

Awards Information Sheet

Sussex West Silver Oak Leaf



The Silver Oak Leaf is presented by the county commissioner and is awarded for a sustained high level of commitment to the county over a long period of time. During this time the member will have shown outstanding leadership, effective team membership, commitment to the ethos of Girlguiding, actively promoted Girlguiding within the local and wider community and shown themselves to be an excellent role model. **(4-6 letters of support)**

Penny Hardwick Team Award



This award is for a team who have achieved a special goal. This could be a one-off event, a short or long term project. Or The team must have provided an outstanding range of Girlguiding opportunities over a sustained period of time. Effective teamwork through collaboration and open communication must be demonstrated. Any team must be nominated for achievements that go above and beyond what is expected of their role(s). **(3 letters of support)**

Region Chief Commissioner's Award (LaSER)



The Girlguiding LaSER Chief Commissioner's Award is for inspirational volunteering. It is awarded to exceptional volunteers that go above and beyond and who motivate and improve quality girl led guiding. Supporting evidence should include information about the member's character, personality and achievement.

(6-8 letters of support)

Good Service Brooch (National Award)



This brooch may be given to an adult member of Girlguiding or a Branch Association for excellent service to guiding. Nominees must be a current member of Girlguiding or be a 'recognised volunteer'. In addition they must still be volunteering or have completed a role no more than six months before the application is made.

(Up to 8 letters of support)

Laurel Award (National)



The Laurel Award is given in recognition of outstanding service to guiding. The member should have held a number and variety of roles within their district/division/county or beyond. Within these roles the member should have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and have been an effective team member. The member should have made a significant contribution to supporting and developing guiding for both girl and adults. The member should be respected by their guiding peers, 'stand out' and have made a significant difference to guiding. **(Up to 8 letters of support)**

Silver Fish (National Award)



The Silver Fish is Girlguiding's highest award. It is given in recognition of outstanding and distinguished service which recognises an exceptional contribution to a wide section of Girlguiding, including international guiding either in the United Kingdom or abroad. The member should have made a significant contribution to supporting, motivating, nurturing and developing guiding for both girls and adults. They should be an exceptionally high achiever is always ready to take on a challenge. **(Up to 8 letters of support)**

Guiding Star Award (National for those up to their 26th birthday)



This award may be given to any member of Girlguiding (up to their 26th birthday) who has displayed exceptional courage or who has shown great initiative or responsibility at an incident. They may have saved or helped to save a life, shown bravery and competence in an emergency situation, cared for a sick relative, have made a significant impact on guiding in their unit or area whilst showing courage and determination in the face of a serious or long-term medical condition. **(Up to 8 letters of support)**