



Welcome to
West Mercia county's

Discovering West Mercia Challenge



Welcome

Discovering West Mercia Challenge has been written with the aim of getting members of West Mercia county to understand the county history and take opportunities to find out more about the geography and legacy of individual units and traditions.

If you are not from Girlguiding West Mercia, we hope you complete this challenge either to discover how great our county is, or to apply the activities to your own county.

Introduction from Assistant County Commissioner

Girlguiding West Mercia takes its name from one of the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms Mercia, which later changed to the Midlands. We cover the area around the city of Wolverhampton and the large towns of Dudley, Walsall and West Bromwich; as well as parts of the surrounding South Staffordshire area (See maps on page 24). The Girlguiding county of West Mercia incorporates the region known as the 'Black Country'. Although the heavy polluting industries that gave the region its name have long since disappeared, a sense of shared history and tradition in the area has kept the term in use. Today the term is used to describe the four Metropolitan District Council areas of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. During the Industrial Revolution this area became one of the most industrial parts of Britain with coal mines, coking, iron foundries and forges, glass factories, brick works and steel mills. These industries produced a high level of air pollution which covered everything with thick black soot, hence the term 'Black Country'. As of 7th April 2018 West Mercia County had 1428 volunteers, 5212 Girls and 420 Units.



About this challenge

To earn your *Discovering West Mercia Challenge* badge, we advise that each section should complete all five of the activities from 'West Mercia County' and then the following amount of activities from other sections.

Rainbows - all of 'West Mercia County' plus two or three other activities.

Brownies - all of 'West Mercia County' plus three or four activities.

Guides - all of 'West Mercia County' plus four or five activities.

Rangers/Trefoil - all of 'West Mercia County' plus five or six activities.

We also suggest that the extra activities you complete are from different sections and that you choose a range of different activities to make sure your girls are being challenged appropriately. However, if you feel the need to adapt any of the activities or use your own as alternatives, you may do so.

To order your badges, please complete the order form at the end of this pack which also contains the details of where to send it to and costings.

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West Mercia County

Throughout this section you will learn more about the history of our county and of your local guiding area.

1. County history

The county was formed in 1974 by units from Staffordshire, Worcestershire and Birmingham. Our first County Commissioner was Mrs Ann Baines and the first County President was Mrs Mary Horrell. Other events that happened in this year include:

- ABBA won the 19th Eurovision song contest held in Brighton.
- The first UK McDonalds was opened in Woolwich.
- Bagpuss was first aired.
- 'Lonely This Christmas' by Mud became the Christmas number one.
- Robbie Williams, Victoria Beckham and Scott Mills were all born.

Hold an event or complete an activity based around the 1970s or something that happened in the year 1974. Ideas include an ABBA night, a 1970s fashion show or decorate a t-shirt in the style of a 70s 'slang shirt'.

2. County standard

Our county, and each division within it, has its own standard. The standard features images of items and creatures that are associated with the area it belongs to, as a way of representing it. Can you guess what all the images on our county standard are and what they represent? See page 25 for more information

As a continuation of this activity, have a go at designing a standard that you could use to represent your unit. Don't forget to add anything that could represent your area as well as things about your unit.



West Mercia county standard

3. Mercia Point

The county headquarters, Mercia Point, is located on the western side of Wolverhampton, next to the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, and the former Great Western Railway Wombourne Branch line.

Mercia Point was acquired by Girlguiding West Mercia in 2007, and includes training rooms for various sizes of groups, a kitchen, offices and Tettenhall Guiding Depot. Mercia Point looks like a log cabin and was funded by members sponsoring the cabin's logs.

Sponsoring logs is one way of fundraising. There are many other ways to raise money - sponsored events, cake sales, selling craft items... Can you think of any new or different ways to raise money? If you choose, have a fundraiser for your unit or a charity of your choice. If you don't want to hold your own fundraiser you could decorate chocolate rolls to look like a yule log, a caterpillar, a sausage dog or anything else you can think of!

4. Mosaic

At our headquarters, Mercia Point, we have a mosaic which was created by girls across all sections in 2015. The mosaic features slabs which represent all of our 13 divisions, each of the sections and our first County Commissioner (for more details see page 26)

Have a go at creating a mosaic for your own unit. Each girl should decorate a segment to represent herself and then combine them all together to complete your mosaic. You can create your mosaic with any materials you like such as tiles, paper or lentils.



Mercia Point



Mosaic

5. Family tree

To learn more about your own guiding and guiding in your local area, you could create a family tree or fact file on your unit. When creating this, think about the following aspects;

- What year did your unit open?
- Has it passed any special occasions, e.g. 50/100 years?
- Does anyone have any historical photographs you can look at?
- Are any of your unit's original leaders still there?
- How many leaders has your unit had since it opened?
- What is your unit like now (girls and leaders)?

Once you have done this, you could contact another local unit to compare family trees and see how your units are similar or different.



Bloxwich

The Girlguiding division of Bloxwich covers the geographical areas of Bloxwich, Great Wyrley, Short Heath and Wyrley Bank.

Bloxwich itself is a small town in the Metropolitan Borough of Walsall, situated in the north of the borough and forming part of the Staffordshire/West Midlands border. In the 18th Century it grew rapidly due to the coal mining, iron smelting and various manufacturing industries. Its most famous products of manufacture were awl blades, needles, nails and spurs. In the 1900s a monument was created to commemorate the workers involved in these industries, The Anvil Stones, which can be found in Bloxwich Park. In the Promenade Gardens stands a Memorial Clock to Pat Collins, the flamboyant showman.

As of 7th April 2018 Bloxwich division had - 101 Volunteers, 310 Girls and 31 Units.

It is split into four districts - Bloxwich Central, Great Wyrley, Short Heath and Wyrley Bank.



Bloxwich division standard



1. Meera Syal CBE

Meera Syal is a comedian, playwright, television presenter and actress who was brought up in Bloxwich. She has been in many TV shows and theatre productions including; *The Kumars at No.42*, *Annie the Musical*, *Holby City* and *Doctor Who*. Inspired by *The Kumars*, do some Bollywood activities or hold a themed evening.

2. Tom Major-Ball

Tom Major-Ball was a music hall and circus performer born in Bloxwich in 1879. He was also the father of former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, John Major. Hold a circus skills night with your unit.

3. Pat Collins

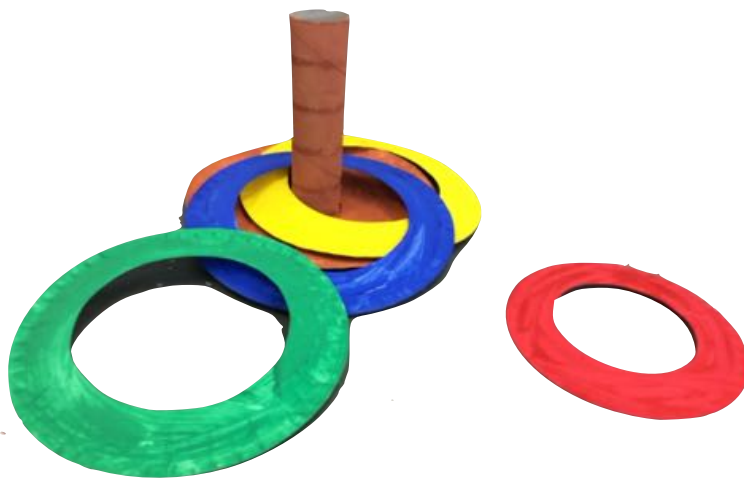
Pat Collins was a Liberal MP for Walsall and in 1938 became Mayor of the area. Before his political career, Collins ran the family fun fair business from his home in Bloxwich which is what he is now best known for. Visit a fun fair or recreate one in your meeting place, for example you could have a go at making your own hoopla game out of paper plates (see image below).

