



# Awards 2025

## Celebration booklet



**Girlguiding**  
Hertfordshire  
county

## Introduction

**We present Girlguiding awards  
to recognise and reward  
our volunteers  
for the valuable work they do  
in ensuring a positive  
guiding experience is had  
by all girls**

**Awards presented by:  
Robert Voss,  
Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire**

# Member service brooch

**Awarded to members  
on the basis of roles held  
in guiding since the age of 16**

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**60 years service**

Awarded to:



**Joy Hall**

**Janice Hyde**

# Member service brooch

## 40 years service

Awarded to:



# Member service brooch

**40 years service**

Awarded to:

Carol Bowes

Carole Phelan

Elizabeth Parker

Heather Rawcliffe

Jaineen Ladley-Ellmers

Sally Funnell

Sharon Hoy

# Member service brooch

## 30 years service

Awarded to:



# Member service brooch

**30 years service**

Awarded to:

Alison Woodman

Chloe Murphy

Deborah Caroll

Diane Graham

Diane Penn

Eileen Gibbs

Elizabeth Parker

Emily Green

# Member service brooch

**30 years service**

Awarded to:

Jenny Dellow

Judith Tearse

Lisa Ann Patterson

Louise Jenkins

Lynne Bulloch

Susan Ann Clarke

# County awards

## County awards recognising achievements of our members



# County Thanks award



Awarded to volunteers  
for their service to  
Girlguiding Hertfordshire.

Nominated by their peers  
and presented by the  
county awards committee.

# County Thanks award

Awarded to:

**Jan Hegerty**



**'For outstanding commitment and enthusiasm to Brownies in St Albans division'**

Jan took over her unit after a longstanding leader finished just before the pandemic. She works tirelessly to ensure that her brownies achieve the various program badges and the girls all love and trust her. The way Jan approaches everything is so wonderful – nothing is ever a burden, every Friday Jan shows up smiling and brings great energy to the unit and knows exactly how to get the best out of the girls, she is really passionate about the unit. Jan is extremely supportive and encouraging of the other volunteers. The unit continues to go from strength to strength and it wouldn't have happened without Jan's leadership and help.

# County Thanks award

Awarded to:

## Jan Hopcroft



**'For passionate support and dedication to  
SEND Girlguiding in St Albans'**

Jan first went to brownies to support her daughter who has Downs Syndrome, both Jan and her daughter flourished with Jan becoming a unit helper. She supported the unit with ideas, organising events and developing the guiding program. She was instrumental in setting up the 30th St Albans SEND Guides. Her knowledge and understanding of special needs has been key to the success of the unit. She has the trust of the parents thus allowing the unit to give the girls amazing opportunities. She has organised outside events such as trampolining, canal boating and day camping at cherry green trees. She is greatly admired by the parents, the girls and her fellow leaders.

# County Thanks award

Awarded to:

## Kelly Jefferies



**'For outstanding support of district events in Welwyn Garden City Gessens district'**

Kelly is a leader at Digsowell guides, where she is a very devoted and passionate member of the team providing the girls with a rich and wide ranging experience of Girlguiding.

Kelly was a member of a small working party set up to plan and run a District sleepover. She stepped in at very short notice to take over the organisation of the event. She worked with the leaders in the working party to ensure the event was well organised. The girls had a great time.

Kelly is a valued member of the Gessens district team and shows outstanding commitment in all her various roles

# County Thanks award

Awarded to:

**Lisa Peters**

**'For continued and determined support of Girlguiding in Colney district'**

Despite continued poor health Lisa has consistently shown determination in supporting Girlguiding in Colneys district. She often steps in to help run meetings when other leaders can't. She helps with the district Adventure weekend every year – from planning to food prep. She is also a financial whiz helping units with accounts and gift aid. She is a valued member of the district.

# County Team Thanks award

Awarded to teams of  
volunteers  
for their service to  
Girlguiding Hertfordshire.

