

Girlguiding
Shropshire county



County Handbook 2025



Girlguiding Midlands Events

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Quarter	Event Name	When	Which sections
Q1	GIG - 2025 In Unit activities - Discover the wild	Jan to Dec 2025	All sections
Q1	Thinking Day International themed Challenge	Release in early Jan	All sections
Q1	International Trip Leader Briefing Day	25-Jan-25	Over 18's only
Q2	International Participant Selection for 2026 trips	22 to 23 March 2025	Guides, Rangers, YL's
Q2	Careers Chat -	Spring 2025	Over 18's only
Q2	Rainbow Virtual	17-18/05/24	Rainbows
Q2	ICE Channel Islands	May-25	Guides
Q3	Brownie Virtual Event	17-18/05/24	
Q3	Denmark Dash Book & Go	30 July to 01 August 2025	Guides 13+, Rangers & YL's

Hello,

Thank you for volunteering with Girlguiding Shropshire and a warm welcome to the 2025 county directory.



I'm Jane Hurst your new County Commissioner. I'm really thrilled to be starting my new role and look forward to getting around the county to meet everyone and to seeing Girlguiding in action in your local areas.

I work in dentistry and trained in the RAF. Over the last 25 years, I have been a Girlguiding volunteer in 4 counties, Leicestershire, Hampshire East, Staffordshire and Shropshire, in part due to my military postings. I am a leader with Church Stretton Guides and until recently I shared the role of Division Commissioner in Ludlow Division. In my spare time I'm a keen baker and love crafting.

Thank you to Sarah and Cat for their service to the county and support during the handover period. They organised so many fantastic events and Elements Camp was a fabulous county celebration.

I am looking forward to visiting parts of the county I'm not familiar with, so please invite me to visit your units and events so I can come along and meet you all.

Thank you for all your enthusiasm and support in delivering and growing guiding. You are fabulous volunteers and I'm very proud to be your new County Commissioner and look forward to working with you. Together we help girls know they can do anything.

Yours in guiding,

Jane, County Commissioner.

Do you need PR support for an event?

Our PR team are happy to support and advise you. We have a range of PR materials, stored at the county office, available to use at local events to promote Girlguiding.



Contact the team by email at pr@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

We would also love to share your events and activities via our social media – please send them to the team.

County Website: www.girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

Facebook Page: [Girlguiding Shropshire](#)

Twitter: [@GGShropshire](#)

Instagram: [@girlguidingshropshire](#)



Merchandise

Girlguiding Shropshire sell a range of embroidered polo shirts, hoodies. For orders look at the website.

www.girlguidingshropshire.org.uk/county-information



Shropshire's Sensational 7!

Coming soon....our new county challenge badge. An exciting new challenge that takes you on a journey around the glorious county we are lucky to call home. Girlguiding Shropshire has 7 divisions, Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Oswestry, Shropshire North, Shrewsbury, Telford South and Wrekin. Have fun travelling through each division, exploring and learning new skills as you go.

Pre orders for badges can be sent to badges@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk £1 each plus p&p
We hope you have fun!



Safe Practice

Please contact the County Commissioner if you have any issues.

Safer Guiding

We recognise the importance of supporting adult volunteers to create safer guiding for girls and adults and provide opportunities for training. *It is mandatory for all adult volunteers to have completed the appropriate safer guiding Training in line with our Girlguiding Safeguarding Policy.*

DBS

Girlguiding requires all volunteers to undertake a DBS check on joining and subsequent rechecks every 3 years. You will be notified by Girlguiding when your recheck is due and it is now mainly digital and online. Please contact your local Commissioner who can support you by allocating a designated verifier if you would rather do this face to face.

1st Response

Every unit requires at least one volunteer who holds a 1st Response qualification to be present at every meeting. Renewable every 3 years, training includes a training session and a practical. Please book ahead to ensure you update your training. Units are not able to meet without a volunteer who holds a valid qualification.

Meet our teams

Badges and resources



Marion Wynn, County Badge Secretary
& Depot Manager

badges@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

In addition to supplying Girlguiding badges and Shropshire challenge badges I offer an additional service for those who do not have a local District or Division Depot. Badge orders are still charged £1 for 2nd class postage.

You can also order anything from The Girlguiding Shop for direct home delivery through me. The postage charge for this will be £3.00. You will also receive 10% discount on uniform, books and gift items.