4. Lock making & enamelling

The area of Short Heath has been home to lock making and enamelling for many years, where in the past it has been the principal trade of the area. Two major factories were located here, 'Yale' locks and 'Squires' locks. Make an enamelled key necklace or see what other crafts/ games you can think of that involve keys.

5. The Great Wyrley Outrages

In 1903, Wyrley was the scene of a series of slashings of horses, cows and sheep. The case has since been related or retold in many versions, including Conan Doyle's *The Story of Mr George Edalji*. Learn about the story and do some detective themed activities and games such as lemon juice secret messages and the detective copycat game.



Paper plate hoopla game

Dudley

The Girlguiding division of Dudley is set in the heart of the Black Country and covers the geographical areas of Cradley Heath, Dudley, Lower Gornal, Netherton Oakham, Rowley Regis and Sedgley.

Dudley itself is a large town in the West Midlands 6 miles south-east of Wolverhampton and 10.5 miles north-west of Birmingham and is sometimes called the capital of the Black Country.

Originally a market town, Dudley was one of the birthplaces of the Industrial Revolution and grew into an industrial centre in the 19th century with its iron, coal, and limestone industries before their decline and the relocation of its commercial centre to the nearby Merry Hill Shopping Centre in the 1980s.

There is plenty to see and do in the area. Tourist attractions include Baggeridge Country Park, the Black Country Living Museum, Dudley Zoo and Castle, the 12th century priory ruins and Hagley Hall.

As of 7th April 2018 Dudley division had - 219 Volunteers, 847 Girls and 61 Units.

It is split into six districts - Cradley Heath and Rowley Regis, Dudley East and Oakham, Dudley West, Lower Gornal, Netherton and Sedgley.



Dudley division standard

1. Black Country Living Museum

The Black Country Living Museum is an open air museum exploring life from 1850 onwards where recently the TV series Peaky Blinders has been filmed. If you can, visit the museum where you will be able to see live demonstrations, descend to the mine or take a ride on the fairground (bclm.co.uk). If you can't visit, hold a Black Country Day celebration, there are some activity ideas on pages 30 - 38.

2. Sir Lenny Henry CBE

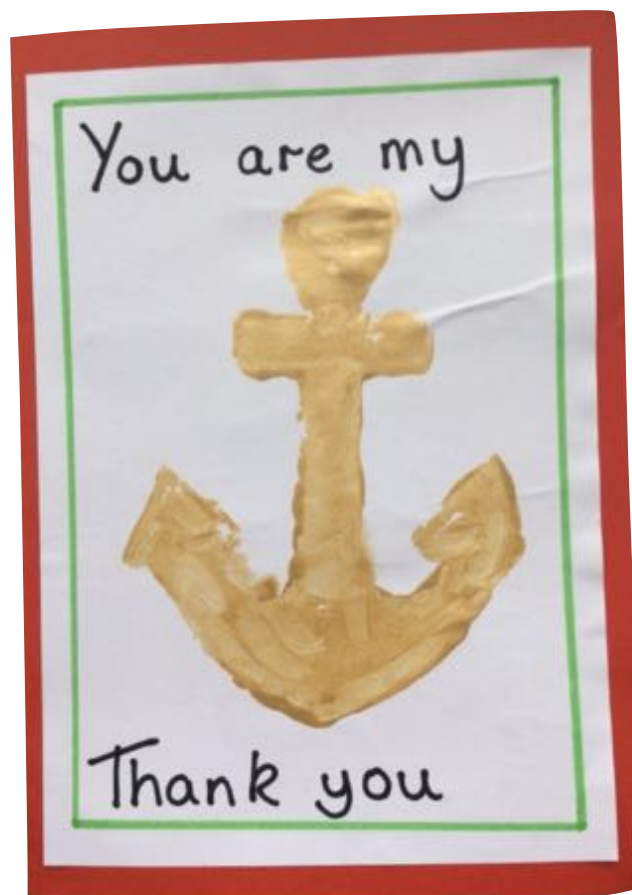
Lenny Henry was born in Dudley in 1958 and has since become a television presenter and comedian, amongst other things. One of his most recognisable achievements is the co-creation of Comic Relief in 1985. If it's the right time of year, hold a Comic Relief evening. If not, create your own Red Nose design or your own idea for an annual charity night, what gimmick might you include?

3. Dudley Zoo and Castle

Dudley Zoo is home to more than 1300 animals living in the grounds of the 900 year old Dudley Castle. If you can, visit the zoo (dudleyzoo.org.uk). If you can't, then hold an animal night where you could invite some animals to join you and/or complete animal themed activities.

4. Chains

Since the 18th century, chain making has been a major industry in the area of Dudley, so much so that local company N. Hingley & Sons made the anchor and chain for the RMS Titanic in 1911. Make an anchor card (see image below) or play the human chain game or the hula hoop game, instructions on pages 39 and 40.



Anchor card

Himley

The Girlguiding division of Himley covers the geographical areas of Brierley Hill, Kingswinford and Wordsley. It takes its name from a small village 4 miles west of Dudley and 5 miles south-west of Wolverhampton.

It is most notable for being the location of Himley Hall, the former home of the Earls of Dudley. It is also home to Kingswinford Rugby Club. One of the largest factories in the area was the Round Oak Steelworks, which was closed down and developed in the 1980s to become the Waterfront part of the Merry Hill Shopping Centre. It is said that Merry Hill had one of the first drive-thru McDonald's in the UK.

As of 7th April 2018 Himley division had - 158 Volunteers, 557 Girls and 41 Units.

Himley division is split into four districts - Brierley Hill, Dawley Brook, Kingswinford and Wordsley.



Himley division standard

1. Himley Park and Hall

Himley Park and Hall was once the home to the Earls of Dudley and host to royalty. One of their most popular activities today and then is an indulgent afternoon tea. Host your own afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones and cakes, you could even invite some guests.

2. Crooked House

The Crooked House was built in 1765 as a farmhouse. It gained its more recent name during the 1800s when one side of the building began gradually sinking due to mining in the area. Using charcoal, which is what was being mined for, create a piece of artwork or hold a pamper night and use charcoal face masks. You could also create a 'Pit Pony' from a pool noodle.

3. Red House Glass Cone

Red House Glass Cone was built at the end of the 18th century and was used to manufacture glass until 1936. It is now one of only 4 cones left in the UK, located in Wordsley High Street. Design and create your own stained glass window, you could visit a local church or cathedral for inspiration. Have a go at glass painting, you could create a tea light holder, sun-catcher or glass.

4. Merry Hill market town

The Merry Hill Centre is a shopping mall in Brierley Hill, it was developed between 1985 and 1990. The centre has over 250 shops, cinema, food hall and a separate retail park. Play some shopping themed games such as My Aunt Went To Market or the shopping memory game.

