



# Welcome to Girlguiding North West England

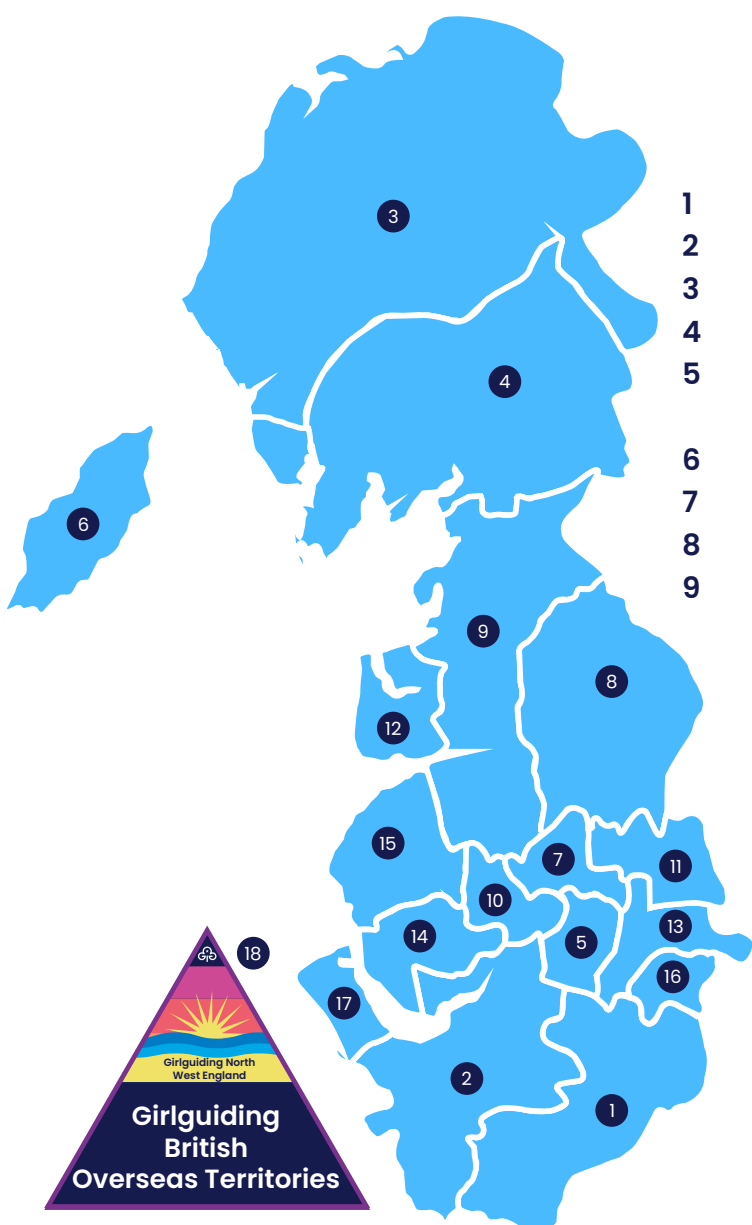
Here at North West England we are lucky enough to have a team of passionate and dedicated volunteers who are all committed to helping everyone develop skills, gain qualifications and try new things.

**Our volunteers aren't paid  
but they are priceless**

# Getting to know North West England

The North West region is made up of 18 counties, each with their own county commissioner.

Each county has a team of division and district commissioners who are available to support you locally.



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| 1 | Cheshire Border         | 10 | Lancashire South             |
| 2 | Cheshire Forest         | 11 | Lancashire South East        |
| 3 | Cumbria North           | 12 | Lancashire West              |
| 4 | Cumbria South           | 13 | Manchester                   |
| 5 | Greater Manchester West | 14 | Merseyside                   |
| 6 | Isle of Man             | 15 | Sefton                       |
| 7 | Lancashire Border       | 16 | Stockport                    |
| 8 | Lancashire East         | 17 | Wirral                       |
| 9 | Lancashire North West   | 18 | British Overseas Territories |

## Region Team

Commissioner  
Rona Rommel

Deputy Commissioner  
Tracey Johnson

## Key Advisers

Safeguarding  
Nicky Wylie

Growth and Engagement  
Nat Rigby

International Advisor  
Jenny Patterson

We have a staff team who cover, finance, GO and Join Us, safeguarding, compliance, events, marketing and communications. They can be contacted [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk)

# Key information

If you're joining a unit, here's what you need to know.

