



**Girlguiding**

Sir Morgannwg Ganol  
Central Glamorgan county

# March Newsletter 2025

## Message from the County Commissioner

Fun and friendship come to mind. It was fantastic to see and hear about all the events happening for World Thinking day. I really enjoyed spending time with my own unit and division Cynon Valley and some visiting units for our Thinking Day Fun Day.

It was a first for me at a silent disco! Over 100 guides and rangers joined together for a night of dancing and singing along to the music. New friendships were made and all had a fabulous time!

I have visited a number of units including a unit 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party where past and present leaders joined the unit to celebrate; Trallwn Brownies for their first promise ceremony; Llantrisant Guides for their badges awards night; and supported the Duke of Edinburgh training for our Bronze group. Thank you for the invites and looking forward to meeting more units.

Trainings are being offered in the county which include First Response which is well attended – thank you to our trainers. Also, county training days, evenings trainings are being organised – these are opportunities not only to formally learn but to network with other leaders in the area.

Every month I receive an email from CHQ with reference to compliance. This includes no leaders in a unit, leaders not compliant with safer guiding and units not compliant with First response. Please check your Go record for more information re compliance, also you are informed through My Communications and email. If you are the main leader, please can you check that you have First Response and that your leadership are compliant with safer Guiding.



## Message from the County Commissioner

Its great to see that VE day is being celebrated. We have a limited-edition badge being processed and an activity pack to support this. More info coming. Also Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at Llanharan Welfare Ground the County will be having a stall with activities available we are looking for leaders and Rangers to help on the stall during the day, and the Community Council have also asked if Girlguiding Central Glamorgan can help out with stewarding too. The event starts at 11am and finishes at 5pm. More info in the newsletter!

As communication and events appear to happen and the turn around can be quite tight on some. I use the facebook group and commissioners to get the information to you. Please consider joining our facebook group to keep up with information - Central Glamorgan Girlguiding.

Thank you for paying Subscriptions on time – it really makes the admin side of Girlguiding much easier. We as a county have grown by 60 members since subscription. Let's hope it keeps going up and stays that way. There are waiting lists in most units so we should see this trend continue. On 22 February we had 1545 members. To date 1607- can we stay over the 1600 number? On Nov 2024 we had 1673 members. I know it sounds very premature but please start budgeting for next years subscriptions.

*Julie*

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# County Calendar

April – June 2025

10<sup>th</sup> April – Fun, Songs and laughter ([annetestoneham@yahoo.com](mailto:annetestoneham@yahoo.com))

26<sup>th</sup> April – Going Away Information Day

10<sup>th</sup> May – VE Celebration Llanharan

14<sup>th</sup> May – Sing-song under the stars Gorwelion

7<sup>th</sup> June – International Opportunities for Selection

14<sup>th</sup> June – County training day (Litchard)



# Congratulations

## Trallwn Brownies



Congratulations Carlie and Claire of Trallwn Brownies on your first promise ceremony.

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's awards



Congratulations to Eryn Marshall and Carys Davies and have a fabulous time at your celebration at Buckingham Palace in May!

Congratulations also to Carmelle Whatmore for completing your Gold award!

LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# VE DAY 80

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION  
JOIN US FOR VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

LIVE MUSIC, DISPLAYS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, FAIRGROUND RIDES, FOOD & DRINK

12 noon - 5pm - SATURDAY 10TH MAY 2025 - LLANHARAN WELFARE GROUND

FREE ENTRY

[www.llanharan-cc-events.co.uk](http://www.llanharan-cc-events.co.uk)





We are looking for leaders, Rangers and Young Leaders to help out at this event!!

If you can help, please complete this form or scan the QR code.



<https://tinyurl.com/VEdayEvent>

Exciting news!!! Our brand-new VE day activity pack will be launched soon to celebrate 80 years since VE day!! With a fantastic limited-edition badge! Keep your eye out!!

We're also taking part in this VE day celebration in Llanharan, where we'll have a County stall with activities too. We're looking for volunteers on the day to help on the stall and also to help as stewards during the event. Please complete the form below if you can come along for a couple of hours.

<https://tinyurl.com/VEdayEvent>



# International opportunities

Guides

Rangers



## Central Glamorgan International Opportunities 2026

It is time to start looking for Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders to join Delyth on a country team for an international adventure in 2026



This could be attending an international camp in the UK with Guides and Scouts from other counties OR  
A chance for you to travel abroad with Girlguiding.

### Eligibility

#### Young Members

If you will be between 14 yrs and under 18 years old by 1st July 2026 you can apply to join the Selection Event

#### Leaders

You need to be 18 yrs old, used to working with our older girls, have completed your Leadership Qualification and the relevant modules of the going away with scheme by 1st July 2026



### Selection Event

7th June 2025

### Gorwelion Camp site

Please read the flyer attached to learn more about International opportunities before completing the application form with the person who has parental responsibility for you.



