



November

As the nights are drawing in and it's getting colder, our Guiding Spirit in Central Glamorgan is growing and our light shines brighter. Thank you for all your hard work carrying out the risk assessments - our units are reopening and numbers are growing. Great News!!

It seems a long time ago now but I hope those of you that came to the Gorwelion Open Day enjoyed it. What a day! It was great to see the place packed with our members and their families. The weather could not have been better and the view was stunning. A fantastic £750 was raised. Were you a lucky winner on one of the stalls?

Our Annual Review on the 17th October was a success. It was be great to see so many of you celebrating our County's achievements. Without your support and fantastic leadership our members would not get the opportunities they have. Without the girl, Guiding does not happen and I was so pleased that our younger members were there to celebrate too. **WELL DONE, WELL DONE, WELL DONE!!**

Julie - County Commissioner

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Gorwelion Funday

Fun was had by all who attended the funday back in September. A huge £750 was raised too. Each division provided a stall with games and activities too. Thank you for encouraging your girls to attend and diolch yn fawr to the leaders who gave up their time to support this event. It was brilliant to see Gorwelion once again buzzing with life and enthusiasm!



Gorwelion Archives

October 28th 2021 - The archive team in action at last!

A day enjoyed recently in Gorwelion sorting, collating and organising archive information.

It is an exciting challenge recording the amazing journey of both Gorwelion and Girlguiding Central Glamorgan.

To carry on this journey we would like your help - please, we need information/photographs/memories. Let us keep the archives alive and up to date!

You can hand information to anyone on the County team. Also we would love to have someone on the archive team who is computer literate - could that be you?

Come and see the archives sometime - they are not only inspirational, a real treat to look through but importantly they are our story of...
our Gorwelion and our Girlguiding Central Glamorgan.



Annual Review 2021

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Annual Review and to celebrate the successes in the County. There are so many young members who inspire us to do our best and it was great to see them receiving awards and being recognised for all their hard work. Thank you very much to the Singing Circle for coming along too. It was also an opportunity to catch up and have a chat with Guiding friends that we've not seen in a long time. We were joined by special guests, Huw Irranca-Davies and Chris Bryant.

Thank you to you all for everything you do for Guiding in Central Glamorgan!

Diolch o galon i chi am eich holl waith caled, rydym ni wir yn gwerthfawrogi eich ymrwymiad!



Save the date

Wellies and Wristbands is a festival-style event for Guides, Rangers and their leaders. The event will take place over August Bank Holiday weekend, from Friday 26 to Monday 29 August 2022, at Foxlease. Leaders do not require a licence to bring girls to this event but it is a great opportunity to gain experience for or begin working towards the Going Away With Licence. The County will be running a trip next year. You can express your interest next month, when we'll share more information. So please have a chat in your leadership teams.

CENSUS/SUBSCRIPTIONS

Census next year will be £47.50. This will need to be paid soon. Please start to prepare and discuss how you will be funding 2022. Also please ensure you update GO Join US. GGUK is using this data to forecast into the future as to our membership status. Please be accurate with your figures this does have an impact, not only on our membership numbers but funding, census amount and putting on events. HQ have increased their levy to £21, Girlguiding Cymru have remained at £18 and as a County the levy has also remained the same, £8.50. It is up to you how you pay for Census. You can ask for contributions from parents or if you are able to apply for community council grants, this money could be used to pay part of Census too. If you have questions or are worried please speak to your Division Commissioner, who will be able to support and advise you.

Accounts 2021

Please start thinking about gathering everything you need to submit Unit accounts. These will be due on the 31st of December 2021. If you need help please contact your Division Commissioner.

HSBC Community Accounts

Please sign the petition regarding the Community accounts with HSBC bank - this is going to cost units to run their accounts through this bank and will have an impact upon financing the unit.

Click [HERE](#) to sign

Also thank you to Chris Bryant, our local MP for taking the question to Parliament.

DBS's

Please ensure all leaders have up to date DBS checks. The County is having a number of reminders about DBS's that are about to expire or are required. It is part of the risk assessment and safe guarding policy that all adult members have a current DBS check.

