

THE INFORMER

ASSISTANT COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE

We are delighted to announce that Sandra, the county commissioner for Girlguiding Nottinghamshire, has appointed her third assistant county commissioner. Lucy Effingham will be joining Jo Ward and Jen Hind-Boville as part of the county team to support Sandra and the rest of the county. Lucy says "I'm really excited to be taking on the role of assistant county commissioner. I joined Girlguiding when I was 5 and never left, so it's safe to say guiding has been a huge part of my life! I love adventure, trying new things and making memories, and Girlguiding has given me so many opportunities to do all those things over the years. I love being able to give girls those same experiences and seeing where guiding can take them. I'm really looking forward to getting more involved across Nottinghamshire, meeting volunteers, and young members from around the county and getting stuck into lots of events and activities." Welcome to the team, Lucy!



NOTTS COUNTY COMMISSIONER CHALLENGE



Sandra is excited to launch her Notts County Commissioner challenge! The challenge is just for adult volunteers, and is designed to build community and communication in our county. To complete the challenge, you will need to build your guiding community, discover Girlguiding Nottinghamshire, help guiding grow and celebrate the amazing things which happen across Nottinghamshire every week.

[Find out more here.](#)

RAINBOWS 40TH BIRTHDAY – SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 26 JUNE 2027

Did you know that the Rainbow section turns 40 in 2027? To mark the special occasion, our youngest section are invited to their own special celebration on Saturday 26 June 2027. Further information will be available shortly – for now make sure to save the date and we will look forward to celebrating with all of you.

We will also need volunteers to help with this event, if you are not attending with your unit. If you'd like to volunteer, then please [contact Lucy Effingham](#) for more information.

HELEN STORROW SEMINAR – CONGRATULATIONS

ANNABEL!

Annabel, a volunteer in Beeston and Chilwell division, has been selected to represent Girlguiding at the Helen Storrow Seminar in 2027. The Helen Storrow Seminar (HSS) is an international leadership development event held every year at Our Chalet, WAGGGS's World Centre in Switzerland. Since 1986, the seminar has empowered young women to become leaders for change, focusing on environmental sustainability. Annabel applied for the opportunity and was selected through an interview process with the HQ international team. This is a really exciting opportunity for Annabel to represent the UK, Midlands region and Nottinghamshire county at an international event. Annabel says "I am so grateful and excited to have been selected to represent Girlguiding at the Helen Storrow Seminar 2027 in Switzerland. I'm looking forward to discussing environmental leadership, and bringing what I learn back to Nottingham." Congratulations and best of luck Annabel!



COUNTY PROPERTIES – BOOKINGS OPEN FOR 2027

Exciting news – bookings are now open for 2027 for the three county properties! So whether it's a spring sleepover with sledging at Elton, your annual summer camp under the stars at Roughbreck or a festive sleepover at Hanson House, it's time to start planning your next adventure.

[Start planning your residential adventures here](#)

SHOP UPDATE



It may only be October, but there are lots of exciting events to look forward to – and that means exciting new badges! This includes badges from Girlguiding to mark Black History Month, Remembrance Day and even World Thinking Day. Then there's the cute new Christmas badge from Girlguiding Midlands, with Ruby and her new gingerbread friend! All of these badges can be ordered through the county shop. The shop also stocks all of the new uniform items which are currently available, as well as the new combined badge books.

The shop will be open most Saturdays between 11am and 1pm, except for 24 and 31 October. Outside of this time, you can place orders to be posted out or for collection when the shop is open – just head to our website to find out more. If any items are not available, then these will be sent once stock is available.

[Place your order here](#)

GUIDE PATROL PERMIT & RANGER LEAD AWAY ADVICE SESSION

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2026

Have any of your Guides or Rangers thought about completing their Guide camp permit or Ranger Lead Away permit? These programmes allow Guides and Rangers to gain the skills and knowledge to lead other Guides and Rangers on independent camping trips. Through the permit, young members can boost their camping experience and leadership skills.

The outdoor team are running an advice session on Sunday 15 November to cover the essentials of both permits. This includes the necessary forms, first aid, equipment and food storage. Please encourage your Guides and Rangers to sign up and find out more about this exciting opportunity!



[Find out more here](#)

LEADER IN TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026



Are you an adult leader in training? Maybe you have just started or maybe you have been on the programme for some time. Either way, this day is for you! There will be an opportunity to complete essential training and meet members of the county team for advice and support. The day will encourage networking with other leaders in training so you can support each other.

Bookings are now open on our website and we can't wait to see you all there!

[Find out more here](#)

GIRLGUIDING MIDLANDS – REGION ROLES

Looking for a new challenge? Girlguiding Midlands continue to advertise a series of volunteer roles that they have available. There's a range of roles with more to be added shortly. They are also looking for a number of people to help out with CityScapes on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 March – which is happening in Nottingham city centre!

[Find the latest volunteer vacancies here](#)

GIRLGUIDING – EXTERNAL FUNDING UPDATES

Are you looking to boost your unit's finances, or perhaps are looking for some additional funds for your next adventures or local guiding properties? Girlguiding has recently launched a new website, which brings together links and contact information for organisations that provide grants for local community groups such as Girlguiding units or properties. The page will be updated when new funding opportunities are available, so make sure to check back regularly.

[Find out more here](#)

MIDLANDS SINGING DAY

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Do you enjoy singing for pleasure? Then why not join members from across the Midlands to enjoy a day of making music together and singing guiding songs. The event will take place at Girlguiding Beeston and Chilwell division HQ, from 10am. The event is open for everyone from young leaders and Rangers to Trefoil.

[Get in touch to find out more information.](#)

GANG SHOW – VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



The Nottinghamshire Gang Show is coming up in 2027! However, they need your help to be part of the Gang behind the Gang. If you are a dab hand with a needle and thread, then you can help out with cutting or sewing of costumes. They are also looking for stewards for rehearsals, which take place every Sunday at the Kimberley School, as well as dressing room support during show week (10 – 14 March 2027).

[Find out more here.](#)

COUNTY ARCHIVE

The county archive is a treasure trove of guiding history, including copies of handbooks, old uniforms and scrapbooks full of photos and newspaper articles. But they need your help! Do you have any old photo albums, or photos (either printed or digital) of local events? Perhaps you have a copy when your unit appeared in the local news? Then make sure to share it with the archive – they would love to keep a copy safe for you!

The county archive now has their own Facebook page, where they will showcase some of the amazing things they discover, some of which are guaranteed to provoke some memories! They also have some exciting plans coming up, so give them a follow to find out more!

[Give them a follow here](#)



[Check out all of our diary dates!](#)



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