Nominated by their peers  
and presented by the  
county awards committee

# County Team Thanks award

Awarded to:

## St Albans Scout and Guides Gang Show



**'For providing unrivalled learning opportunities in the Performing Arts and creating memorable experiences for Girlguiding members in St Albans'**

The time Guiding and Scouting volunteers and young members spend on planning, rehearsing, scenery, props, costumes, music, ticket sales, advertising etc is reflected in the standard of the performance and the production. It is great to see Scouting and Guiding working together, it is a fabulous advert for volunteering and what can be achieved. Every year 100+ young members benefit from the dedication of all the volunteers and we should absolutely celebrate this.

It takes over 150 volunteers to make gang show what it is. Nicola Wells – Gang Show Business Manager and Caroline Atkins – Costume team collected the award on behalf of the team.

# County Team Thanks award

Awarded to:

## Great Patrol Hunt Team



**'For providing exciting challenges that promote teamwork and creativity for members of Hertfordshire Girlguiding'**

The Great Patrol Hunt began with Scouts and welcomed Guides in 1972. Now exclusively for Guides, this year-long competition has 3 rounds of unique and exciting challenges that promote teamwork and creativity. Patrols earn marks for collaboration, presentation, effort, etiquette, good deeds, and achievement. Two affordable activity days culminate in a camp where guides can attend without unit leaders, fostering friendships and new skills with peers from across the county.

A dedicated team, many who have years of experience, organise GPH. Their commitment ensures quality Guiding opportunities for all participating guides. It exemplifies team guiding at its finest, with a group of inspirational leaders.

Mary Mooney and Nicola Day collected the award on behalf of the team.

# County Youth award



**Awarded to members under the age of 18  
who have shown notable commitment  
or participation, made a notable difference to  
others, have empowered  
or influenced or demonstrated  
championing of the rights  
of young women.**

# County Youth award

Awarded to:

**Madison Emett**

**'For being an extraordinary role model to members of Hertfordshire Girlguiding**

Madison has been in Girlguiding since she was 7 years old. She started volunteering with Rainbows as soon as she started guides. She has always shown a real passion for her role in helping develop shy young Rainbows into confident girls ready to move on in their guiding journey.

She never hesitates to get stuck in with planning and running team activities including using her own personal love of dance to run sessions.

She will be sorely missed in St Albans girlguiding as she starts her next adventure at university

# County Youth award

Awarded to:

**Charlotte Gregory**

**'For being an extraordinary role model to members of Hertfordshire Girlguiding**

Charlotte is a dedicated young leader with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides!. She is amazingly supportive of girls across all these sections helping them all have an amazing time in girlguiding especially those with extra needs.

Her Rainbow leader says 'she can make you smile on your worst day' an amazing attribute.

She is very creative and is always coming up with fantastic ideas for activities that are both fun and cost effective – a tricky combination.

# County Youth award

Awarded to:

**Georgia Mayes**

**'For being an extraordinary role model to members of Hertfordshire Girlguiding**

Georgia has been with Girlguiding St Albans since joining Rainbows at 5 progressing through brownies and guides. She started volunteering as a guide helper at rainbows before becoming a young leader. Her leaders states that she was invaluable from the start, always punctual and reliable and completely unfazed. There were a few challenging rainbows in the unit and Georgia instinctively knew how to handle them. One girl in particular refused to do anything that wasn't related to dinosaurs! Georgia found a way to link each week's activity to dinosaurs showing compassion and ensuring that the rainbow took part. If a girl was upset Georgia was the first to notice and to help.

Georgia is thought of very highly in division and as such was chosen to carry the division standard at the remembrance parade last year a role she did with dignity and dedication. She embodies many of the important qualities that girlguiding upholds as its core values. A definite leader of the future.

# County Youth award

Awarded to:

Elizabeth Lexton – Jones



**'For being an extraordinary role model to members of Hertfordshire Girlguiding'**

Elizabeth is a guide with 1st Radlett Guides she was attending the GPH weekend.

The patrol she was with were playing in their tent while sucking boiled sweets.

One girl appeared to choke, all the guides recognised this, as they had first aid training in their unit the week before, and one went to alert the nearby adult.

Elizabeth did not hesitate and gave the choking girl a good thump on her back which caused the sweet to fly out.

All the patrol were a little shaken by this event, but they did so well to recognise the life threatening problem, but it was Elizabeth who acted decisively and swiftly to save a life.

