



Croydon Catch Up | Summer 2026

We want to hear from you!

It was great to see many of you at the end of year BBQ in July. For those who were there, we asked five questions that will help us plan for the future of Girlguiding Croydon together - we welcome the rest of you to [share your thoughts using this link](#).

The first county executive of the new year will be taking place in September where we will be using your responses to help with future plans and events. Changes and plans may take a while so - watch this space!

I hope those of you who went away on residentials and camps have had an amazing time making memories, and for those who have yet to go, have fun! We'd love to hear about your adventures so we can share this on the [Girlguiding Croydon website](#) - you can email girlguidingcroydoncomms@gmail.com with a short write-up and a photo or two.

Please do not include photos of young members.

Happy planning to you all for the autumn term!

Marie

Assistant county commissioner

Your checklist for returning to Guiding in September

With September fast approaching, you will be making plans for your return to Guiding for more fun and adventures!

Alongside your programme, [here's a helpful checklist](#) for the start of term!



Depot open day | Saturday 5 September 2026

Huntingfield Depot team would like to invite leaders and members to join them for a look at the new uniform and resources (*subject to availability*).

Please note that the depot will not be open to parents and non-members on this day.

St Johns Guiding Hall, rear of St Johns Church, Upper Selsdon Road CR2 8DD

There will be refreshments, cakes and a chance to chat with Guiding friends before the start of the new term. We look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder that uniform can be purchased from Huntingfield depot at a 10% discount, with all proceeds from sales are channelled back into local Guiding.

Training Training Training Training

19
Sept

Young Leader Development day

Shirley Guide Hall, Wickham Road
11am – 4pm

Meet others

Gain ideas

Have fun!

Develop skills



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**Pizza lunch
included!**


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Awesome Roarsome at ICANDO

Monday 26 October 2026



Awesome Roarsome for Rainbows

Units who have expressed interest will be contacted soon with further information.

The deadline has been extended to 31 August so if you would like to take your unit, please email ggcroydongirlevents@gmail.com.

Congratulations to:

- **Michelle Godenho** of 5th/7th Shirley Guides who has completed her leadership qualification!
- **Anne Lund** of 59th Croydon Brownies who has added Modules 5, 6 and 7 to her Going Away With qualification!



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.

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In case you missed it...

From Girlguiding LaSER:

- After the success of Guiding for Good last year, it's coming back this October with Winter Warm Up! For that month, units are encouraged to focus on helping those in need over the winter through supporting initiatives such as food banks and winter clothing banks or taking action to help nature over the winter months. [Find out more and register your group here.](#)
- [Find out more about the brand new Words Words Words challenge badge here](#) - this challenge is flexible and could be completed during unit meetings, activity days or sleepovers. Badges cost £1 and will be available to order at the end of August.
- To celebrate 80 years of the Queens Guide award and those who have achieved it, the region would like those of you who are Queens Guides to send in a photo of yourself - either now or your younger self in Girlguiding - along with a few words about your award journey and/or what you are doing now, either within or outside of guiding. If you would like to be involved in this special celebration, please share your photo and words [here.](#)

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.

Read more about Girlguiding awards on the [county website](#).

Dates for your diary

Click on the links to book trainings and events

3 September	Neurodiversity training
5 September	Depot - leaders and members only
12 September	Depot
13 September	RSPB Nature Training
19 September	Young Leader Development Day (Young leaders only)
26 September	Depot
10 October	Depot
24 October	Depot
26 October	Awesome Roarsome for Rainbows
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](#).

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