

Thanks & Recognition

We want to thank all our volunteers for their contribution to guiding, it's an important way to show they are valued for the time and energy given to Girlguiding.

Awards are a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of members and recognised volunteers in your team.

You can use an award to recognise:

- commendable conduct
- outstanding and excellent service
- long service

This document outlines the Girlguiding and Girlguiding Anglia awards that are available. Some Counties and other local guiding areas also have their own awards. Try to select the one that is most appropriate for the nominee.

Please remember that all nominations for outstanding service or discretionary awards should be made without the knowledge of the nominee or their relatives.

Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge can be either a brooch or lapel pin given to members and non-members of Girlguiding as a sign of appreciation for their support.

Any member of Girlguiding may present a Thanks Badge after discussion with a leader or commissioner.

The Thanks Badge may only be given to a member of the Trefoil Guild if they have given service specifically to Girlguiding.



Good Service Badge

This brooch can be awarded by:

- The Chief Guide, for service to Girlguiding or a Branch Association.
- A Chief Commissioner, for service in a Country/Region.
- A County Commissioner, for service in the County.
- The Commissioner for a Branch Association, for service in a Branch Association.



To be eligible for a Good service brooch the nominee must fulfil one of these criteria:

- Hold a current member and recognised volunteer card
- Have completed a role no more than six months before the application is made
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The Good service brooch is silver metal with blue enamel. It is accompanied by a certificate.

Girlguiding Anglia Discretionary Awards

These awards are for Anglia Region members nominated through local commissioners and/or County Award Committees.

The Anglia region Awards Committee meets twice per year.

Anglia Brooch

The Anglia Brooch and Certificate can be awarded for one or more of the following:



- Commitment and level of service that has been over and above 'the call of duty' in respect of one or more appointments / events within or to guiding, or The Trefoil Guild.
- A notable display of mental or physical courage in pain or adversity.
- A notable display of bravery.
- A demonstration of initiative and devotion to duty.

Anglia Youth Award

For members under the age of 18 the Anglia Youth Award is given for one or more of the following:



- Notable commitment and level of participation which has been over and above the 'norm' within a unit, district, division, county or in the Region.
- A notable demonstration of initiative and adherence to the Guide Laws.
- A notable difference to the lives of others through supporting a Charity or worthy cause, other than Girlguiding, over a number of years or through a 'one off' large event.
- A notable demonstration of speaking out or empowering others where they wouldn't normally have a voice, to influence decision makers.
- A notable demonstration of how they have actively championed the rights of girls and/or young women.

Anglia Buddy Award

This award is designed to recognise young women in guiding who act as buddies, supporting their peers with additional needs within units, at events or on camps and holidays. A metal badge will also be given to the young member being supported by the Buddy.



A unit award is also available where the support of unit members as a whole enables our members with additional needs to experience the amazing opportunities offered within guiding and be included in unit activities.

Girlguiding Discretionary Awards

These awards are for all Girlguiding members nominated through local commissioners and county awards chairs.

The Anglia region Awards Committee meets twice per year and recommends any nominations to be put forward to the national committee.

Guiding Star

This is a national award for any active, exceptional young member of Girlguiding, up to her 19th birthday who meets the criteria.



The Guiding Star Award may be given for one or more of the following:

- Demonstrating great resilience
- Acting as an exceptional role model
- Showing initiative in response to an emergency situation

Evidence should be included of any significant contribution and impact on guiding in the nominees area.

If the award application is based on an incident or emergency situation, this must have occurred within the last six months.

Laurel award

This is an award for an active member of Girlguiding who has made an outstanding contribution to guiding. This is Girlguiding's second highest honour and as such there are relatively few awards given each year.



The application should reflect the nominee's outstanding service includes:

- **Guiding experience** - the member should have held a number and variety of roles within their district/division/county or beyond. Within these roles the member should have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and have been an effective team member.
- **Impact** - the member should have made a significant contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both young members and volunteers.
- **Personal attributes** - the member should be a person who is respected by their guiding peers and stands out as a positive role model.

Silver Fish Award

This is an award for an active member of Girlguiding who has made an exceptional contribution to guiding. They must have shown substantial impact through a variety of roles within the organisation.



- **Guiding experience** - the member should have held a range of roles in guiding at district/division/county levels and beyond. Within this range of roles the member should have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and made significant contributions as a team member and leader.
 - **Impact** - the member should have made a significant contribution to supporting, motivating, nurturing and developing guiding for both young members and adults. This should be over a range of roles.
 - **Personal attributes** - the member should be outstanding and an exceptionally high achiever who is always ready to take on a challenge - someone who makes things happen, and who inspires and motivates people.
 - **Wider guiding influence** - it must be possible to demonstrate that the nominated member has a clear understanding of the place of Girlguiding within WAGGGS and the world. They will have shared this with other members young or old to increase and strengthen guiding relationships across the global community.
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National UK Honours

We are unable to put an individual forward for a national honour, however we would be delighted to support local members to write in support of an application.

Further advice on available awards can be found: [gov.uk/honours](https://www.gov.uk/honours)

For advice in requesting supporting letters please contact the Anglia region office.

For more information on any of these awards visit the region website or contact the Anglia region office:

[girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/awards-recognition](https://www.girlguiding-anglia.org.uk/awards-recognition)

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