5. Holbeche House

Holbeche House in Kingswinford is where several of the Gunpowder plotters met their end, when they dried their wet gunpowder in front of the fire! This caused a huge explosion and there is now a plaque on the wall of the house commemorating this. The walls of the building are now riddled with bullet holes and there is a priest hole that you can view, if you contact the care home. Celebrate bonfire night, have a campfire or create some firework art.



Examples of glass painting

Tettenhall

The Girlguiding division of Tettenhall covers geographical areas including; Aldersley, Perton and Tettenhall Wood.

Tettenhall, pronounced "Tett-Null", is a historic village within the city of Wolverhampton. Tettenhall became part of Wolverhampton in 1966. Tettenhall is one of only a handful of places in England to have two village greens.

Tettenhall division run their own Girlguiding depot at Mercia Point which is run by volunteers.

As of 7th April 2018 Tettenhall Division had - 100 Volunteers, 389 Girls and 31 Units.

It is split into four Districts - Aldersley, Oxley Park, Perton and Tettenhall Wood.



Tettenhall division standard

1. Mark Speight

Mark Speight was a children's television presenter who grew up in Tettenhall most well known for the art programme, SMart. Use inspiration from the show to create an art project.

2. Tettenhall Dick Pear

The Tettenhall Dick Pear was originally found in the area pre-18th Century. In Bees and Trees charity planted over 2,000 Tettenhall Dick Pear trees in an effort to save them. Do some cooking using pears, see page 41 for a recipe idea.

3. Canals

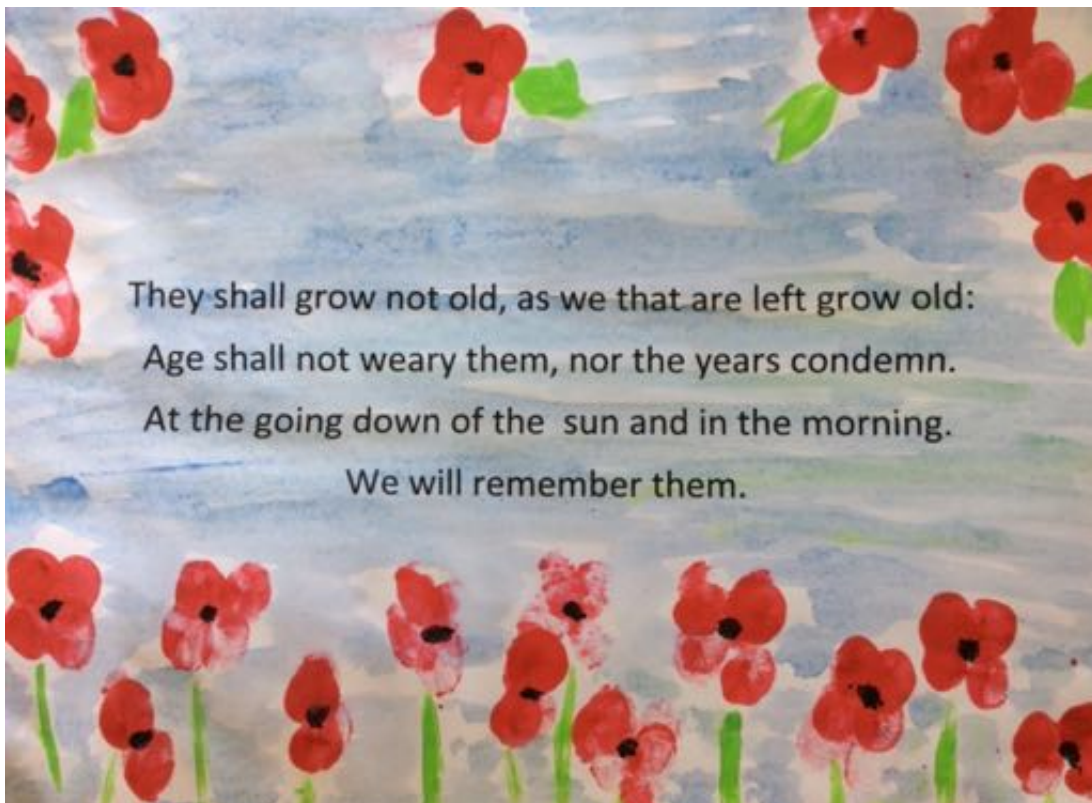
Tettenhall is home to Wildside Activity Centre who provide enjoyment of the out of doors from their base on a narrowboat on one of the areas many canals. The centre is also located opposite our county headquarters. Learn how to stay safe near water or decorate a spoon with canal art.

4. Liam Payne

Liam Payne was born and raised in Pendeford and is most known for being a member of One Direction. He competed in The X-Factor in 2010 when the group was formed. Hold an X-Factor talent night in your unit.

5. Pendeford Airfield

During the Second World War Pendeford Airfield was used for training airforce pilots with eventually 108 Tiger Moth trainers based at the airfield. Complete some activities in your unit around remembrance.



Remembrance artwork

Walsall

The geographical area of Walsall is divided into three Girlguiding divisions: Walsall North, Walsall West, and Walsall East. They cover the areas of; Aldridge, Brownhills, Great Barr, Pelsall, Pheasey, Pleck, Rushall, Shelfield, Streetly, Walsall Wood and Willenhall.

Walsall is an industrial town in the West Midlands. It is located 8 miles north-west of the City of Birmingham and 6 miles east of the City of Wolverhampton.

The Industrial Revolution changed Walsall from a village of 2,000 people in the 16th Century to a town of over 86,000 in approximately 200 years. The town manufactured a wide range of products including saddles, chains, buckles and plated ware. Nearby, limestone quarrying provided the town with much prosperity.

It is home to Walsall's football club, the Saddlers, Walsall Cricket Club, Walsall's rugby union team and Aldridge and Walsall Hockey Club.

Dorothy Pattison, better known as Sister Dora (1832 - 1878) was a heroic nurse and Anglican nun, often referred to as Walsall's own Florence Nightingale in her compassionate care for townfolk. Her statue was the first in the UK for a non-royal female and may have been the world's first statue for a nurse.

In 1995 Margaret Wright (later MBE), a member of Walsall North division, was appointed the UK's Chief Commissioner, before which (1990-1995) she was the Midlands Region Commissioner.

As of 7th April 2018:

Walsall East had - 134 Volunteers, 547 Girls and 40 Units. It is spilt into four districts - Aldridge Pheasey, Aldridge Rushall, Great Barr and Streetly.

Walsall North had - 66 Volunteers, 257 Girls and 22 Units.

Walsall West had - 68 Volunteers, 223 Girls and 17 Units, they work in Sections.



Walsall North division standard



Walsall West division standard



Walsall East division standard

1. Brick making

Brick making still takes place in Walsall as the area has large natural deposits of clay. Complete a Lego challenge in your unit by giving each girl some Lego and calling out an object for them to make. Whoever can successfully make the object the fastest wins. Play in groups for bigger units and give the winner of each round extra Lego pieces to make it more interesting.

2. Aston Manor Transport Museum

Aston Manor Transport Museum(amrtm.org) displays the legacy of road transport in the West Midlands. Visit the museum if you can or hold a remote control car night. You could also take part in a driving experience day or learn the highway code.

