



News Release

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Join us - and join in!

Members of Rainbow, Brownie and Guide units in villages across south Notts are calling for more volunteers to step forward so they can continue to make the most of an exciting new programme of activities and events in Guiding.

An appeal has gone out for volunteers and helpers to support East Bridgford Guides in particular. Enquiries from parents, carers and other interested adults are encouraged and Girlguiding Nottinghamshire is also keen to hear from former members of Guides or Rangers for whom volunteering experience may be useful to enhance university or job applications.

Mentoring and training is provided where necessary and 'flexible guiding' enables adults to tailor their role in Guiding around other commitments: examples include running meetings on a rota system, sharing tasks with a pool of volunteers or providing ad hoc help with sports coaching, skills-sharing or unit admin.

'It's a great time for new volunteers to join us' says Jo Brown, Commissioner for Notts Fosse Division, who is spearheading the recruitment drive in the Vale villages. 'The girls are simply brimming with enthusiasm for Girlguiding's new programme. This has just been introduced across all age groups and not only gives members new challenges and a structure within which to develop their potential, but also aids leaders and helpers - especially those new to Girlguiding - by providing the essential information needed to plan unit meetings.'

Recent adventures for local girls have included the MegaMoot camp and Ginormous Choir - both large-scale events involving members from across the county. Younger girls have also enjoyed Brownie camps, a holiday at PGL and a sleepover at Twycross Zoo,

whilst Guides and Rangers have experienced narrow-boating and other outdoor challenges as well as building their skills via exciting new badges.

‘These units are a really important part of the community in rural villages,’ adds Jo. ‘It’s where girls grow up and make friends for life, and it would be such a shame if we can’t provide places for all those who want to join simply because we haven’t enough volunteers to run them.’

Jo Brown can be contacted via notts.fosse@hotmail.co.uk for local information: full details on how to volunteer with Girlguiding Nottinghamshire can be accessed via www.girlguidingnottinghamshire.org.uk

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About Girlguiding UK

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with 553,633 members. Thanks to the dedication and support of 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities. We build girls’ confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them a space to have fun. We run Rainbows (5-7 years), Brownies (7-10 years), Guides (10-14 years) and The Senior Section (14-25 years).
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