



Awards and recognition

Girlguiding Cornwall and South West England region each have a range of fantastic awards which are waiting for YOU to nominate your fellow volunteer. We are so proud of the many fabulous things that all our leaders, helpers, and occasional volunteers do.

Awards and recognition from Girlguiding Cornwall

Girlguiding Life Membership

A Life Membership can be given to recognise individuals who have given long-term, exceptional commitment to Girlguiding Cornwall.

- it is the highest recognition available to honour the exceptional contribution of individuals who are, or have been members of Girlguiding Cornwall.
- it will only be given in exceptional circumstances.
- it recognises an individual who has demonstrated significant, high quality committed service, encouraged other leaders and enhanced the reputation and future of Girlguiding overall.
- it is bestowed on those who epitomise all elements of Girlguiding's Code of Conduct.

County Commissioner's Award



This award is given by the County Commissioner. It was created in 2010 and is made from South Crofty tin. It is awarded to any Leader for exceptional service to Girlguiding Cornwall.

County Standard Brooch



- This award was first introduced in 2000. It is awarded to say thank you to adult members or non-members, who have given special service to Girlguiding Cornwall. This includes:
- County Vice-Presidents and Life Members.
- Members who have served on the County Executive Committee.
- Members who have given an excellent piece of service to Cornwall.



Young volunteer award (18–30 years old)

Introducing our new award in 2025 to recognise the amazing work of our younger volunteers, where **you** can nominate the awardee!

Requirements:

- Have shown commitment over a period of at least 2 years in Girlguiding Cornwall.
- Demonstrated that they are following Girlguiding's Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- The information needs to be from the last two years in Girlguiding Cornwall.
- Two nominations are required for this award.
- The Division Commissioner needs to endorse all nominations by emailing the County President:
countypresident@girlguidingcornwall.org.uk
- Closing date for nominations is 30 November.
- The award can be awarded again after 5 years.

Complete the form on the [Girlguiding Cornwall](https://www.girlguidingcornwall.org.uk) website for your nomination to be considered by the Awards Committee.

St Piran's award (31+ years)



Introducing our new award to recognise the amazing work of our volunteers who make guiding happen throughout Cornwall, where **you** can nominate the awardee!

Requirements:

Have shown commitment over a period of at least 2 years in Girlguiding Cornwall.

Demonstrated that they are following Girlguiding's Volunteer Code of Conduct.

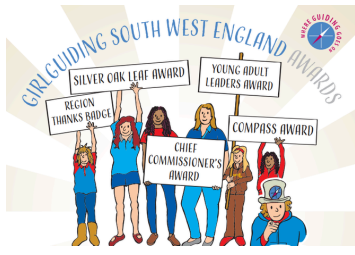
Fulfilled a minimum of 4 of the following:

- Kept up to date with Guiding developments, including attending trainings.
- Have a regular commitment to the unit/s they are attached to and maintain a quality programme offering the girls a wide range of opportunities.
- Attend unit activities, including those not during unit time e.g. Remembrance Parade, Pot of Gold Day, sleepovers etc.
- Promote Girlguiding Cornwall in their local community.
- Have contributed to a County, Division or District event.
- Have held an appointment at District or Division level.
- Attend regular planning meetings with their unit team and take on an active role or supporting role in the unit meeting.

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Awards and recognition from Girlguiding South West England



Find out more about each award, how [you](#) can nominate and to download nomination forms, visit the [Girlguiding South West England](#) website.

Silver Oak Leaf Award

The SWE Silver Oak Leaf Award is for any adult for outstanding contribution and commitment to the promotion or advancement of Guiding within SWE.



Compass Award

The SWE Compass Award is for dedication at local level to provide good quality guiding to their unit, local area and benefit of the local community.



Chief Commissioner's Award

The SWE Chief Commissioner's Award is for recognition given at the discretion of the Chief Commissioner. It's for anyone.



Young Adult Leaders Award

The SWE Young Adult Leaders Award is for leaders aged 18 - 30 years who have done something special or something remarkable.



The Region's 1yr, 3yr, 15yr, 25yr and 35yr Service Award

These badges are sent out automatically to our members in recognition of the time they have given to Girlguiding in the region.



Region Thanks Badge

SWE Thanks Badge is awarded for excellent service to guiding or for a special achievement.