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# International opportunities



## Call to Action Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders

We're part of a truly global movement, this allows girls and young women to have amazing international opportunities and adventures.

Every year Girlguiding Cymru looks for international opportunities for members to meet others in the world of Girlguiding and Girl Scouting; this can be a visit to a world centre, a world camp, a jamboree or a visit to a Guide or Scout centre in another country. Each year is different – dependant on availability.

- Will you be between 14 and 18 by 1 July 2026?
- Do you enjoy meeting other Guides and Rangers within your own location and beyond?
- Are you interested in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and want to know more about Guides/Scouts in other countries?
- Are you interested in applying for the selection process for an international opportunity?

If the answer to all of these is YES!! Please contact your County international adviser for more information on the process or contact [international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk](mailto:international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk) on availability.

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# International opportunities

## Call to Action Girlguiding Cymru leaders



We're part of a truly global movement, and we need leaders to help support our young members to have amazing international adventures.

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- Are you interested in the opportunities we can give our young members by being part of the World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting (WAGGGS)?
- Are you a leader who is interested in being a team member or the leader of a group travelling abroad to represent Girlguiding Cymru?
- Are you a leader who is used to working with our older girls ?
- You need to be over 18 by 1 July 2026 and have completed your leadership qualification?
- You need to hold the relevant modules of the Going Away With scheme to lead a trip but you do not need these to be a member of the team?

If the answer to all of these is YES!! Please contact your County International Adviser for more information on the process or contact [international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk](mailto:international@girlguidingcymru.org.uk)

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# County training day



Thanks to everyone who came to the county training day and a big thank you to Sue, Bethan Hinks and Elli Bufton for running the sessions!





# Sing-song under the stars

Come and join us for an evening of singing around a campfire!

**Where? Gorwelion, Wig Fach, Porthcawl CF32 0NH**

**When? Wednesday 14th May, 6:30pm - 9:00pm**

**Who can come? Units, individuals and families**

**Cost? £5.00 per person**

**(Hot Dog, Drink, toast your own Smore and Badge included)**

It's an opportunity to come and have a look at the fantastic facilities at Gorwelion in addition to joining together for an evening of singing under the stars.

Please complete the booking form by 5th May.

There is an option to either post a cheque or pay by bank transfer.

<https://tinyurl.com/sing-song2025>



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# Get involved

## Girlguiding UK London marathon supporters



Join the London Marathon Cheer Squad and be part of an unforgettable day!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to cheer on our incredible runners as they conquer the London Marathon!

Date: 27 April 2025

Location: Opposite Westminster station

Whether you can spare a few hours or the whole day, your support makes a huge difference! No experience needed – just bring your energy and excitement!

Email [\*\*supporters@girlguiding.org.uk\*\*](mailto:supporters@girlguiding.org.uk) for more information and to sign up!



# Girlguiding Cymru

Could you be the next chief commissioner?



The chief commissioner is the most senior volunteer for Girlguiding Cymru. She is responsible for the delivery of guiding throughout Cymru, including leadership of the volunteers and together with the other trustees, will set the strategic direction for Cymru.

In line with all commissioner roles the chief commissioner is a woman over 18 years old.

You should be a member of Girlguiding, must fulfil the criteria to be a charity trustee, and must not have been employed by Girlguiding in the previous 2 years.

We are therefore looking to recruit a new chief commissioner who will relish this focused challenge.

Further information is available in the application pack with the closing date for applications being 25 April 2025 at 5pm.

Learn more: <https://girlguidingcymru.org.uk/chief-commissioner-role>



# Get involved

## Duke of Edinburgh

Training was held for the Bronze Group 8-9 February. This included learning about appropriate Kit, weather, map reading, route planning, menu planning, cooking and walking a route. The weather was kind and the group which was made of 2 units worked together.

If you have guides aged 13 plus are interested, please contact Nadine Thomas – [Nadine.thomas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Nadine.thomas@hotmail.co.uk)



# Girlguiding Cymru Activity Pack

Central Glamorgan Guide Unit involved in developing challenge pack

Girlguiding Cymru is proud to launch the WeCare.wales challenge pack, designed to introduce you to the rewarding world of social care.

The pack was developed by the Introduction to social care team with support from Julie Thomas and Jen Denham from Girlguiding Central Glamorgan, this pack is your gateway to exploring the rewarding world of social care.

Plus, you'll earn a free badge! WeCare.wales is an initiative from Social Care Wales, helping to recruit and retain dedicated individuals in this vital sector.

Download yours today!

<https://girlguidingcymru.org.uk/wecarewales-challenge>



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