We all know that our first aid training is important to help provide a safe guiding environment – but none of us know how we will react when confronted by a real life emergency.

# County Good Guiding award



Awarded in recognition of being a role model for Girlguiding, and continually delivering exceptionally 'good guiding' experiences to members of Girlguiding Hertfordshire.

# County Good Guiding award

Awarded to:

## Clare Curley



Clare is an extremely proactive member of girlguiding in her roles as Hertford district commissioner and leader of multiple units.

Clare has an amazing energy and bubbly personality which injects enthusiasm into her district.

It is for her work on district hq that she is being recognised.

The district hq hut had reached the point where it was either left to go into disrepair and disuse, or it needed a big injection of energy, time and fundraising to improve it. Clare took on this challenge and ran with it, encountering and dealing with contractors, insurance companies, surveyors, local councillors, the Mayor.

She spearheaded the fundraising efforts needed to fund the project – over £50,000 – running disco's, bake offs, being named as one of the Hertford Mayor's charities, sweet talking a free kitchen out of one supplier, applying for endless grants as well as navigating the red tape to launch a crowd funder.

Clare is passionate about injecting new life into the HQ hut so that it can benefit more girls, be used for more residential and be an asset to the wider local community..

# County Good Guiding award

Awarded to:

## Katie Goodair



Katie is a determined and committed member of girlguiding and has taken on the role of Quartermaster at West Street Guide Hut, where her unit meets.

The hut is undergoing updating, and single handed Katie has gone through all the store areas sorting at least 25years of old camp equipment and other guiding paraphenalia, sorting and cleaning and repacking the useable and useful and disposing of a great deal of surplus equipment. She has done this in her own time and created an inventory for the district to share. She has undertaken the same job on the kitchen preparing for what will hopefully be a new kitchen.

She has templated risk assessments and rental documents for all hirers of the hut both guiding and external.

On top of all this she has this year created a website for the district which includes an online booking and invoice system. Her passion and commitment to girlguiding is exemplary and she is the epitome of Good Guiding.

# County Good Guiding award

Awarded to:

## Bridget Shadbolt



Bridget is a leader at the 1st Sandridge Scout & Guide Group and part of the St Albans Gang Show costume team. She stepped in to help out back in 2012 when the leader was seriously ill and hasn't looked back. Her dedication, selflessness and passion for guiding is amazing. She is instrumental in ensuring that the guides have a fantastic, inspiring and challenging program each and every week. Nothing is too much trouble and she is able to be resourceful when things don't quite go to plan! She liaises with the scout troop and is able to provide the guides with joint evenings and camps which the girls love and is a unique experience.

# County Good Service award



Awarded to members of  
Girlguiding Hertfordshire for  
service over and above  
that expected of their guiding roles.

Nominated by their peers  
and presented by the  
county awards committee.

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

**Elaine Wilson**



**'For creating memorable experiences  
for Hertfordshire Girlguiding  
Volunteers in St Albans division'**

Not content with the many official roles she does in Girlguiding, Elaine has taken on a role as self appointed adult events organiser, organising a very successful division trip to Our Chalet in September 2024, with a large group of adult volunteers from St Albans division and then a further trip to Pax Lodge in Jan 25 which involved a pinning ceremony of all the adult volunteers and a fun evening of games and songs led by the overseas volunteers from Pax Lodge. This spurred the leaders into looking further afield and Elaine has now organised a trip to India to visit the world guide centre in Sangam next year. This weekend there was talk of another trip to Our Chalet in 2027!

# County Good Service award

Elaine embodies the true meaning of girlguiding as she puts friendship and fun at the heart of all she does and has brilliant organisational skills that are reflected in the calm manner that she organises these big events.

She is the captain that steers the ship and we are all happy to go along with her to her end destination and grateful that she is taking on this role

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

**Sandra Sayce**



## **'For outstanding dedication to Girlguiding Hertfordshire'**

Sandra played a vital role in successfully reviving the 2<sup>nd</sup> St Albans Rainbows unit, which had sadly stalled during the Covid pandemic.