Awards and recognition from Girlguiding UK – National Awards



Thanks Badge

A nationwide award presented locally to members or non-members as a sign of appreciation for their support.

Any member of Girlguiding may present a thanks badge after discussion with a leader or commissioner.

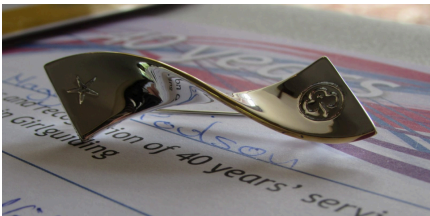
The Thanks Badge can only be given to a member of the Trefoil Guild if they've given service specifically to Girlguiding.



Good Service Brooch

This brooch can be given to an adult member of Girlguiding for excellent service to guiding. It can be awarded by the Chief Guide, for service to Girlguiding, a Chief Commissioner, for service in a Country or Region and a County Commissioner, for service in the County.

To be eligible for a good service brooch, the nominee must have completed a role no more than 6 months before the application is made.



Long Service Awards

Any adult member who volunteers regularly, no matter what their role, gender or age, can receive a long service award.

Service is counted from the date someone becomes a member, aged 16 or over, and actively carries out a role for 5 years (presented by District or Division), 10 years (presented by Division) and, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years, presented by County at a special event. Years of service don't have to be consecutive.

Members can also be nominated for these awards:

Girlguiding Hero Award

The Girlguiding Hero Award enables members to show their appreciation for fellow members or non-members of Girlguiding who have done something wonderful, or gone above and beyond what would be expected of them, and which has in some way helped others. Any member can make a nomination, and the recipient can be any age.

Go to the [Girlguiding website](#) where you will find full information and a nomination form. When you have completed the form, send this to the County Commissioner for her to sign.

Guiding Star Award

The Guiding Star award is given to exceptional young members of Girlguiding, aged up to 19.

Girlguiding members can nominate exceptional volunteers for a Guiding Star award by submitting an application.

The Guiding Star award can be given for 1 or more of the following:

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

Find out more and get an application form from the [Girlguiding website](#).





Silver Fish Award

The Silver Fish Award recognises what a member has achieved across the breadth of Girlguiding.

This is Girlguiding's highest honour.

Girlguiding members can nominate exceptional volunteers for a Silver Fish award by submitting an application.

The application should reflect the nominee's exceptional service, across a wide range of levels in Girlguiding. Criteria include:

- They should've held a range of roles in guiding at District, Division and County levels and beyond. Many applicants will have held national roles or have international guiding experience, but it's not essential. They should've demonstrated excellent leadership skills and made significant contributions as a team member and leader.
- They should've 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. Please give examples of projects or events that show this.
- They should be outstanding and an exceptionally high achiever who's always ready to take on a challenge. They're someone who makes things happen, and who inspires and motivates people.
- Demonstrate that they have a clear understanding of the place of Girlguiding within WAGGGS and the world. They will have shared this with other members, to increase and strengthen guiding relationships across the global community.

Find out more and get an application form from the [Girlguiding website](#).



Laurel Award

The Laurel Award celebrates exceptional service.

It's an award for an active member of Girlguiding who's made an outstanding contribution to guiding. Girlguiding members can nominate exceptional volunteers for a Laurel Award by submitting an application.

The application should reflect the nominee's outstanding service:

- They should've held lots of different roles within their District, Division, County or beyond. Within these roles, the member should've demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and have been an effective team member.
- They should've made a big contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both girls and adults.
- They should be a person who's respected by their guiding peers and stands out as a positive role model.

Find out more and get an application form from the [Girlguiding website](#).

National Honours System

CBE, OBE, MBE, BEM etc.

The honours system recognises people who have:

- made achievements in public life
- committed themselves to serving and helping Britain

They'll usually have made life better for other people or be outstanding at what they do.

They must still be actively involved in what you're nominating them for. The only honours which can be awarded after someone's death are gallantry awards.

Whether someone gets an honour - and the honour they get - is decided by an [honours committee](#). The committee's recommendations go to the Prime Minister and then to the King, who awards the honour.

Anyone can nominate someone for an honour.

For more supporting information and to nominate visit www.gov.uk/honours