

Wickham Market Girl Guides Report

Wickham Market Girl Guides meet weekly during term time. We provide activities for girls aged 10-14.

During the last year we have had cooking challenges, craft evenings, archery, sports, games, walk and a sleepover.

At a weekly meeting the girls plan the first part of the evening themselves working towards badges of their choice. We then provide an activity for the group to do together. Some weeks we have an outing, either a walk, swimming or other local activities. Recently we have been visiting an elderly residential home once a term, the girls and residents really enjoy this.

Girlguiding also offers lots of opportunities for girls to take part in large scale camps and activity days with other units and sometimes with Scouts. We have offered these to the girls and taken part in many over the years.

The unit has been running for 26 years with Jacqui and Tracy. Both are stepping down at the end of the summer term. We have been trying to find new leaders with no luck so far. Sadly if no one steps forward the unit will have to close.

In the past, when we had more leaders, we used to camp/do a residential 3 times a year. One camp was a weekend, a summer camp for 5 days and a weekend residential in the winter.

We camped in Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex taking 15-20 girls most times. At camp the girls learnt independence, decision making and trying new things. Activities such as kayaking and abseiling along with many others were available at camp. The girls would also cook most of their meals, choosing how they wanted to do this.

Guiding can provide so much to help girls realise their potential. We will help our girls find other units if they wish to if no one steps forward to keep the unit open.