All profit from the sale of badges and goods through the County Depot supports Girlguiding Shropshire.

For up to date prices and Shropshire challenge badge information please see the County website under Leader's Resources.



Awards



Elaine Brannan, County Chair of Awards

awards@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

These recognise and reward the activity of our volunteers and young people which is over and above what is expected of the role.

County Good Service Award:

This is awarded by the County Commissioner to any adult member of Girlguiding Shropshire who has given outstanding service to the county – often in more than one capacity but not necessarily.

County Commissioner Award:

This is awarded by the County Commissioner to any adult member of Girlguiding Shropshire who has given exceptional service at Unit, District or Division level. This service should be above and beyond the expected requirements of the appointment/s held.

County Recognition Pins:

These can be awarded by any Commissioner (in consultation with the County Commissioner) to recognise and thank girls and volunteers for inspirational, motivational and/or innovative actions.

If you would like to nominate someone for a County Award please go to www.girlguidingshropshire.org.uk/county-awards



Training Team



Clare Wassall, Training Team Coordinator

training@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

Your county training team needs you!

Have you volunteered with Girlguiding in a variety of unit settings, or held some different roles with Girlguiding?

Maybe you have gained experience through your career such as IT, accounting, project management, childcare or teaching that may be helpful in Girlguiding?

Would you be willing to share your expertise? If so...being a trainer could be a rewarding route for you, whilst learning new skills and helping other volunteers grow theirs.

Our role is to keep up to date with programme changes, support leaders in running units in a safe and efficient way and offer alternative activity ideas.

It takes trainers with many different backgrounds and skills to deliver the range of trainings and support needed within a county.

Would you be interested in starting your journey as a trainer?
email us at training@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our team.

Leader Development Programme



Pat Whitfield, Leader in training coordinator

Join our team of inspirational leaders by learning how to run a brilliant unit, provide a great programme and support girls to be their best selves.



To become a leader, you'll need to do our 'becoming a leader' training, which you can find on our learning platform. It's part of our leader development programme. Pat is our county Leadership Development Coordinator and works with our county mentors, to ensure you are supported to successfully complete the course.

Leadership Qualification Mentors

Have you considered becoming a Leadership Development Mentor? Being a mentor is a flexible role where you can use your experience to support volunteers to complete their LDP.



Excellent mentor support can be given by volunteers who have recently completed the leadership qualification as well as volunteers with more experience.

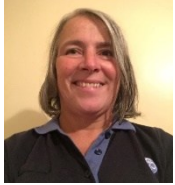
If you think this might be you, contact Pat to find out more.

Outdoor Activities Team



Sarah Myers

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Dawn Sedgley

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What will your next adventure be?

There are many ways to have fun outdoors with Girlguiding and our team of advisers are here to help. Whether you are seeking support to develop your skills or exploring the outdoors for the first time with your unit, we'd love to hear from you.



The Girlguiding programme has something for everyone with lots of ideas to inspire you. Our aim is to help you feel confident to have adventures and bring the outdoors into your unit programmes, from engaging ideas for unit meetings to large scale events and everything in between.

Build your confidence

Have fun

Learn new skills

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Gemma Ireland, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Adviser



Water Activities



Dawn Marshall



Walking Adviser
Jo Revell



Division Outdoor Advisors	Contact details
Bridgnorth – Eloise Moore	
Ludlow - <i>vacancy</i>	
Oswestry - Helen Jackson	
Shrewsbury - Andrea Dunn	
Shropshire North - Kerry Childs	
Telford South - Dawn Sedgley	
Wrekin - Sarah Smith-Roe	

We want to hear from you! Let us know how we can help by emailing outdoors@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

Lyneal activity Centre and county outdoor spaces

The Old School, Lyneal is owned by Girlguiding Shropshire purchased in 1994. It was officially opened in June 1998 after being converted into a residential centre, fully equipped for up to 24 people to stay overnight.

It is situated in the north of the County a 30-minute drive from Shrewsbury. It is suitable for groups of all ages and is primarily for the use of Girlguiding and Scouting but is available for hire by other youth organisations and local community groups. It's a great venue for meetings and parties with seating available for 40 people.

