



Croydon Catch Up | June 2026

A hello from Marie

It's an honour to be asked to be assistant county commissioner and to be part of the county team and have the chance to help move Girlguiding Croydon forward over the next few years.

Looking forward to the Awesome Roarsome day and joining in the fun with our Rainbows.

See you soon at the county BBQ or future trainings!

Marie

If you have a particular skill, or enthusiasm and would like to be involved in Girlguiding Croydon outside of your unit volunteering do let me know at assistantcroydoncounty@gmail.com



Dates for your diary
Click on the links to book trainings and events

29 June County BBQ - **NO TICKETS REMAINING**
4 July Depot - last of the term

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3 September	Neurodiversity training
5 September	Depot - leaders and members of Girlguiding Croydon only An opportunity to view the new uniform and resources (subject to availability) along with coffee and cake and a chance to catch up with Guiding friends.
12 September	Depot
19 September	Exploring opportunities for young leaders (girl event) <i>Details to follow in next Catch Up</i>
26 September	Depot
6 October	Awesome Roarsome for Rainbows
10 October	Depot
24 October	Depot
7 November	Depot
14 November	First Response
21 November	Depot
5 December	Depot

Don't forget, you can find lots of opportunities to join online trainings hosted by Girlguiding LaSER on the [learning platform](#).



In case you missed it...

From Girlguiding LaSER:

- ⇒ Girlguiding LaSER are launching their new Inspire community which includes all members aged 18-30. This will be a space to gain new skills, make new Guiding friends and have fun - if you'd like to join the Whatsapp group, [fill out this form](#).
- ⇒ The next Peer Education training is taking place Friday 11 September - Sunday 13 September at Northern Heights (WD6 3RG), open to young leaders, Rangers and adult volunteers aged 14-25. [Find out more here](#).

From Girlguiding; as part of the ongoing digital transformation journey, Girlguiding are building a new customer relationship management system (CRM) which will eventually replace Go. It will be designed to make every day guiding tasks quicker and simpler, with clearer processes, easier access to information, and less time spent on admin. [Further information can be found here](#).



Awesome Roarsome for Rainbows

We're looking forward to an exciting day out for our Rainbows next term!

Details about this event will be sent to the main unit contact on Go and to division commissioners this week - please note this may not be the same person as the main unit leader.

Expressions of interest should be returned by **Friday 17th July**.

Should you have any questions or as main unit contact you have not received the information by Friday 3rd July, please contact the event team via ggcroydongirlevents@gmail.com

Free Water Safety Talks

[RNLI](#) are offering free talks for children and young people aged 4+.

If you'd like to know more or book for next term, contact Stephen Burl, Water Safety Adviser for the South East.

Stephen_burl@rnli.org.uk
07903 831985



Girlguiding Celebrates

Congratulations to those members of Girlguiding Croydon who painted Leicester Square blue and sparkly on 6 June as they joined others from across the country for Girlguiding Celebrates.

The event, timed to coincide with the end of Volunteer's Week, recognises members' achievements and contributions to Girlguiding.

Dawn Gauntlett, Alison Storey and Jennifer Long were all nominated by parents, leaders and peers, whilst Bethany Keyzer attended as a new Queens Guide. They enjoyed an afternoon of music, performances by the Southend Gang Show and some sneaky uniform and Big Gig reveals from the chief guide team.

Well done ladies, we hope you enjoyed the celebrations!



Girlguiding awards

A reminder that you can nominate fellow volunteers anytime for awards, where they have gone above and beyond in their Guiding role, taken on extra responsibilities or continues Guiding despite their other personal responsibilities and commitments.

Please submit the name of the person with the reason for nomination either directly to Sue Lockyer (suelockyer52@hotmail.com) chair of the Croydon county awards committee, through your division commissioner or via the submission tab on the [Girlguiding Croydon website](#).

You can read more about the different awards [here](#).

*The person must not be aware they are being nominated.
Non-Guiding activities can be included.*

Deputy Lieutenant's Award

Girlguiding Croydon is proud to celebrate the contributions of our young leaders Flo, Beth and Harriet who have been awarded the prestigious Deputy Lieutenant's Certificate of Achievement. Katherine, also a young leader with Rainbows, was awarded as a young leader with the youngest Scouting section, Squirrels.

Given to young people selected from the uniformed youth organisations of Greater London, this certificate recognises their dedication and commitment to Girlguiding.

The girls have all shown incredible enthusiasm working with units across the borough, supporting adult volunteers and pursuing their Young Leader qualification - all whilst still in school!

They inspire the next generation and are great role models -a true example that girls really can do anything!



Congratulations to:

- **Sophie Beckett** of Shirley Rangers who has completed her leadership qualification!
- **Sarah Richardson** of 10th South Croydon Guides who added module 8 camping to her Going Away With qualification!



Keeping in touch

Another friendly reminder to check your contact details and marketing preferences on Go. Simply log in and click on your name in the top right-hand corner to view and update your online profile.

This applies to young leaders as well, so please do check for your own units.

Should you need support, please contact Janet via croydongoguru@gmail.com.



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Croydon Catch Up comes out monthly and we'd like to celebrate our members' achievements, forthcoming local guiding events (open to all) and share best practice.

If you have something you would like to share in the next month's edition, please email girlguidingcroydoncomms@gmail.com by the 5th of the month.

Please note submissions should be maximum 250 words and not include photos of young members.