

# Field Notes & Firepits

News from Guys Farm



## WELCOME TO THE GUYS FARM NEWSLETTER – FIELD NOTES AND FIREPITS

**Congratulations to Sam Harrison who won the name the newsletter competition! A £50.00 voucher for you to use for accommodation or activities at Guys farm for your Unit is coming your way!!**

**Thank you to everyone who entered the competition.**

## Thank You.....

We would like to start with a huge Thank you to all our volunteers who help keep the site running... from hands on activity instructing to behind the scenes admin, cleaning, tidying, grass cutting etc the site wouldn't be what it is without you....

## Recent Enhancements

Lots of fabulous developments have been happening at Guys!

The upgrade of Top and Bottom meadow toilets has now been completed. They have been given a complete makeover and reconfiguration which now provides a separate leader toilet and shower on each side, with one providing a level access shower and with a wider door makes it more accessible. All this was made possible with a grant of £10,000 from The Harris Trust





The top and bottom meadow cabins have been future proofed, by adding cladding to the entire cabins along with a new door... making them weather tight for years to come.

The Garden Room has also had a bit of a makeover, with new windows added to the side. The rear of the garden room is a much needed workshop for our buidings team - Kevin & Paul! and we have a store area for all the self directed activity equipment that doesnt fit in the activity cabin!!



## Volunteer with Us



Help us share the Adventure!

### VOLUNTEER SOCIAL MEDIA LEAD

Guys Farm are looking for an enthusiastic and creative social media and marketing volunteer who can help us expand our online presence. We have incredible stories happening every week, but we need you to help us share them.



For further Info and application form  
[www.guysfarm.org.uk](http://www.guysfarm.org.uk)

#### VOLUNTEER SOCIAL MEDIA LEAD

##### The Role:

- Create & Curate: Develop captivating posts, stories and ideas for Facebook, Instagram, Tic Tok and LinkedIn
- Schedule and publish posts to ensure consistent and impactful online presence
- Showcase the Fun: Highlight our activities, from archery to Paddleboarding
- Grow our Community: Engage with our followers, local units, and volunteers. Monitor and respond to comments and messages
- Create a bank of stock photos ensuring permissions are gained inline with Girlguiding policies

##### Who are we looking for?

- Experience with social media platforms (personal or professional).
- Great communication skills and a friendly digital "voice."
- Reliable and flexible
- Be able to work both independently and as part of a team.
- Be willing to join Girlguiding and undergo DBS checks and complete required online training.
- Be able to attend Operational management Team meetings once a quarter
- Be able to volunteer approximately 3 - 4 hours a week, remotely and occasionally onsite

This role would make ideal experience for a time limited period for Dof E or Queens Guide

## Service Days

We're looking for hands-on volunteers to bring our service days to life! Whether you're a green thumb, a DIY enthusiast, or a skilled tradesperson, your talents can make a real difference. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves with us, we'd love to hear from you... Our next organised service day is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 but we welcome District/Division Teams at any time



**Girlguiding**  
Guy's Farm Activity Centre

# CORPORATE VOLUNTEERS

**Your Support Makes All The Difference**

Looking for a way to swap the boardroom for the great outdoors? Bring your team to Guy's Farm Activity Centre for a corporate volunteering day that makes a tangible impact.

Nestled in the heart of the countryside, Guy's Farm provides a vital space for young people to learn, grow, and explore. But keeping our 10-acre site safe, vibrant, and ready for adventure requires a lot of "elbow grease"—and that's where you come in.

**BENEFITS**

- ✓ Make a Real Impact
- ✓ Build Connections
- ✓ Develop New Skills
- ✓ Create Meaningful Change

**HOW TO JOIN US**

- Visit our website
- Fill the form with your details
- A member of our team will contact you to discuss and arrange your Volunteering

[www.guysfarm.org.uk](http://www.guysfarm.org.uk)



## Volunteer Wardens

Love Guy's Farm? Join the team! We're looking for friendly Girlguiding members to help us welcome visitors, prep activities, and keep things running smoothly. This is a great way to stay involved—and you'll have a place to stay if you want in our onsite flat while you're here.