See: www.lynealactivitycentre.org.uk



Bickley Coppice Scout and Guide Campsite

Ideal for:

- Backwoods camping
- Back to Basics camping
- Lightweight camping
- Expedition stopover
- Expeditions on the River Severn
- DofE

Also available for evenings and days info book at

www.bickleycoppice.org.uk



Neville's Field is jointly managed by Girlguiding Newport and Longford districts, and Tern Valley District Scouts. The field is in Edgmond, just outside Newport, and is available for hire. For more information, please contact Longford district in the first instance – email: nevillesfield@gmail.com



Wider Opportunities Team

Vacancy – Wider Opportunities Team Lead

Our wider opportunities team are here to support members aged 13+ to 30 years of age. There is a wide choice of exciting opportunities in Girlguiding and Karen and the team can support and help you access them. Please help us by promoting opportunities with your older Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, and Inspire aged volunteers. Thank you.

Girlguiding Inspire

Vacancy – inspire@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

A fun community for members of Girlguiding aged 18–30. We are a group of young women who aim to meet once a month via zoom or in person to express ourselves and try new things.

There is no set schedule or commitment, just you, meeting new people and sharing experiences.

We have a Facebook group [Girlguiding Inspire – Shropshire](#)



Queens Guide Support



Megan Phillips – Queen's Guide Coordinator

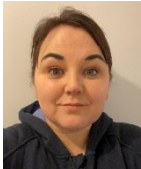
The Queens Guide Award is the highest challenge in Girlguiding. It's had a refresh and is now open to members from 16–30 years old.

The new age range means that more members will get the chance to achieve it, there's more choice of options too and more support for everyone involved.



If you would like more information or how to start your award, please get in touch.

Rangers



Shell Pound – Ranger Lead Volunteer

rangers@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk

Young Leaders



Sophie Bayliss – Young Leader Coordinator

youngleaders@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk



International Opportunities for all



Vacancy – County International Adviser

International adventure is an exciting way of developing your Girlguiding experiences. Look out for more information on these opportunities on the Midlands Region Website.

www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/adventure-opportunities

Peer Education



Drew Marris, Peer Education Coordinator

What is Peer Education?

Peer educators are 14-to-25-year-olds who help Brownies, Guides and Rangers explore important topics. As young people, they use their own experience to bring the subject to life. Peer educators run safe, fun, and challenging sessions which are developed with expert partners. Becoming a Peer Educator is a fantastic way to develop leadership skills and an important way to reach out to support young girls.

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Educator, please contact Drew. There is also more information on the Girlguiding UK website – here's a useful QR code link.



Directory

County Commissioner:

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Bridgnorth West District. Vacancy

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The Mount District Jo Webber

Shropshire North Division:

Rebecca Harding

Hodnet District. Fran Evans

Market Drayton District. Pat Whitfield

Wem District. Contact Rebecca Harding

Whitchurch District. Kirsty Partington

Telford South Division:

Amanda McLaughlin

Albrighton and Shifnal District. Helena Rushworth

Dawley District. Sharon Lawton

Madeley District. Mel Buttery

Telford South, South and East District. Sarah Brammer

Wrekin Division:

Vacancy (interim contact Victoria Smith-Roe)

Longford District. Vacancy

Newport District. Bev Holden

Oakengates and Wellington District. Jayne Malcom

Shropshire Trefoil Guild – Chair – Muriel Rayner

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Booking Secretary: Joyce Monaghan

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email: safeguarding@girlguiding.org.uk

To contact other members of Girlguiding Shropshire use the directory in GO and message them.



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Q3	Denmark Dash Region Trip	30 July to 5 August 2025	Rangers & YL's
Q3	Azores Trip	Summer 2025	Rangers & YL's
Q3	Tanzania Trip	Summer 2025	Rangers & YL's
Q3	Leading a Region International Trip info session	02/09/2025	Over 18's only
Q3	International Leader Selection	14/09/2025	Over 18's only
Q4	GIG related UK Trip - Chester Zoo	20-21 Sep	All sections
Q4	Our Cabana World Centre Trip	10th October 2025	Over 18's only
Q4	Jailbreak to Cardiff	18/10-02/11 2025	Rangers/YL's
Q4	Capture the Dragon - Cardiff Monopoly	25/26 October 2025	Guides/Rangers/YL's/ Inspire/Adults
Q4	Christmas Event	30th November 2025	Rainbows & Brownies

www.girlguiding-midlands.org.uk/adventure-opportunities