Rainbows meets every Wednesday from 6-7pm, followed immediately by her Guide unit from 7.30 to 9pm. Despite often facing a commute of up to an hour each way, Sandra generously gives far more than the 'one hour a week'. She creates a fun, engaging, and supportive environment for the girls, while also mentoring and encouraging fellow volunteers and young leaders. The unit is thriving and several girls have already achieved their GOLD award since relaunch. Beyond Girlguiding, Sandra also volunteers with Age UK and is a proud ambassador for Melonoma patients. She truly embodies the spirit of service and community.

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

**Kathleen Argent**



**'For outstanding commitment and dedication to Girlguiding in Ware district'**

Kath took over 5th Ware brownies 10 years ago when it was at risk of closure. She completed her leadership whilst running the unit with parents and the support for other guiders in district. Lack of additional volunteers led to the unit merging with the 7th Ware Brownies. This unit continues to flourish.

Kath is heavily involved at district, organising Brownie Revels and annual trips to the pantomime.

She is a very driven individual who has shown outstanding commitment to girlguiding especially whilst dealing with her own significant health issues.

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

Penny Dear



**'For outstanding commitment and dedication to Girlguiding in Redbourn'**

Penny was nominated to recognise her significant contribution to Girlguiding in the village of Redbourn. Due to Penny's enthusiasm and dedication to her role as leader of 3rd Redbourn Brownies the unit was able to remain open and is thriving due to her continued hard work.

Penny has included the brownies in many events as part of Redbourn in Bloom from maintaining flowers boxes, to litter picking and planting a tree for the Queens Jubilee which helped Redbourn win the village of the year in 2024.

Through Penny's extra commitment Girlguiding in Redbourn is well established and highly thought of.

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

**Sarah Keeling**



**'For outstanding commitment and enthusiasm to Rainbows in St Albans division**

Sarah, along with much missed Ann Hudson, opened the first Rainbow unit in St Albans West district in 2007. Jointly running the unit until Ann retired in 2014. Sarah is an excellent role model and advocate for Girlguiding sharing details of her units activities across St Albans social media, and even involving Girlguiding in various Exhibitions at St Albans Museum and Gallery where she works.

She is a valued member of the district assisting with District admin as well as supporting the 4 units that meet at the Cathedral.

She has mentored many other leaders and several of her ex Rainbows have progressed through girlguiding to becoming young leaders and leaders themselves.

Sarah is a real asset to Girlguiding, acting as a role model for the girls and living out the promise everyday by doing her best and being kind and helpful even when life is not being helpful to her.

# County Good Service award

Awarded to:

**Natasha Stride**



**'For outstanding commitment and dedication to Girlguiding in Sawbridgeworth and High Wych district'**

She has continually demonstrated exceptional leadership, resilience and a deep passion for supporting both girls and fellow leaders within Girlguiding.

One of Natasha's most remarkable achievements was organising a large scale sleepover. Her ability to inspire and rally volunteers to make the event a success was truly exemplary.

Natasha played a crucial role in improving her local guiding hut. She took the initiative to organise the repair and repainting of the hut ensuring that it remains a welcoming and safe environment for all. Natasha is deeply committed to supporting adults in district, her welcoming and encouraging nature has helped many volunteers feel valued and empowered to take on leadership roles further enriching our guiding community.

Natasha embodies the spirit of Girlguiding –she is vibrant, resourceful, diligent, and deeply passionate about making a difference.

# National awards

## National awards recognising achievements of our members



# Queen's Guide award



The highest award you can work towards in guiding.

It involves:

- Service in guiding
- Outdoor challenge
- Personal skill development
- Community action
- Residential

# Queen's Guide award

Awarded to:

## Jessica Mazzola



Jessica was away travelling in Australia so couldn't attend the Awards Celebration.