3. Leather Museum

Walsall is well-known for its self-sufficient leather trade, where small workshops make both the tools needed and the leather products. Visit the leather museum in Walsall if you can, but if not you could make a leather bracelet. There is also a word search on page 42, answers on page 43.

4. Ellie Simmonds OBE

Ellie Simmonds is a 5 time Gold medal winner at the Paralympics for swimming. She was born in Walsall, grew up in the area and was a member of 2nd Aldridge Brownies. Hold your own mini-Paralympics where you complete events with a hindrance such as being blindfolded.

5. Noddy Holder MBE

Noddy Holder was born and grew up in the area of Walsall and went on to become lead singer and guitarist of the band, Slade. Using recycled materials create instruments and perform to one of Slade's songs.

6. Leila Williams

Leila Williams was born in Walsall and is most known for being one of the original Blue Peter presenters which she did for 4 years. Do something to earn yourself a Blue Peter badge. See page 44 for how to do this.

7. Erin O'Connor MBE

Erin O'Connor is a model who was born and brought up in the area of Brownhills. She has modelled on the catwalk for many designer brands including Christian Dior, Versace, Giorgio Armani and Prada. Invite a Peer Educator to your unit to deliver some Free Being Me sessions and learn more about body confidence, for more information go to girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/programme-and-activities/peer-education/what-is-peer-education/



Leather bracelet

Warley

The Girlguiding division of Warley is an area in the metropolitan borough of Sandwell in the West Midlands and includes the towns Smethwick and Oldbury.

Warley Woods is a grade II listed public park in Smethwick. The Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick is said to be the oldest and largest Gurdwara in Europe. Smethwick was also home to the first public swimming baths in the country, they opened in 1888 and remained open until the late 1980s. The building has now been moved to the Black Country Living Museum. Oldbury was home to Sir John Fredrick Bridge CVO. He was a famous organist, composer and author known for his long stint as organist at Westminster Abbey (1882-1919).

As of 7th April 2018 Warley division had - 51 Volunteers, 215 Girls and 19 Units, they work in sections.



Warley division standard

1. Warley model Railway Club

Warley is home to Warley Model Railway Club, who have hosted the UK's Number 1 model railway event for the past two years. Create your own engine using a chocolate roll cake and biscuits. Or you could play train relay or see if anyone could bring in a miniature railway.

2. The Barlow Theatre

The Barlow Theatre was once a Methodist Chapel and school but has since been converted into a theatre which provides a variety of productions throughout the year. The Eastenders and Humans star Josie Lawrence was once a member of the Barlow Players and grew up in the nearby Cradley Heath. Visit your local theatre, either to see a production or to do a backstage tour. You could also put on a production of your own.

3. Dame Julie Walters DBE

Julie Walters grew up and was educated in the local area and has since become a patron of the Warley Woods Community Trust who manage the Warley Woods Park. Pick a Julie Walters movie and have a movie night or a themed evening around it. Some options include; Billy Elliot, Harry Potter, Mamma Mia!, Gnomeo and Juliet and Paddington.

**Note for leaders: make sure whichever film you choose to watch is covered by the Girlguiding license and if not, obtain your own. For more information, see the Girlguiding website girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/resources/using-other-peoples-content/*

4. Warley Wasps

Warley Wasps are an amateur swimming club with over 130 years of experience in water-polo and swimming. Some of their alumni include; Avis Willington who represented Team GB in the swimming at the 1972 Olympics and Alex Parsonage and Vicky Hawkins who were on Team GB's water polo teams at the 2012 Olympics. Go on a trip to a swimming pool or water park. You could also hold a relay race using flippers, arm bands, rubber rings and goggles or have a water fight.



Chocolate roll and biscuit train

Wednesbury

The Girlguiding division of Wednesbury is located within three local authorities of the Black Country: Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton. It covers the geographical areas of Cosley, Darlaston, Tipton and Wednesbury.

Wednesbury is a market town in England's Black Country, part of the Sandwell metropolitan borough, near the source of the River Tame. In the 18th Century the main occupations were coal mining and nail making, with the development of canals and later the railways came a big increase in population. The canal banks were soon full of factories. In 1743 John and Charles Wesley preached in the area. The film 'Anita and Me' was filmed in the area.

As of 7th April 2018 Wednesbury division had- 150 Volunteers, 529 Girls and 44 Units. It is split into four districts - Coseley, Darlaston, Tipton and Wednesbury.



Wednesbury division standard

1. Iron and steel

Production of iron in the area goes back hundreds of years. Make an embossed foil tile by covering a piece of cardboard

2. Ikea

The Swedish company Ikea is one of the main employees in the Wednesbury area and was one of the first stores in Britain. Use this link to identify a celebration and then use Swedish traditions to explore it with your unit. Some activity ideas include; make Swedish heart baskets or cook meatballs and lingonberry sauce.

3. Tipton Pie Factory

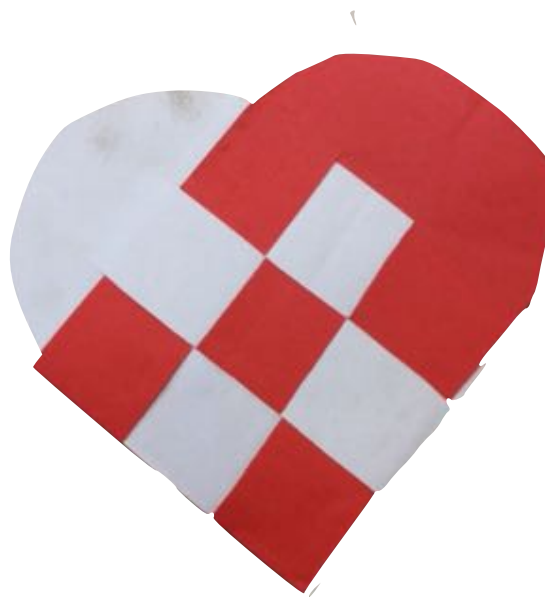
Tipton Pie Factory was built in 1856 and has been producing pies ever since. Bake your own pies or have a pie eating contest.

4. Mark Rhodes

Mark Rhodes is a singer and presenter born in Darlaston. He is most known for hosting children's TV shows as part of the duo Sam and Mark. Complete some activities in pairs for example, where one person is the arms and the other is the eyes.

5. Tipton Harriers

The Tipton Harriers are an athletics club that was founded in September 1910 and have produced a steady stream of Olympic and World Championships Athletes. Hold an athletics night and do activities such as circuit training.



Swedish heart basket

West Bromwich

The Girlguiding division of West Bromwich is a town in the Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell, West Midlands, situated to the northwest of Birmingham. West Bromwich is known for the manufacturing site of Salter scales and has a local school named after the owner of the company. Workers from this site in 1878 founded the town's famous football club, West Bromwich Albion. This club was one of the twelve founder members of the football league in 1888. The local cricket team is West Bromwich Dartmouth Cricket Club and is based near to the football ground.

Madeline Carroll, an English actress famous for her role in Alfred Hitchcock's 'The 39 Steps' was born in Herbert Street West Bromwich. Emma Sproson who was born in the area in 1867 was a well known suffragette.