We are also looking for Corporate volunteers.....

If you work for an organisation who you think might be able to help us please get in touch

## Adventure Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking to learn new skills, stay active, and help others experience the great outdoors? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help instruct and support our exciting activity sessions!

Activities include:

High Ropes & Climbing Wall

Abseil Tower

Archery

Water Activities

No prior experience? No problem!

If you have a passion for the outdoors and a willingness to learn, we want to hear from you. Interested in joining the team?

For more information please contact

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## Activities Update

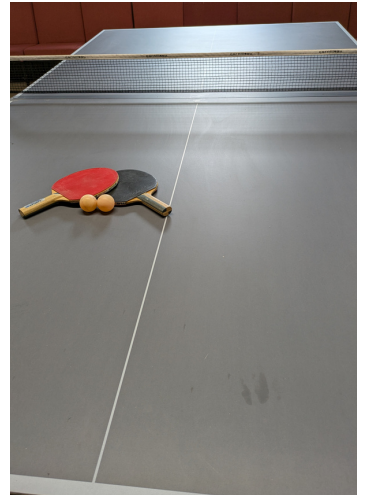
We've added new activities on site to make breaks a bit more exciting:

Table Football – just 50p a game

Table Tennis

Pool Table

Perfect for a quick match, a bit of friendly competition, or just switching off for a few minutes...all are available in the garden room



Our New large group paddleboard is the ultimate floating platform for team-building games, coordination challenges, and splash-filled fun, encouraging young paddlers to work together to stay upright and steer.



2 new KADAI Firepits are available to Hire. Thanks to funding from the Friends of Guys Farm these amazing firepits are the next level in outdoor cooking! Visit their website for some amazing recipes to try

<https://kada.co.uk/pages/recipe-archive>

### Wyre Walk Badges

These lovely badges are now available in the shop and can be purchased if you have walked on the Wyre Way from Guys Farm

We also have a 10K route, starting and ending at Guys which can be borrowed for you to use with your group



**Human Hungry Hippo!!**  
another addition to the self led catalogue of activities!!

## Bookings

**We now have a new booking system up and running.**

**Bookings for any of our Buildings, Campsites or activity visits must be completed via the website**  
<https://www.guysfarm.org.uk/bookings>

## Availability

We have an availability calendar on the website for all our accommodation and camping fields

<https://www.guysfarm.org.uk/bookings/availability>

We have availability for the end of the year across the site

## Your Opinions

Our short feedback form is available on our website, we welcome all feedback and ideas for future developments... so if you have stayed recently we would love your views. Simply scan the QR code for our online form



## Friends of Guys Farm

By becoming a Friend of Guys Farm, you'll be directly helping more young people have unforgettable adventures. Your support provides them with opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence, and have a ton of fun at our Activity Centre.

Yearly membership of Friends of Guys Farm is just £20.00 a year, or you can become a Life member with a one off payment of £250.00

As a thank you for your generosity, you'll be automatically entered into our monthly 300 Club draw, (unless you opt out of this) giving you a chance to win one of five cash prizes!

You may have more than one number to increase your chances of winning, at a further cost of £10 per number

Plus, you'll get regular updates on everything happening at Guys Farm and an invitation to our annual event to meet other members.

Join us today and help us create a future full of adventure!

