



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Merseyside County

Merseyside Memo

September 2020

Mission: Girlguiding Merseyside provides a safe space to inspire, support and develop individuals to reach their potential through challenge and adventure.

County Catch Up!

Welcome to Merseyside's first termly newsletter.... The Merseyside Memo! Its our way of keeping everyone up-to date on what's upcoming in County and highlight all our #MerseysideMagic! Our newsletter should land in your inboxes each term so keep your eyes peeled! If you have ideas of what you would like to see or be included then please do drop us a message.

As this is our first newsletter we thought it's a perfect opportunity to highlight our new Vision & Mission statement for Merseyside County. Many of our members worked on this last year at our County away day and we are really excited to launch it! As a County we were recently awarded the LJMU Corporate Award recognising our work with young women, and we think this embodies exactly what our new vision and mission are about and we cannot wait to see what evolves as we move forward.

Last term was a strange one for us all and we wanted to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers. Whether you continued to offer online sessions or kept in contact via emails, post, text or whatsapp or took some time to recharge and focus on work or family it is really appreciated, without you all we couldn't continue to do what we do.

As we move forward towards new blended offerings and our new normality this term, we are excited to see what is in store for our units and Merseyside as a whole and what #MerseysideMagic is in store! Here is to Girlguiding Merseyside, Celebrating Girls, Inspiring Futures!

Dates For The Diary!

Waddow County Weekend

16th - 18th April 2021

Safe Space

[Click Here](#)

Motivate Champion Trainings

[Click Here](#)*Cheryl**Christine**Sarah*

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Our President



Shelagh will be a familiar face to many of you as our County President and a face well known from the many AGM's and events that she has attended during the term of her role.

Shelagh has been Girlguiding Merseyside's President for the past 7 years, kindly extending her 5 year term during the changeover of County Commissioners.

A County President has many roles; to act as an ambassador for the County at internal and external events, to present awards, attend celebration events, to give advice to the County team, to work with the Vice Presidents to keep them up to date with local news and events and above all else to be a role model for the girls and young women within the County.

The role of President is tricky as no one has an instruction manual and there are no set duties. Shelagh has found her way, embraced the role and has been an important part at the heart of Girlguiding Merseyside. We struggled to find pictures for this newsletter for the simple reason that Shelagh always puts the girls first and is more likely to be in the background lending an ear to a girl or volunteer. She has championed all of our events and led our AGM on an annual basis, each year sharing a story that inevitably brings a tear to the eye (happy tears thankfully!) and embraces just what Girlguiding is all about.

We have been so lucky to have Shelagh as our President and cannot thank her enough for all she has done within the County in this role. We are hopeful that this won't be the last role she has within the County team and know she will always be here for our girls and volunteers, lending an ear when it is needed. Thank you so much Shelagh!

Thank you for
making
Merseyside
Magic!



Meet Our New President



Daphne Barton

Having been a member of Girlguiding Merseyside for over 60 years Daphne is hugely passionate about Girlguiding and all it has to offer our volunteers and young members. Daphne has held roles at division, County, region and national levels bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and skills to this role. All of which she will use to continue to support the County as we move forward with the remainder of 2020 and beyond!

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Termly Round Up!

This term has proved a little unusual for all of us with everything that has been going on in the world but we've still managed to have some fun along the way!



Science Day

An amazing day where over 250 of our members descended on Liverpool John Moores Byrom Street building to take part in science and engineering activities. Girls investigated crime scenes, dressed for the Antarctic, dug for fossils, completed science experiments in working labs, got musical whilst learning about space, and built some pretty cool structures as part of the engineering challenge!



Virtual Guiding

Whilst we haven't been able to meet in person this hasn't stopped some of our units carrying out some fantastic activities online, via post or email! We have seen online promises made, masses of lockdown badges earned, sleepovers and camps taking place, challenges being completed and most importantly lots of fun being made! As a County we've even had an online yoga session and a virtual bake off!

Merseyside Magic Makers



A huge shoutout to 50th Liverpool Brownies and 280th Liverpool who have been featured on national Girlguiding social media accounts and in Marketing adverts these last few weeks!

Share Section

We love seeing what everyone is upto and what magic you are creating! Don't forget to tag us in your social media posts or email us your stories to feature on our social channels and future newsletters.



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Region Chief Commissioner Award

Congratulations to Jackie Davies who was virtually presented with the Region Chief Commissioner Award at the County executive meeting on 14th September. Jackie was nominated for this award for her work throughout the County with the red box project and the impact she has had on one of her Guides Katie.

"Jackie has an infectious personality and her passion is evident, she has built her unit up to offer a support network to all the girls involved and encourages them to believe they can achieve anything."

"She is a Very determined, hardworking, energetic and dedicated lady."

"She is very much a people person and her girls in her unit absolutely love her."

"Jackie is a hardworking, good-natured leader who always puts others before herself. She works hard to ensure that her girls have the best experiences and spends a significant amount of time ensuring that no-one is left behind."

"If there is a cause, Jackie is always involved and fully deserves any award that can be bestowed on her."



Long Service Awards

This year have seen many 5 and 10 year service awards awarded at district & division levels with over 670 years worth of service awards at county including;

14 x



5 x



2 x



2 x



50 years awards

1 x



60 years awards

New County Team Apointments

County President
Daphne Barton

Division & District
Commissioner

A big thank you to our commissioners who have extended their roles during the past few months of uncertain times

Open Roles

Guiding Development
Express Rep
Leadership co-ordinator
PR Advisor
Division & District Commissioners
throughout County
International Advisor
DofE Advisor

Guidance Updates

Don't forget to check girlguidings website for the latest guidance.

[Click Here](#)

Facts & Figures

2,886
girls

673
volunteers

218
units

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