Tourist attractions include West Bromwich Manor House and Bishop Asbury's Cottage.

As of 7th April 2018 West Bromwich division had - 74 Volunteers, 256 Girls and 28 Units. They work in Sections.



West Bromwich division standard

1. Frank Skinner

Frank Skinner is a writer, comedian, TV and radio presenter who was born in West Bromwich. As he is most known for his comedic work, have a go at writing your own comedic sketch(es) and perform them to each other.

2. Robert Plant CBE

Robert Plant was born in West Bromwich and has gone on to be best known as the lead singer and lyricist of the band Led Zeppelin. Taking inspiration from this part of his career, dress up as rock stars and hold a party.

3. RSPB

Sandwell Valley RSPB reserve is situated in the north of West Bromwich and shares its main lake with Sandwell Valley Country Park. Visit your local RSPB centre to learn about what they do or try some of the activities we have provided on pages 45-48.

4. Sandwell Valley Country Park and Farm

As well as the RSPB, Sandwell Valley Country Park also has a farm. Visit the park and/or farm. If you can't, hold a bring a pet night or play either farmyard bingo or an animal noises game.

5. The Baroness Boothroyd

Betty Boothroyd OM, PC is a politician who served as the Labour MP for West Bromwich and was the first, and to date only, female Speaker of the House of Commons. Between 1946 and 1954 she was a member of the Tiller Girls dancing troupe. Hold a debate in your unit. Come up with some topics, decide whether you're for or against them and write your arguments!

6. Oak House

The Oak House is a half timbered yeoman farmer's house that was built in 1630 by the Turton family. Visit the house or play some games from the Stuart period such as naughts and crosses, all hid (hide and seek), leap frog or lummelen (piggy in the middle).



The Oak House

Wolverhampton

The geographical area of Wolverhampton is divided into three Girlguiding divisions: Wolverhampton North Borders, Wolverhampton South and Wolverhampton West. They cover areas including; Bilston, Bushbury, Codsall, Penn, Wednesfield and Wombourne.

Wolverhampton is a city and metropolitan borough in the West Midlands. It lies north-west of its larger near-neighbour Birmingham, and forms the second largest part of the West Midlands. To the north and west lies the Staffordshire and Shropshire countryside.

Wolverhampton city centre isn't in the area known as the Black Country, although some areas such as Bilston and Heath Town are.

The city grew initially as a market town specialising in the woollen trade. In the Industrial Revolution, it became a major centre for coal mining, steel production, lock making and the manufacture of cars and motorcycles.

It is home to The University of Wolverhampton, the Express & Star newspaper, The Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton Wanderers "Wolves" football club and Wolverhampton & Bilston Athletics Club. Wolverhampton Wheelers is the city's oldest cycling club (formed in 1891). Wolverhampton Racecourse is located at Dunstall Park and is Britain's only floodlit horse race track. There is also greyhound racing at Monmore Green. It was home to the Sunbeam motor car manufacturer who built many early Grand Prix cars.

Tourist attractions include Bantock House Museum and Park and Wightwick Manor.

As of 7th April 2018:

Wolverhampton North Borders had - 95 Volunteers, 379 Girls and 31 Units. It is split into four districts - Ashmore Park, Bilston and East, Fallings Park and Wednesfield.

Wolverhampton South had - 134 Volunteers, 416 Girls and 34 Units. It is split into two districts - Penn and Pennfields and Wombourne and Blakeley.

Wolverhampton West had - 64 Volunteers, 287 Girls and 20 Units. It is split into two districts - Bushbury and Codsall.



Wolverhampton West division standard



Wolverhampton North Borders division standard



Wolverhampton South division standard

1. Suzi Perry

Suzi Perry is a television presenter who was educated in Wolverhampton. She is now most known for covering Formula One for the BBC and presenting The Gadget Show. A section of The Gadget Show features teams being asked to set a new Guinness World Record. Pick a world record and see if you can beat it!

2. Express and Star

Wolverhampton is home to the Express and Star building, built as the head offices for the newspaper. Within your unit, create your own newspaper to send to family, friends, other units, etc about what you have been up to recently.

3. Nigel Slater

Nigel Slater is a food writer, journalist and broadcaster who was born in Wolverhampton. Hold a cooking competition in your unit and judge each other's dishes or create a cookbook to be used on camps/holidays.

4. Jay & Co

Jay & Co is a company set up and based in Wolverhampton that up-cycles old furniture. Have a go at up-cycling something of your own or find something no longer being used and turn it into something useful again.

5. Wolverhampton Wanderers

Wolverhampton Wanderers, founded in 1877, known as 'Wolves FC', are a professional football club who have both male and female teams. Have a go at hosting your own mini-tournament against teams from your unit or challenge another local unit. You could also make your own table football game or a ball about me.

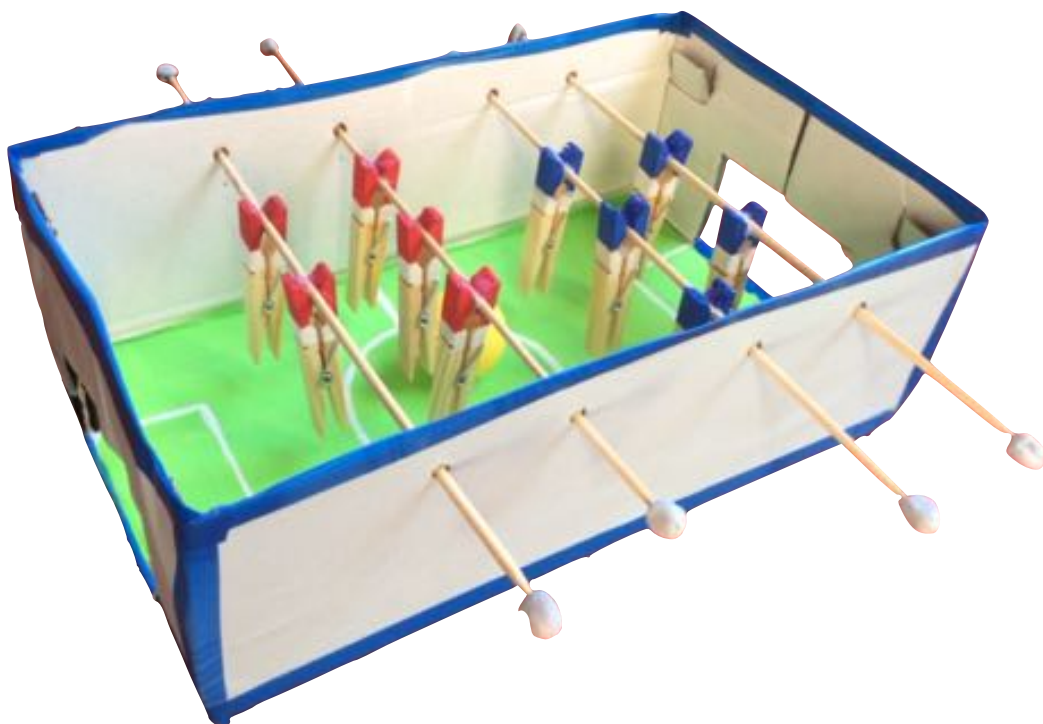


Table football game

Maps of our County



County Standard



The standard is eight feet long and two feet six inches wide at the hoist end.



