



Girlguiding

Sir Morgannwg Ganol
Central Glamorgan county

November Newsletter 2024

Message from the County Commissioner

This month has been action packed for me! Starting with the Commissioner's weekend away in Manchester – what an enlightening weekend. The theme was Girlguiding, Leading Together. Ideas shared, issues discussed both locally and nationally and Q&A sessions really brought GGUK together, and I really appreciated the face-to-face interactions and informal discussions that took place .

Throughout November I have visited units and been part of their activities from promise ceremonies to unit meetings – they have been a joy to attend and participate in. Thank you for the invite and your dedication.

Thank you to those of you who participated in Remembrance Sunday events, for me it is an extremely important day in the calendar where we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can live as we do today.

Pack Holiday for my Brownie unit – really enjoyed, fun friendship and laughter – just what was needed. Cardiff Gang Show what an evening full of talent – Well Done! County dinner, thank you to Garth Maelwg for hosting, food was great, company excellent and to spend some time socially as members of Girlguiding I really enjoyed. It would not be complete if I did not visit the Pantomime with my unit – O yes I am!



Message from the County Commissioner

The number of our young members is now 1673 going up slightly compared to last month. It's Subscription time coming up so please ensure your numbers are accurate. Lets not see sudden changes, we still have significant waiting lists for young members and adults awaiting recruitment. Please do your best to keep GO as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Do you have a specific interest? Are you knowledgeable in a certain topic? Could you support the county moving forward? Your county needs you! We have a number of adviser roles to fill. Please consider taking that step forward and together we can help each other. I appreciate everyone's role in Girlguiding and all that you do to support the organisation – you are invaluable. I am proud to be part of Central Glamorgan.

If you have any information, events or activity you wish to share please email to newsletter.girlguidingcgc@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your dedication to Girlguiding in Central Glamorgan. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and lets make 2025 a year full of fun, friendship and laughter!

Julie

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County information

Subscriptions

It is the time of year where we are starting to think about Girlguiding annual subscriptions which are paid every year in February. The levee for 2025 subscriptions will be £62.00.

Please find the information for the breakdown of the 2025 member subscriptions below:

Girlguiding UK = £33
Girlguiding Cymru = £20
Girlguiding Central Glamorgan = £9

Please check with your local commissioner for any further details or if you have any questions regarding paying 2025 subscriptions.



County information

Activities outside of the meeting place

This is a reminder of the ratios for each section away from the meeting place.

- Rainbows: 1 adult for every 5 children with a minimum of 2 adults.
- Brownies: 1 adult for every 8 children with a minimum of 2 adults.
- Guides: 1 adult for every 12 children with a minimum of 2 adults.
- Rangers: 1 leader with a recommended second adult.

Girlguiding's suggested adult-to-child ratios are flexible within the meeting place. **However, the Girlguiding ratios are mandatory outside of the meeting place.**

There should be a risk assessment in place, and you should inform your commissioner of your intent to carry out an activity outside of the unit meeting place.



County information

Accounts



Reminder that the end of the year is 31 December 2024. It is the responsibility of all units to have their accounts checked – This is due to the charity commission and is a compliance requirement by Girlguiding. This can be done through the commissioner or the treasurer for your area.

You will need to provide the following:-

- Your record of accounts
- Your registers
- All receipts of purchase
- All income receipts
- All Bank statements for the year inclusive

Remember you cannot check your own accounts and if you are a signatory on an account you cannot check these either. Your commissioner will be in contact with you to organise this in your area.

County information

Safe Space

Safety is at the heart of everything we do. Because we know that when girls feel safe, they feel brave enough to do things they never thought they could. The training is changing. There will from December be only one training for all members of Girlguiding no matter what your role. It will be available on the learning portal. If any level comes out of compliance you will now have to do the new Safe space learning. If you are in compliance you can continue in your role as it is. Please every unit needs at least one person with safe space level 3.

First Response/First Aid Qualification

Every unit needs a first aider. Please review your unit and ensure that at least one member has this qualification. To be compliant with first response you need to have completed the online eLearning as well as attend first response or a recognised first aid qualification.



County information

Changes to Leadership qualification

The following changes have come into action. Girlguiding has phased out the assistant leader roles, and how leaders change which section they volunteer with. Two new courses for volunteers who have qualified through the leadership qualification (LQ). The 'top-up' learning is for assistant leaders who've done module 1-3 of the LQ (Red Book) who want to move to a leader role and for existing leaders who want to refresh their Girlguiding knowledge. If you've qualified via the LQ and want to move sections, complete the 'moving sections' course. Both courses can be found in the leader development programme area on the learning platform.