Jessica completed her Queen's Guide in 2024 and received her award at Buckingham Palace earlier in 2025 -attending with her mum who earnt her own Queen's Guide award in the 1970's

# Hero Award



Awarded by the county  
commissioner to members or  
friends of Girlguiding who have  
done something special

- A special fundraising effort
- Supporting an individual or member of the community
- Supporting local guiding
- Showing fantastic citizenship
- Coping with adversity

# Hero Award

Awarded to:

## Laura Anderson



Laura was at Chipperfield Clarendon Cricket club, when a player collapsed on the pitch. Laura performed CPR and revived him. The defibrillator wasn't working and whilst waiting for another, he had another two cardiac arrests. She continued CPR until the paramedics and Air Ambulance arrived. He was flown to Harefield Hospital, and medical staff there confirmed that it was due to her quick intervention that he has made a full recovery. There is little doubt that Laura saved a life that day.

# National Good Service award



Awarded by the county commissioner  
to an adult member of Girlguiding  
for excellent service to guiding.

# National Good Service award

Awarded to:

## Liz Pinnington



Liz exemplifies excellence through her dedication, energy, and warmth. She is a key county team member, who leads with purpose, mentors' volunteers, organises events, and always brings positivity. Her impact extends beyond Herts County into the wider community, inspiring others and uniting teams with her spirit and kindness. This national award expresses gratitude for her remarkable commitment and leadership. Please join me in celebrating Liz, our ACC and County Outdoor Lead Volunteer – a truly outstanding and deserving national award recipient

# National Honors

National Honours  
recognising achievements  
of our members

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# Coronation Medal



The King Charles III Coronation Medal was awarded to people who contributed to the coronation on May 6, 2023

Awarded to:

Pippa Pearson

# Anglia Brooch



The Anglia Brooch is awarded for commitment and level of service above 'the call of duty', notable display of courage, bravery or initiative.

Presented by Anne Mitchell Anglia Vice President

# Anglia Brooch

Awarded to:

## Heather Pavlik



Heather has been in girlguiding for 21 years – during this time she has had numerous roles and still wears very many girlguiding hats!

She is a leader with 4 Rainbow units, joint dc for Hemel Hempstead NE, assists the dc for Hemel Hempstead NW, manages the divisions first response courses, and organises annual division wide events for all sections.

To quote from her Division Commissioners nomination letter.

' Shortly after taking over the role of div com, Heather joined as joint dc for Hemel Hempstead NE and I was immediately struck by her passion for girlguiding, her commitment, and her supportive nature....

As well as being an inspirational unit leader to Rainbows, she provides support to several young leaders, and she has encouraged these girls to take part in internationals. They regard her as a trusted friend who they can rely on for support in their personal lives as well as their guiding endeavours. She always goes above and beyond what is asked of her and is proof that you can overcome any obstacles in life.'

# Anglia Brooch

Awarded to:

## Sally Settle



Sally's time with Girlguiding has been relatively short at just over 10 years – but there is no doubt that she has a big impact on girlguiding in Hertfordshire and beyond.

As a unit leader – having run Rainbows, Guides and Rangers – Sally has had a positive impact on the lives of many girls – Emma – one of Sally's ex rangers and now a leader in training said ' Having someone like Sally has allowed me to progress though Girlguiding with confidence, teaching me skills that I can now pass on to my Brownies'. Sally was Assistant County Commission from 2019 to 2024 under Jenny Maskrey. Throughout that time she demonstrated outstanding dedication, creativity, and leadership that went far beyond the expectations of her role.

Sally's commitment to her role as Growth and Retention lead volunteer was, and still is, truly inspiring. She leads by example and is always willing to help on any occasion where there is a chance of spreading the word and increasing numbers of volunteers and girls. Her leadership around our involvement in the Hertfordshire County Show was a shining example of this. She manages the county recruitment resources, arranging pick-ups and drop offs around the county. You can see the evidence of this all around the school here today!

Sally also organised several multi section activity days at county level – ensuring both leaders had girls had the very best of experiences. Sally has not only contributed to guiding in county, she was part of the team that delivered the Region Pyjama party – our Thinking day event – that was such a success earlier this year – and has taken on a region role in Membership Support, where we have no doubt she will continue to contribute to the success and development of Girlguiding .

# Thank you

**to the county awards committee  
for their commitment to  
recognising our volunteers**

**and**

**to all our volunteers  
for their contribution  
to Girlguiding Hertfordshire**



**Girlguiding**  
**Hertfordshire**  
**county**