At the hoist end the trefoil is quartered with the County badge on a field of blue.



The Salamander in flames is the traditional emblem of the smith and thus symbolises the metal working industries so closely linked with the towns contained within the bounds of West Mercia.



The gold cross is taken from Staffordshire Guides County Standard. The cross is attributed to the Kingdom of Mercia and was probably linked with a noble family or one of the many kings of this Saxon land.



The gold leather tools were chosen to represent West Mercia's first County Commissioner, Mrs Ann Baines, who comes from Walsall, the home of the leather industry.



One motto band carries our motto 'Be Prepared' and the fly bears the Salamander in flames.

County Mosaic



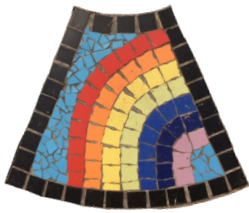
West Mercia County Badge

The Badge which was designed by Hilary Boon appears on a lozenge which is a female symbol. The keys represent the many metal industries of the area. The three rings symbolise the joining of large parts of three former guide counties.



Mrs Mary Horrell

In memory of Mary Horrell who was our first county president. She was a nurse and is represented by nursing tools.



Rainbow Section

Representing the Rainbow Section of girls age 5–7 years. The Rainbow jigsaw -Look, Learn, Laugh, Love.



Camping & Holiday events

A tent represents the importance of Camps and Holidays in Girlguiding's Programme across all sections.



Brownie Section

Brownies is about trying new things that teach girls aged 7 to 10 about themselves, their community and their world.



Outdoor Activities

Depicting the county's commitment to the enjoyment of the out of doors girls leading their own camp, or simply have fun and trying new things with girls their age.



Guide Section

Representing Guides aged 10 to 14. Guides challenge themselves and make a difference in their community.



Programme & Development

Girlguiding West Mercia encourages the development of skills through ongoing learning and development opportunities.



West Mercia Trefoil Guild

Reminds us that at the time of making the mosaic we had 12 guilds in the county.



Town of Walsall

Home of both Ann Baines and Mary Horrell our first county commissioner and county president.



Mrs Ann Baines JP

In memory of Ann Baines who was first county commissioner and who was also heavily involved in the Pony Club as depicted by the saddle.



County Standard

The fire salamander is depicted on West Mercia's county Standard. The salamander in flames is the traditional emblem of the smith and thus symbolises the metal working industries so closely linked with the towns contained within the bounds of West Mercia.

County Mosaic cont.



Bloxwich

Depicted by a carousel horse indicating the town's links with Pat Collins Funfairs. Pat Collins not only ran his business from Bloxwich but was a councillor for over 20 years.



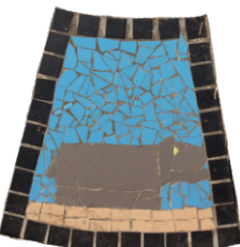
Walsall North

A giant gleaming memorial named after a coal miner who gave his life to the pits stands in the middle of Brownhills. This represents 'Jiggers' miners lamp which he holds aloft some 40ft high.



Dudley

Depicted by the keep of Dudley Castle which rises high above the town. The castle keep dates from the rebuilding that started in 1262. The castle is now in the grounds of Dudley Zoo.



Walsall West

He's just a very nice meeting point for people in Walsall. Everyone feels proud of the hippo particularly young people.



Himley

Himley Hall is a commanding 18th century building set amongst 180 acres of 'Capability Brown' landscaped parkland. Once the family home to the Earls of Dudley and host to royalty and high society.



Wednesbury

The old cooling towers at Ocker Hill which were demolished in 1985 could be seen for many miles. They were originally part of Ocker Hill Power Station.



Tettenhall

The clock tower built in 1912 to commemorate the coronation of George V. An important landmark in the centre of Tettenhall.



West Bromwich

Depicted by the Sandwell arch. The arch is the surviving lodge or entranceway to Sandwell Hall. The 18th century arch is a grade II listed building and is located on the central reservation of Junction 2 of the M5 Motorway.



Warley

The Edwardian drinking fountain in Warley Woods Park is the only original remaining structure in the park from the days when it was first opened to the public in 1906.



Wolverhampton North Borders

'Feathers in our Cap' was the logo for Guy Motors whose factory was in Fallings Park. They were vehicle manufacturers who produced cars, lorries, buses and trolleybuses playing an important role in the development of the British motor industry.



Walsall East

Barr Beacon is historically the site of a beacon where fires were lit in times of impending attack or on celebratory occasions. The site now houses the Barr Beacon War Memorial and is a local Nature Reserve.



Wolverhampton South

The Maypole, on Maypole Street, Wombourne, commemorates the establishment of the parish council in 1894 and celebrates village life in the area.



Wolverhampton West

The canal barge reminds us that major canal routes run all through this area. In the past, Aldersley junction, which opened in 1772 would have been busy with canal traffic at all hours of the day.

Division Wordsearch

Words can be found going down or across, forward or backwards.

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- COUNTY
- DISTRICT
- DIVISION
- DUDLEY
- HIMLEY
- MIDLANDS REGION
- STANDARD
- SECTION
- TETTENHALL
- UNIT
- WALSALL EAST
- WALSALL NORTH
- WALSALL WEST
- WARLEY
- WEDNESBURY
- WEST BROMWICH
- WEST MERCIA
- WOLVERHAMPTON NORTH
- WOLVERHAMPTON SOUTH
- WOLVERHAMPTON WEST



Division Wordsearch - ANSWERS

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Black Country Day

Black Country Day is celebrated on 14th July in recognition of the area's role in the Industrial Revolution. This date was chosen in 2012 by the Black Country Museum and Black Country Society after the adoption of the Black Country flag as part of the celebration in honour of the 300th anniversary of the erection of the Newcomen Atmospheric Engine.



The Black Country flag

To celebrate Black Country Day you can learn some black country dialect, complete a quiz or try some traditional Black Country food. Some of this may need to be prepared beforehand depending on your meeting times, see the following pages for recipes.

Black Country food/ recipes

Pork Scratchings

Pork Scratchings are a much loved snack and a pub favourite. Pork scratchings are made using the skin of a pig and can be created from the crackling off a pork rind. Pork scratchings can now be created/brought in a variety of flavours.

Groaty Pudding

Makes enough for 6 portions.

Ingredients

- 230g pearl barley
- 1 bay leaf (optional)
- 680g shin of beef
- 450g leeks (2 large or 3 medium)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 medium sized onions
- Approximately 570ml hot water

Instructions

1. Cut the beef into bite-size pieces,
2. Slice the leeks and onions.
3. Place all the ingredients in a stew pot and bake slowly on 150 degrees celsius for at least three hours, longer if possible.
4. Serve with crusty bread.

Bread Pudding

Makes enough for 9 portions.

Ingredients

- 900g stale bread
- 225g shredded suet
- 450g granulated or brown sugar
- 450g mixed dried fruit
- 3 eggs
- 60g butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice

Instructions

1. Soak the bread in water, then drain and squeeze out the excess moisture.
2. Flake with a fork and add the remaining ingredients. Mix together well.
3. Spread the mixture into a greased baking tin.
4. Dot with butter and bake in a moderate (180 degrees Celsius) oven for about two hours or until nicely brown.

