

## GUIDING AWARDS

### Awards Given by Counties and Islands:

#### Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge is usually given to a person (male or female) who is not a member of Girlguiding UK. It is a sign of appreciation for their support, either over a number of years, or during a special event or activity. Any member of Girlguiding UK may present this after discussion with her Guider or Commissioner.

#### Good Service Brooch

The Chief Guide or Chief Commissioner or the County/Island Commissioner presents the Good Service Brooch to a member (uniformed adult) for excellent service to Guiding. The nominee must hold a current appointment card or have completed an appointment no more than six months before the nomination is made.

*Most Counties and Islands have their own Award - contact your Commissioner for details.*

### Awards Given by Girlguiding South West England and Girlguiding UK:

#### The Girlguiding South West England Silver Oak Leaf Award

The Silver Oak Leaf is presented by the Chief Commissioner to recognise and acknowledge the outstanding contribution and commitment that an adult (member or non-member) has made to the promotion or advancement of Guiding within South West England.

#### Star of Merit

The Star of Merit is given to any member aged between five and 26 years who has shown great courage and fortitude in her personal life, or initiative/responsibility at an incident. Nominations as a result of an incident must be made within six months of the incident taking place.

#### Chief Commissioner's Certificate of Commendation

The Chief Commissioner's Certificate of Commendation is awarded by Girlguiding South West England to a member or non-member of Girlguiding South West England who has shown outstanding courage in her/his personal life, or to a Unit, District, Division or County/Island which has demonstrated great commitment to Guiding in their community or has taken part in a special project to promote guiding.

#### Laurel Award

The Laurel Award is a Girlguiding UK Award presented by the Chief Commissioner to a member (uniformed adult) in recognition of outstanding service to Guiding, not necessarily at Association level. Members nominated for this Award should ideally be at least 18 months from retirement and have held an appointment within six months of the nomination form being received by the Region Awards Sub-Committee.

#### Silver Fish

This is the highest Award that can be granted by Girlguiding UK. It is awarded to a member (uniformed adult) for outstanding service to Guiding in more than one capacity, and a contribution to world Guiding. Members nominated for this award should ideally be at least 18 months from retirement and have held an appointment within six months of the nomination form being received by the Region Awards Sub-Committee.