



Girlguiding
Cornwall county

Jargon Busting

When you start any new activity there is a lot of jargon and unique phrases that are used and often need explaining. Here are some of the most common words and phrases that you might hear being used within the organisation. If you ever come across anything you don't understand, never be afraid to ask!



1st Response – It will train you to provide first aid to members in emergency, inside or outside of your unit meeting place. The course was created specifically for members of Girlguiding. More about how Girlguiding Cornwall offer 1st Response training can be found on our [Learning & Development](#) page.

Annual subscriptions or Census – paid by each unit per member, to GGUK in February every year. It covers things like volunteer training, safeguarding, data protection, insurance, legal advice and property management.

BGO – British Girlguiding Overseas – formerly British Guides in Foreign Countries (BGIFC)

Brownie Bells – traditional song at the end of Brownie meetings

C/I – Counties/Islands

DC – District Commissioner

Div Comm – Division Commissioner. Visit [Where to find us](#) page to see all of Cornwall's Division Commissioners.

GG – Girlguiding

GO – Guiding Organiser – the secure database on which details of all young members and adult members in the organisation are held. This includes Join Us, the enquiries part where girls and adults register their interest.

G.O.L.D. – Guiding Overseas Linked with Development (GOLD) enables young women to develop their potential and make a difference in the world.

Gold – The top award available to all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers to complete.

HQ – National Girlguiding Headquarters

I.C.E. – International Community Experience – a programme for Guides.

I.N.T.O.P.S. – International Opportunities.

L.I.T. – Leader In Training

L.Q. – Leadership Qualification

O.A.A. – Outdoor Activities Adviser

MGR – Membership Growth and Retention, There is lots of support available on how to recruitment girls and volunteers, as well as how to look after your existing ones too.

Patrol – a small group of girls that sometimes work together within Guides.

P.L.C. – Patrol Leaders Council (Guide decision making forum)

Pow Wow – Brownie decision making forum.

Programme – What the girls do when they're in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers. Consisting of S.B's (Skill Builders), U.M.A's (Unit Meeting Activities) and I.B's (Interest Badges)

Rainbow Chat – Rainbow decision making forum.

Region – Girlguiding Cornwall is part of Girlguiding South West England, our Region.

R.E.N. – Residential Event Notification – a form that a Leader must submit to her commissioner before planning a residential event.

Section – The age related group within Girlguiding – Rainbows, Brownies, Guides or Rangers.

Subs – The money that local units collect from young members to cover running costs. Or it can refer to Annual Subscriptions (See above).

Six – a small group of girls that sometimes work together within Brownies.

Sixer – the Six Leader who might also have a Secunder to assist.

Taps – The traditional song sang at the end of Guides meetings.

Trefoil Guild – Is a branch organisation of Girlguiding and its members agree to support the guiding ethos. Membership is open to anyone aged 18 and over.

Unit – The name given to the group that meets on a regular basis (e.g. 1st Cornwall Brownies)

W.A.G.G.S. – World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.