Faggots with Onion Gravy

Makes 24 faggots.

Ingredients

- little oil, for the tin
- 170g pack sage & onion stuffing mix
- 500g pack diced pork shoulder
- 300g pig liver
- ½ tsp ground mace
- For the gravy
- 1 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 850ml beef stock
- handful chopped parsley

Instructions (Steps 1 - 4 are to make the faggots and 5 - 11 are to make gravy.)

1. Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Lightly oil a very large roasting tin. Tip the stuffing mix into a large bowl, add 500ml boiling water, stir and set aside.
2. Pulse the pork in a food processor until finely chopped.
3. Add the liver and pulse again.
4. Add to the stuffing with the mace, 1 tsp salt and plenty of black pepper. Stir well. Shape the mixture (it will be very soft) into 24 large faggots and put in the prepared tin.
5. To make the gravy, fry the onions in the oil until starting to turn golden.
6. Add the sugar and continue cooking, stirring frequently, until caramelised.
7. Tip in the vinegar and allow to sizzle.
8. Mix the flour with a couple of tbsp water.
9. Pour the stock into the onions, then add the flour paste and cook, stirring constantly, until smooth and starting to thicken.
10. When it is thick, pour into the tin with the faggots, cover with foil and bake for 1 hr until cooked through.
11. Serve sprinkled with parsley, with mash and a veg, if you like.

Grey Peas and Bacon

Makes enough for 4 portions.

Ingredients

- 450g dried grey peas
- 1 large sliced onion
- 85g Pearl Barley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 450g bacon

Instructions

1. Soak the peas and pearl barley overnight.
2. Chop the bacon into small pieces and then brown.
3. Place the peas, pearl barley and browned bacon in a saucepan with the onion, and salt and pepper.
4. Cook slowly for three hours.

Rock Cakes

Makes 10 rock cakes.

Ingredients

- 225g plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 100g lard (or if preferred margarine)
- 75g sugar
- 100g currants
- 1 egg (beaten)
- Pinch of salt
- 2 to 4 tbsp of milk (use if mixture is very dry)

Instructions

1. Place the flour and salt in a basin, rub in the lard, until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Add the baking powder, sugar, currants and mix.
3. Add egg and mix into a very stiff batter. If too dry, add 2 to 4 spoons of milk.
4. Place 10 spoonfuls of the (still quite dry) mixture, in rocky mounds, on a well-greased baking sheet (allow some room as they spread).
5. Bake at 180 degrees celsius for about 15 minutes.
6. Cool on a wire cooling rack.

Rice Pudding cake

Makes enough for 8 portions.

Ingredients

- 100g ground rice
- 100g flour
- 100g suet
- 50g brown sugar
- 340g chopped raisins
- 1 tsp bicarbonate soda
- 237ml milk
- Pinch salt
- Margarine for greasing bowl

Instructions

1. Mix all dry ingredients together.
2. Add the milk and mix.
3. Pile into greased pie dish.
4. Cover dish with muslin, tie with string.
5. Boil or steam for three hours.

Caraway Seed Cake

Makes enough for 8 - 10 portions.

Ingredients

- 225g self-raising flour
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 100g margarine or dripping
- 150g sugar
- 1 heaped tsp caraway seeds
- 4-5 tbsp milk
- 1 egg (beaten)

Instructions

1. Put flour, baking powder and salt together and rub in the margarine, until the mixture resembles bread crumbs.
2. Add the sugar and caraway seeds.
3. Mix in the beaten egg and sufficient milk to make a soft batter.
4. Stir until evenly combined, but do not beat.
5. Put into a greased tin and bake for 1 to 1 ¼ hours at 180 degrees celsius, until well risen and golden.
6. Check with a wooden (cocktail) stick, when this comes out clean the cake is ready.
7. Leave in the tin for a few minutes and then turn out on wire cooling rack.

Black Country words and meanings

Word	Meaning	Word	Meaning
Aer kid	friend, family member	Jed	dead
Ar	yes	Kay	key
Ay	haven't or isn't	Loff (laff)	laugh
Babby (babbie)	baby	M (mar)	my
Backerds	backwards	Mekkin	making
Bai (bay)	am not	Ockard	awkward
Barmy	daft, silly	Oss	horse
Bin	been	Sond	sand
Blart	cry	Smosh	smash
Bonk	bank or small hill	Suck	sweet
Bost	broken	Tat	junk
Bostin	great	Tai (tay)	tea
Cake-hole	mouth	Tekkin	taking
Caw (cor)	can not	Terarabit	bye for now
Cut	canal	Woa	won't
Daye (dae)	did not	Waggin	truanting
Dow	don't	Wik	week
Dowa (duwer)	door	Yampey	stupid
'E	he	Yo (w)	you
'Er	her /she	Yorn	yours
Fust	first	Yo-ern	yours
Fower	four	Yo am	you are
Gaffer	master/employer		
Goo	go		
Hoss Road	the street- "Get out of the hoss road" - "Get out of the way"		

Black Country Quiz

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 - C) Bilston
 - D) Cradley Heath

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 - B) I ain't going shopping
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3. When Black Country speakers are talking they sometimes replace the word 'are'. Instead of saying, 'You are silly', what would they say?
 - A) You is silly
 - B) You am silly
 - C) You be silly
 - D) You silly

4. I bought a new mobile phone and it's bost! What am I trying to say?
 - A) It's black
 - B) It's broken
 - C) It's second hand
 - D) It's great

5. My Black Country friend is up a ladder trying to get a football off the roof. It's just out of reach, so what does she say?
 - A) I can't reach it
 - B) I cor reach it
 - C) I ain't reaching it
 - D) I cay reach it

6. Certain parts of the Midlands, including the Black Country and Birmingham, use this word to refer to their mother. What is it?

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- B) Wench
- C) Lass
- D) Mom

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- B) Ta
- C) Mucker
- D) Watch ya

8. Over the years I've been called a 'wench' on numerous occasions by my mother. What does it mean?

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- B) Young girl
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- D) Friend

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- C) Cheers
- D) Toodle pip

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The Human Knot Game

Instructions:

1. Get the group to form a circle.
2. Tell them to put their right hand up in the air, and then grab the hand of someone across the circle from them.
3. Then repeat this with the left hand, ensuring they grab a different person's hand.
4. Check to make sure that everyone is holding the hands of two different people and that they are not holding hands with someone either side of them.
5. They must now untangle themselves to form a circle without breaking the change of hands. Allocate a specific time to complete this challenge (generally ten to twenty minutes).
6. Get participants to take their time in order to limit injuries. Ask the group not to tug on each other and spot participants as they pass over other participants. Monitor throughout the challenge and stop them if you need to.
7. If the chain of hands is broken at any point, they must start over again.

The Hula Hoop Game

You will need one or more hula hoops to play this game.

Instructions:

1. The girls stand in a circle and hold hands.
2. Then, the leader will place the hula hoop on someone and the objective is to pass the hula hoop from the first person all the way to the last person without breaking the hands link (chain).
3. Each person will therefore have to try to move the hula hoop without the use of their hands; they have to move their whole body to get it from their left side to their right (or vice versa).