Please contact your Division Commissioner to arrange for yours to be done. You can also call in to Garth Olwg Centre in Church Village on Saturday the 27th of November between 10 and 12 with your documentation. If you plan on coming down please email Jayne to let her know:

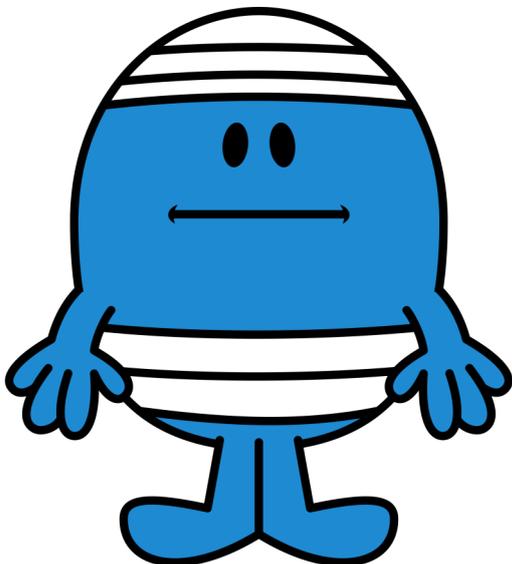
divcom.garthmaelwg@gmail.com

First Response training

Do you need the practical session to complete your First Response? Have you booked onto an online First response course (both held by Girlguiding Cymru) and need the practical session to complete the qualification?

It takes approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Central Glamorgan are putting on the practical session in Gorwelion Porthcawl CF32 0NH on Saturday 4th December 2021 in the morning 9:30 and 11:30. For more information email firstaid.girlguidingcg@gmail.com to book your session.

Girlguiding Cymru will be releasing more online dates soon so keep your eye on their website.



1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers

1st Ynysmaerdy Rangers had a fantastic time at the Escape rooms in Cardiff. Both groups managed to solve the clues and escape in time!!



2nd Pontyclun Guides

The girls have been doing a bit of upcycling at 2nd Pontyclun. They made drawstring plate bags out of old pillowcases. Some girls had never used a sewing machine before, so it was an interesting evening. They also made sheep mobiles from wooden curtain rings too.



County Vacancies

Would you like to be involved in shaping Girlguiding Central Glamorgan? We are looking for members to join us and support our aims to grow Guiding and continue to provide support for our leaders. We are a friendly, approachable and supportive team and a warm welcome will always be waiting for you. We are enthusiastic and keen to develop Guiding in our County. We know Girlguiding Central Glamorgan has loads of hidden talent.

The following Vacancies are open so come and join us:-

- ⇒ Rainbow Adviser
- ⇒ Brownie Adviser
- ⇒ Guide Adviser
- ⇒ Ranger Adviser
- ⇒ 18- 30 Adviser
- ⇒ Finance committee members
- ⇒ Gorwelion booking committee members
 - ⇒ Gorwelion treasurer
 - ⇒ Queen's Guide Adviser
 - ⇒ International Adviser
 - ⇒ Newsletter co-ordinator

Please contact Julie if you would like to know more about any of the roles above.

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Returning to face to face Guiding

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete their Risk Assessment in order to return to face to face Guiding. This can be a daunting process so if you need to ask for help your Division Commissioner will be able to offer assistance or you can contact Julie. Here's a reminder of what you need to ensure you have done before you return to face to face Guiding.

- ⇒ **All members of the leadership team need to be up to date with their Safe Space**
 - ⇒ **At least one member needs to have an up to date first response certificate**
 - ⇒ **All leaders need to have a current DBS check, please contact your Division Commissioners to arrange renewal.**
 - ⇒ **You need to have had your Risk Assessment approved by the GGCymru team too
riskassessment@girlguidingcymru.org.uk**
- If you need support completing your RA please contact your Division Commissioner. She is here to support and guide you.**

Latest Covid Guidance

As of Monday, 3rd May 2021 organised activities for children and young people aged 18 and under are now allowed indoors. We know many of you are looking forward to seeing your girls again and to get back to some normality! We understand not everyone can do this and at present we are encouraging a blended approach. Some may want to mix outdoors, indoors and virtual guiding over the summer period.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The rules about social distancing for children aged under 11 outside their household or extended household have been relaxed.

Guides, Rangers & volunteers are required to socially distance and wear a face covering indoors.

There is no limit to the number of girls and volunteers but for girls 11 and over social distancing does apply so your meeting space will need to comply.

Rainbows and Brownies - no restrictions on numbers and social distancing has been relaxed. Please note volunteers will still need to be mindful and stay 2 metres (3 steps) away from others. We understand there may be circumstances and activities that may require you to be close to your girls.

Guides and Rangers - no restrictions on numbers but your indoor space will need to accommodate social distancing 2 meter rule.

It is still a legal requirement for face coverings to be worn in all other indoor places open to the public. This requirement has not changed.

Some things you **MUST** do: Click [HERE](#) to read all the latest guidance.

Send us your news

This is your newsletter. Please send items in for us to share. If you'd like to send photos too that would be great! Central Glamorgan is a fantastic County so let's shout about it!!! Please send to the email address below by November the 30th.

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