold some very interesting meetings, including celebrating the Chinese New Year with Tai Chi; a back-to-basics evening of gadgets, bedding rolls and knots; a Scandinavian evening; armchair keep fit; ten pin bowling: crazy golf and even a murder mystery evening where the gardener did it! Quite a few Guilds celebrated Thinking Day at their meeting. One Guild used an idea from this year's WAGGS Thinking day program and collected money in tiny jam jars which they had decorated. Every time they did something to help the environment, for example walking instead of taking the car, they put some coins into the jar, the money collected is going to the Colchester food bank.

Crafts have included Easter egg decorating, Easter cards with Iris folding and pottery at The Blue Owl.

Meals out have been enjoyed and quite a few activities have included food and a gin tasting evening, an ongoing theme for Trefoil!!

One of our members from Colchester Guild who continues to work with a Rainbow unit, has recently been presented with her 60-year award, what an amazing achievement!

Several guilds attended Anglia Region Annual Meeting in Thetford where we were welcomed by Captain Mainwaring and his platoon plus a visit to the Dad's Army Museum

We have several events planned for the coming year, including a residential weekend at Skreens Park with 34 members attending, a Sausage Sizzle at Thorrington scout site in the summer and a carol service in December.

To date, ENE has approx. 200 members which is slightly down from last years census. We would love to see more younger leaders join us, we don't just sit around eat cake and chat although as we have said food and drink is enjoyed by all.