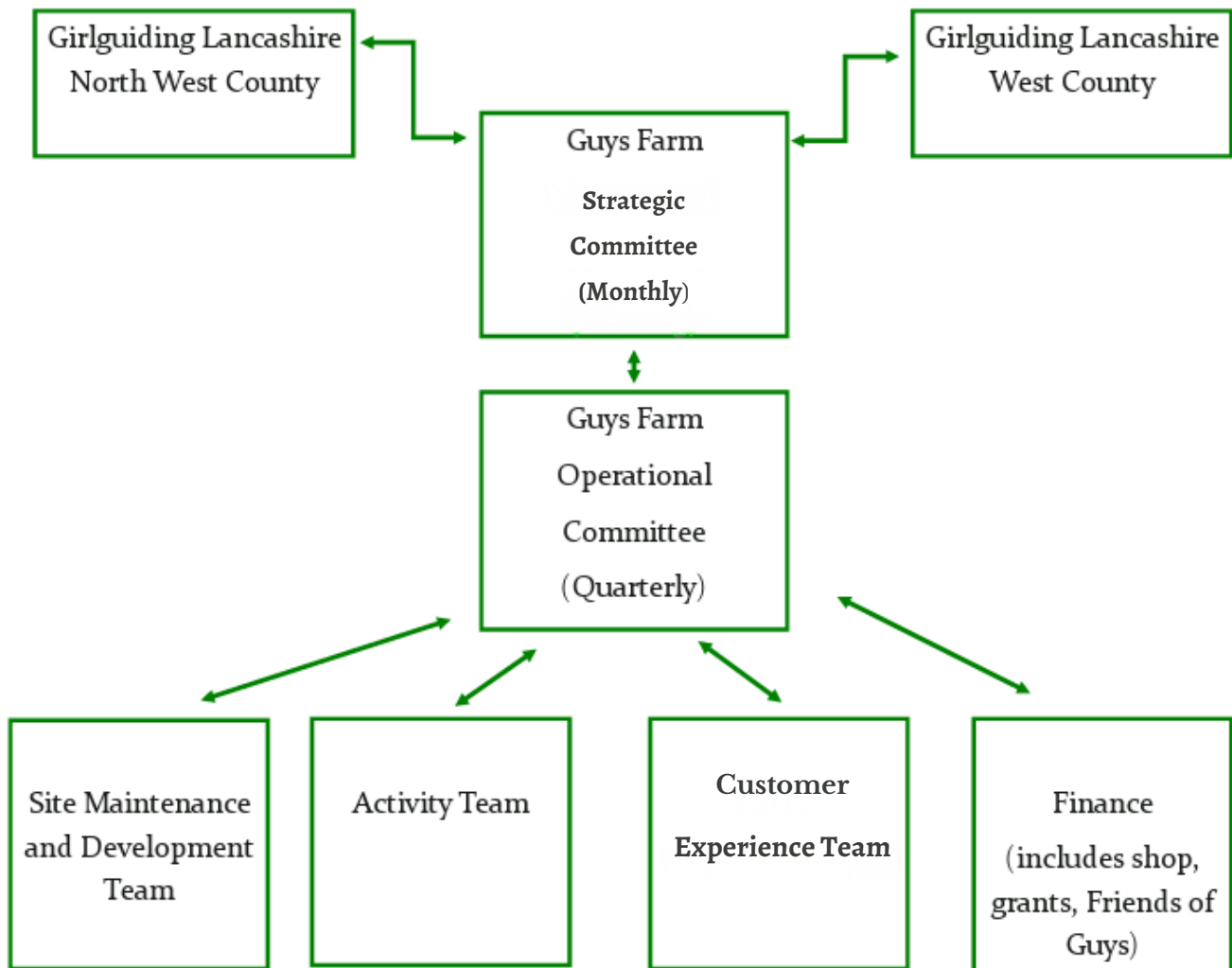
**Please email [pat.brandwood@outlook.com](mailto:pat.brandwood@outlook.com) for further details**

**We recently held our first Friends catch up , a chance to meet up with friends, have a tour of the site and also relax with a brew and Cake**



## Meet the Volunteers

Did you know Guys Farm is run entirely by volunteers? Our small but mighty team of Trustees works year-round to keep the site safe, compliant, and ready for your next adventure. We take pride in maintaining a space where memories are made, and adventures are had.



Our strategic Committee and Trustees of Guys Farm is made up of the following:

### Chair of the Management Committee - Paul Collins

#### Lancashire West County

County Commissioner - Catherine Potter

2 Representatives

Jeanette Crosland - Guys Farm lead Volunteer

Lindsay Newton - Guys Farm lead volunteer

#### Lancashire North West County

County Commissioner - Gillian Clarkson

2 Representatives

Claire Gibson (County President))

Audrey Suart - Guys Farm lead volunteer

