

Young Volunteer Award

Emily Raynor

Emily has been volunteering at 10th Redhill Brownies for six years and at 4th Redhill Rainbows for two years and has recently started helping at 10th Redhill Guides as well.

Emily is universally liked by the girls and encourages them in all of their activities. Emily always makes sure to include the girls and is respectful of and sensitive to their feelings, preferences and interests.

Emily has accompanied the girls on many trips and holidays and always joins in the activities with enthusiasm and joy.

Emily is always ready to support the leaders in delivering the Girlguiding programme and making sure that the girls have a brilliant experience. Emily is a great role model for the girls, supportive, encouraging and positive.

Individual Volunteer Award

Elaine Rollason

Elaine has run the 3rd Merstham Brownies for over 10 years. She leads a team of dedicated volunteers that are driven by her enthusiasm and passion for Girlguiding.

She always strives to deliver a fun and engaging programme for the Brownies. Elaine has been a pillar of strength for so many young girls and their parents.

Throughout the lockdown she organised zoom meetings, virtual sleepovers and set the girls regular challenges and activities.

From September 2021 she has organised over 7 nights away, to give the full Brownie experience. She has supported older girls with their Duke of Edinburgh's award and welcomed back Guides as helpers. She provides the next generation of volunteers with a fantastic role model. She is a credit to Girlguiding and also the community of Merstham.

Volunteer Team Award

Sonia & Emma

Girlguiding Reigate Division Commissioners

Sonia & Emma picked up the baton of Reigate Division Girlguiding prior to the pandemic. Alongside all the normal challenges of managing volunteers, parents and girls across the Reigate, Redhill, Horley and Merstham areas they saw the potential of the Empire Hall moving from being a hall in need of updating, redecorating and had the energy to do it!

They oversaw a transition from a small number of volunteers in Horley to the whole division assisting with its regeneration.

The hall was decorated, grants applied for and spent. The garden tidied and trees trimmed. They introduced social media to the hall for bookings, updated the Charity commission and did much of the work themselves assisted by others, alongside their own full time employment.

They continued to run their units in Redhill, embraced the challenges of trusteeship have truly done a fabulous heroic job. This now means that the population of Horley have a much brighter hall as an asset to the community.