My Unit



When and where

Contacts

# What could you turn your hand to?

There are so many ways you can get involved with guiding. You might want to have adventures with girls. You might want to support other volunteers. You might want to go to every weekly meeting or you might just help out when you can. Whatever you're looking for, we've got a role for you.

## **Leader in training**

Leaders enjoy all kinds of adventures with girls and you'll get lots of support while you train.

## **Young leader (if you're aged 14-18)**

A chance to develop your leadership skills, which always looks good on applications for jobs or higher education.

## **Unit helper**

Use your skills to support a unit, whether working with girls or helping to keep essential admin on track.

## **District/Division administrator**

Be a vital part of the local team, helping with everything from running events to updating GO (the membership database).

## **Unit administrator**

Manage unit records, balance the books and get involved in fundraising initiatives, opening up more opportunities for girls.

# What else can you do?

Do you have specific skills and experience that you'd like to share with girls or use to help other volunteers? Event planning expert? You could run a fun day for Rainbows and Brownies! PR pro? You could help get Girlguiding in the news. Juggler, programmer or Rubik's cube whizz? You could run a workshop for girls. Speak to your commissioner and get involved.

# Action Plan

Volunteer name:

Agreed with:

Date:



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North West England

Why complete an action plan?

It's important to know what is expected of you in the short, medium and long term. By agreeing goals, you will know who to contact for support and how to make progress in the most impactful way.

Goal	When do I need to do it by?	Who can help?	What will I need?	Comments

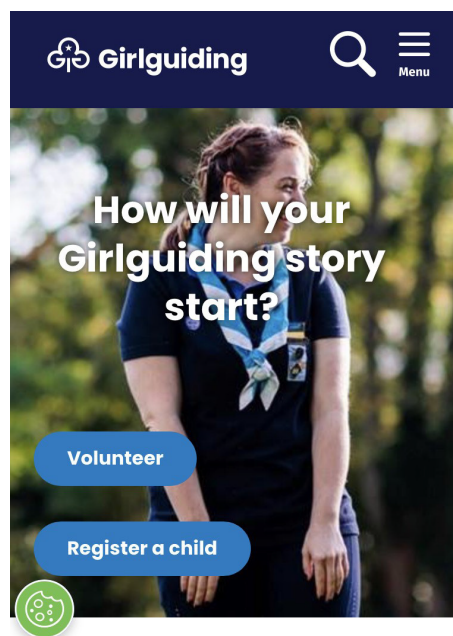
# Keeping in touch

**Girlguiding is a busy place, where we are always doing something new for our members. Here are a few ways we'll keep you updated about what is happening and where you can find the information you need.**

Look out for our e-newsletters landing in your inbox – You'll get newsletters from Girlguiding HQ monthly and a monthly newsletter from North West England region. These round up all the most recent goings-on in guiding, important updates and membership changes.

To receive newsletters you'll need to have selected the correct mailing options on GO. Login to your profile and under marketing preferences you can opt in for newsletters and other mailings.

Girlguiding news - all about our refreshed brand



Got a question about guiding? Chances are the answer will be on the girlguiding website. [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) Or your local commissioner will be able to help.

For events, training and other local level information the region website will hold the answers [girlguidingnwe.org.uk](http://girlguidingnwe.org.uk) Or you can call or email the region office on [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk) 01772 791947

**Keeping in touch works both ways.** Share your photos, views and stories with us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (where you can also get all the latest news and updates from us).

 Girlguiding North West England

 [girlguidingnwe](https://www.instagram.com/girlguidingnwe)

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# Induction checklist

Use this page to check you have everything you need to get stuck in!

**Volunteer name:**

**Date:**

- I've attended a 1-2-1 meeting/welcome event/received a phone call
- I've been introduced to the opportunities available and chosen the most suitable role
- I've seen the Welcome to Girlguiding video (search 'Welcome to Girlguiding' on YouTube)
- I've completed my disclosure check (if required)
- I've submitted details of two referees
- I know who to contact and how if I have a problem
- I've been introduced to local volunteers in my unit/area
- I've been made aware of important dates, meetings and learning and development opportunities available to me
- I know where to find guiding resources
- I've been shown websites, social media pages and online groups that I may find useful, including [girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen](http://girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen)
- My contact details and best way to contact me are up to date
- I understand where I fit in the structure of guiding
- I've been given a tour of the building my unit uses
- I've been made aware of any upcoming training and development opportunities
- I've been told how to submit an expenses claim
- I've talked to my commissioner about what I need to wear
- I've completed A Safe Space training Level 1
- I've visited a unit



# Girlguiding

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