**Girlguiding Devon Awards Criteria**

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| **Award** | **Open to** | **Criteria** | **Nominations and application process** |
| **Girlguiding**  **A close-up of a badgeDevon County Standard**  (Metal Badge) | Open to adult members, whose membership exceeds 5 years. | The Devon County Standard is our most prestigious award at county level and is awarded:   * To those who have given exemplary service and delivered a significant contribution to quality guiding at a local level in any capacity. * To active members who have demonstrated the promotion of guiding and have upheld guiding values and adhered to the volunteer code of conduct. | * Any member may submit a nomination after consultation with and endorsement by a commissioner. * Nominations must be accompanied by a supporting statement from one other member. * To apply complete the nomination form found here  [CSA Nomination form](https://forms.office.com/e/8jB12nUwEq) and submit to the county chair of awards by the following dates: 30th April and 31st December. * The awards committee will meet to discuss nominations in May and January annually. |
| **Girlguiding**  **A green and black flag with a white star and black text  Description automatically generatedDevon Star Good Service Award**  (Metal Badge) | Open to adult members. | The Devon Star Good Service Award is awarded:   * To show appreciation to adult members of girlguiding Devon who have given exceptional service while holding a county appointment or playing a significant part in a special county event or initiative. | * Awarded at the discretion of the county commissioner. * Any member can make a recommendation for this award at any time by emailing or writing to the Chair of Awards giving details of the nominee and supporting information. [thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk](mailto:thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk)   Chair of Awards Committee, c/o County Administrator  Trefoil Lodge, Buddle Lane  Exeter, Devon EX4 1JP |
| **A close up of a badge  Description automatically generatedGirlguiding Devon County Commissioners Special Award**  (Cloth Badge) | Open to young members under 18. | The county commissioner's special award is presented:   * To a young member, under 18 years old, who has shown an extraordinary response with an event or project which is not recognised within the girlguiding programme. * To any Girlguiding young member who has demonstrated the values of girlguiding and lived the Promise within her daily life. For example, this could be in recognition of an act of bravery, an initiative they have championed or resilience in the face of illness. | * Any member can make a recommendation for this award at any time by emailing or writing to the Chair of Awards giving details of the nominee and supporting information. [thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk](mailto:thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk)   Chair of Awards Committee, c/o County Administrator  Trefoil Lodge, Buddle Lane  Exeter, Devon EX4 1JP   * Details should be given of the young member with information to support the nomination. In the email or letter nominators must provide an explanation of the nominees outstanding achievements in the criteria areas. Providing examples where possible. * Nominations will then be shared with the County Commissioner for consideration. * Nominators will be notified of the decision. |
| **A logo with text and stars  Description automatically generatedGirlguiding Devon Inspirational Leader Award**  (Metal Badge) | Open to a qualified leader. | The Inspirational Leader award is presented:   * To a qualified leader who is a role model in her local area, developing her skills, using them to deliver high quality guiding and inspiring our young members. * To those who reach beyond what is expected of them and have an impact on others with their enthusiasm. Examples could include elements of the following: Providing memorable residential experiences and trips. Helping out with other sections and units who may be struggling. Regularly organising or helping with district or division events and providing full support, sharing ideas and actively contributing to their district and/or division. * They must have upheld the Volunteer Code of Conduct and demonstrated guiding values whilst living the promise. | * Any member may submit a nomination after consultation with a commissioner. * To apply complete the nomination form found here  [Inspirational Leader Nomination Form](https://forms.office.com/e/r281TMD7Fp)   and submit to the county chair of awards by the following dates: 30th April and 31st December.   * The awards committee will meet to discuss nominations in May and January annually and nominators will be notified of the decision. |
| A blue square with yellow border and a heart shaped plant in a pot  Description automatically generated**Girlguiding Devon Growing Guiding Award**  (Metal Badge) | Open to all volunteers aged 14+ | The Growing Guiding award is given in recognition of a member’s significant contribution to growing guiding at unit, district or division level. It is awarded:   * To those who have contributed something special particularly in respect of membership, growth and/or retention. This may include the opening of new units, organising recruitment events, attending fresher or community fairs to promote guiding, supporting other sections/units who are experiencing difficulties due to lack of volunteers or young members, working on future proofing and succession planning for guiding in their local area, supporting other leaders through induction, qualifications and training etc. | * Any member may submit a nomination after consultation with a commissioner. * To apply complete the nomination form found here   [Growing Guiding Nomination Form](https://forms.office.com/e/xYdQWu2Xsm) and submit to the county chair of awards by the following dates: 30th April and 31st December.   * The awards committee will meet to discuss nominations in May and January annually and nominators will be notified of the decision. |
| **Girlguiding Devon County Team**  **Award**  A trophy on a pedestal  Description automatically generated  (Cloth Badge) | This is a team award, open to teams of all ages. | The Devon county team award is given to any team who have contributed to guiding in Devon county in a significant way over a period of time or for a one-off event. It is awarded:   * to a team who have worked well together in either organising or delivering a guiding activity. The group should have shown exceptional teamwork and delivered an outcome which showcases Girlguiding Devon and benefits our members.   Examples could include unit, district, division or county teams organising events or residentials for members, property or residential venue teams, Rangers or Guides who have put on their own event, teams working at shows or fairs.  Teams can be made up of both members and non-members. | * Anyone may nominate a team for this award after consultation with a commissioner. * To apply complete the nomination form found here [Team Award Nomination Form](https://forms.office.com/e/YJdSAvcReV) and submit to the county chair of awards by the following dates: 30th April and 31st December. * The awards committee will meet to discuss nominations in May and January annually and nominators will be notified of the decision. |
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| **Girlguiding**  **A badge with a flower and a logo  Description automatically generatedDevon Appreciation Award**  (Metal Badge) | Open to members or non-members age 18 and over. | The Devon appreciation badge is presented as a token of appreciation. It is awarded:   * To acknowledge those who have given freely of their time and effort in supporting Girlguiding Devon, this could be though a specific event or ongoing or one-off initiative. Examples could include a building committee member, helping another team on a residential or where a unit needs temporary cover. An individual/non member who has given significant time to teach young members new skills. * This award is open to anyone to order and doesn’t require supporting information. However, you must include wording for the certificate that reflects the recipient’s contribution.   [This award is not intended to recognise members for regular commitment to a unit. This would be more suited to a County Standard or Inspirational Leader award]. | * Any adult member may request at any time. * To request, you can order via the Girlguiding Devon Online shop [Girlguiding Devon Shop](https://devonguides.org.uk/shop) * Or complete the County Badge order form found here: [Girlguiding Devon Administration](https://devonguides.org.uk/members/administration)   and **remember to include wording for certificate.**   * Email the completed form to:   [county-admin@devonguides.org.uk](mailto:county-admin@devonguides.org.uk)  Or post a completed form to:  County Administrator  Trefoil Lodge, Buddle Lane  Exeter, Devon EX4 1JP |

**A flowchart to help in deciding which award is most suitable can be found** [here](https://devonguides.org.uk/files/members/Girlguiding_Devon_Awards_Flowchart_2024_v2.0_1.pdf)

**Paper copies of all forms can be obtained from the County Administrator** [county-admin@devonguides.org.uk](mailto:county-admin@devonguides.org.uk)

**If you are still unsure which award is most suitable, need help in completing nomination forms, or for support with anything else related to Thanks & Recognition, please contact Sarah at** [thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk](mailto:thanksandrecognition@devonguides.org.uk)