Assistant leader transition

Existing assistant leaders are encouraged to do progress into a leader role, nobody who's currently an assistant leader will lose their role. Assistant leaders who have done modules 1-3 of the LQ and would like to move into a leader role can complete the top up course on the learning platform, under the leader development programme. The top-up learning is also a refresher course for any existing leaders who want to refresh their knowledge. However, if a commissioner doubts a person's ability to be a unit leader, this needs to be managed in line with the managing concerns about adult volunteers policy and procedure. A commissioner needs to consider whether that person needs additional support, training or if reasonable adjustments, this should be made in line with equality, diversity and inclusion policy.

Moving sections

If you've qualified as a leader via the old leadership qualification (Red Book), you can do the moving sections course on the learning platform, under the leader development programme. This course is for leaders who completed the old leadership qualification, have been actively volunteering, and now want to volunteer with a different section than the one they originally qualified with. If you've completed the leader development programme to become a leader, there isn't a section specific area of learning.



World Thinking Day 2025

Pyjama party



Are you ready to Celebrate World Thinking Day 2025?

Why not celebrate it and join in the Fun of a Pyjama Party. It can be done in Unit time, join with another unit, district or division event. Let's just Celebrate. Booking form and activity pack coming soon!!



County Dinner

A big thank you to Garth Maelwg for a fabulous county dinner



Congratulations

Carmelle (1st Abercynon Rangers)



Congratulations to Carmelle for completing her Commonwealth Award!

Trelaw Rainbows



Congratulations to members of Trelaw Rainbows for making their promise!

Thank you

Beth Hicks – Adult Leadership Coordinator



A big thank you to Beth Hicks who has been spreading the word about joining Girlguiding in the Rhondda.



4th Bridgend Guides who raised £50 for Children in Need by making Pudsey ears! Money was donated to Paddy's Ultra Endurance cycle.



Thank you

Supporting our local community



1st Merthyr Tydfil Brownies collected food for their local homeless outreach charity and met a volunteer at their meeting who took their donations to be distributed! Thank you!

4th Pontypridd Brownies came together to make 107 packed lunches to support those in their local communities affected by flooding. Diolch yn fawr iawn!



3rd Newton brownies were visited by Tricia Davies from Porthcawl foodbank. The girls learnt about what goes into a food parcel to support people. Over 30kg of food was donated – thank you for supporting your community!

Girlguiding Cymru

Leading the Way leaders range

Have you seen the brand new Leading the Way range?

Show your Guiding pride with our stylish and practical new collection. Featuring hoodies, t-shirts, hats, aprons, tea towels – there's something for everyone. We are pleased to announce that we have added extra sizes to our pre-order section.

With "Arwain y ffordd" and "Leading the way" proudly displayed, you'll be inspiring the next generation of leaders. Perfect for meetings, adventures, or just relaxing at home, this range is designed to inspire and empower.

They also make lovely gifts for the leaders in your life!

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Girlguiding Cymru

Girlguiding Cymru Awards

Do you know a superstar volunteer?

It may be someone who has done something extra special and made a real difference, or someone who is always there come rain or shine, or someone who makes everyone around them smile.

Awards are a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of our volunteers and show them how much you appreciate them.

We love giving the girls badges and celebrating what they have done, so why not recognise the people that help to make that happen.

You can use an award to recognise great work, a particular initiative, outstanding and excellent guiding and long service. We know that there are amazing things happening in guiding every day. If you think someone deserves special recognition, please put them forward for an award.

Find some great tips to help you put forward a great awards nomination the GGCG website.

Helen Murdoch

Chair, Girlguiding Cymru Awards Committee



What have you been up to?

Remembrance Sunday

A big well done to all the units who represented Girlguiding Central Glamorgan so well at Remembrance events this year!



Remembrance Sunday



What have you been up to?

UK Parliament Week 2024

It was great to see lots of units involved in activities for UK parliament week!



What have you been up to?

Abercynon Brownies at Gorwelion



1st Abercynon Brownies enjoyed their stay a Gorwelion. The Theme was Disney where the Brownies made their place mats, tried diamond art, decorated their aprons, Cooked the cakes for afternoon tea and decorated their umbrellas plus other activities. Can you Guess what Disney films they covered?



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