Depending on the unit size you can have more than one circle and they can race each other to get the hoop around. Or time how long it takes to get the hoop around the circle, try to reduce the time. Or have more than one hoop going around at the same time.

Human Chain

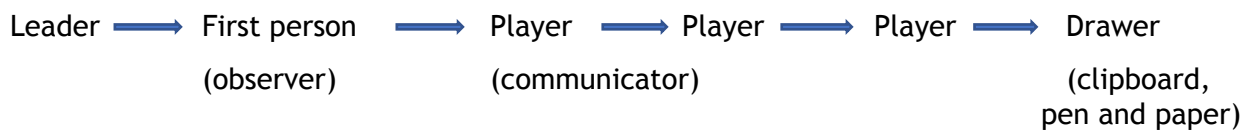
Equipment required

- Paper
- Pens
- Cones
- Clipboard
- Large space (indoors or out)

Instructions

1. Team members are spread out in a line, consisting of several sections. Cones can be used to mark the positions.
2. The first person is shown a picture by the leader and must then tell the next person (communicator) what it is.
3. This continues until the last person receives the description.
4. The last person then attempts to recreate the picture.
5. The aim is to try and match the original picture.

This is a type of Chinese whispers, but with pictures!



Caramel Dipped Pears

Makes approximately 20 pears.

Ingredients

- 220g Butter
- 220g Light brown sugar
- 397g can Sweetened condensed milk
- 235ml Light syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- Pears (with long stems attached)
- Chocolate
- Granola
- Chocolate shavings
- Hundreds and thousands

Instructions (Steps 1 - 5 are to make caramel, alternatively buy this ready made or use chocolate instead)

1. Melt the butter in a large, microwave safe bowls. Make sure the bowl is large enough that the caramel mixture won't boil over when it cooks.
2. Add the brown sugar, sweetened condensed milk and syrup. Stir well.
3. Microwave on high for 14-20 minutes (total time will depend on your microwave), removing to stir every 3 minutes, then quickly and put it back in.
4. Once everything is melted and combined together to form a smooth mixture, add the vanilla and stir throughly.
5. When the caramel nears 14 minutes of cooking, place a drop of it into a cup of ice water. Wait a minute and then removed it and check the consistency. If it falls apart, it needs to cook longer and if it is hard, it is over cooked.
6. Allow the caramel to cool for a minute or two. Holding the pear by the stem, dip it into the caramel and turn to coat on all sides. Hold the pear above the caramel and allow the excess caramel to drip off.
7. Place the pear on a sheet of greaseproof papers and allow the caramel to firm up.
8. Dip the pear in melted chocolate and then dip the bottom of the pear in granola, chocolate shavings or any other toppings you desire.
9. Place on parchment paper and allow the chocolate to set.

Leather Making Wordsearch

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S Q U J E M U H S C T N I V Z I A A
A X S Y T A N N E R S W A L S A L L

- BELT
- BOOKMARK
- BOOTS
- BRIDLE
- BRIEFCASE
- CIGAR CASE
- COLLAR
- EMBOSSSED
- FACTORY
- GLOVES
- HANDBAG
- HARNESS
- HIDE
- HOLE PUNCH
- LEATHER
- PURSE
- REINS
- SADDLE
- SHOES
- SKINS
- STIRRUPS
- SUITCASE
- TANNER
- UPHOLSTERY
- WALLET
- WALSALL
- WORKERS

Leather Making Wordsearch - ANSWERS

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Blue Peter badges

A Blue Peter badge is a special award given to Blue Peter viewers and fans. Badge owners can gain free entry into over 200 Blue Peter Badge Attractions around the country, for example theme parks, zoos and castles. You must be aged between 6 and 15 years old to apply for a Blue Peter badge.

Blue badge

Blue badges are awarded for sending interesting letters, stories, makes, pictures, poems, good ideas for the programme, and for having appeared on Blue Peter.

Green badge

Green badges are awarded for sending in letters, pictures and makes that are about the environment, conservation or nature.

Silver badge

Silver badges are awarded to blue badge holders who go on to make an extra effort. For example, if you won a Blue badge for an interesting letter or email, you could win a Silver badge by sending them something different such as a make, picture or a poem.

Orange badge

Orange badges are given to winners and runners up of Blue Peter competitions.

Purple badge

Purple badges are awarded for sending in a review of a Blue Peter episode.

Gold badge

Gold badges are very rare indeed. Each year only a few are awarded in exceptional circumstances for outstanding achievements, for example being solely responsible for saving someone's life, or showing amazing and unique bravery, courage and citizenship. You must already have at least one of the other badges.

Look on the BBC website to find application forms (bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/apply-for-a-blue-peter-badge)

Week _____

Name _____

Bird Watch in my Garden

	Blackbird	Blue Tit	Chaffinch	Coal Tit	Collared dove	Duncock	Goldfinch	Great Tit	House sparrow	Long-tailed Tit	Magpie	Robin	Rock Dove	Starling	Woodpigeon
Saturday															
Sunday															
Monday															
Tuesday															
Wednesday															
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Friday															

Birds Wordsearch

Words can be found going down, across or diagonally, forward or backwards.

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B	E	N	T	C	T	E	G	I	H	I	B	G	R	J	E	I	W
Z	E	N	A	H	K	N	A	A	B	W	C	O	T	D	N	M	G
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Birds Wordsearch - ANSWERS

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- BEAK
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- PIGEON
- RAVEN
- ROBIN
- SEEDS
- SPARROW
- WING

Bird Cake

Makes approximately 12 bird cakes.

You will need:

- 220g Good quality bird seed
- 220g Raisins
- 220g Peanuts
- 220g Grated cheese
- 440g Suet or lard
- Yoghurt pots
- String
- Mixing bowl
- Scissors

Important notes

Not suitable for children with nut allergies. Note that bird seed, including peanuts bought for birds, is not suitable for human consumption.

Instructions

1. Carefully make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot. Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or your bird table.
2. Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl.
3. Add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with your finger tips. Keep adding the seed/raisin/cheese mixture and squidging it until the fat holds it all together.
4. Fill your yoghurt pots with bird cake mixture and put them in the fridge to set for an hour or so.
5. Hang your bird cakes from trees or your bird table. Watch for greenfinches, tits and possibly even great spotted woodpeckers.

12.1 Branding Confirmation

Branding Matters

20 February 2018 at 16:19

BM

RE: Challenge Badge Design Approval

To: Ruth Collett

Siri found new contact info in this email: Branding Matters brandingmatters@girlguiding.org.uk

add to Contacts...

Hi Ruth

Thank you for contacting us. I can confirm that you badge does meet the branding guidelines as it contains the name of your county, the name of the badge and the correct trefoil.

Good luck with your challenge

Best wishes

Rebecca

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Communications and PR Administrator

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Badge Order Form



Unit

Division

County

Number of badges at £1 each total £

Postage 2nd class letter as follows:

for 1-25 badges	£1.00
for 26-65 badges	£1.50
for 66-130 badges	£2.00
for 131-200 badges	£2.50

Total cost of badges and postage

Contact Name

Address

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Email

Telephone

Please make cheques payable to 'West Mercia Guide Association' and send your order to:

Discovering West Mercia Challenge
Mercia Point
Hordern Road
Tettenhall
Wolverhampton
WV6 0HT

or send order via email with cheque to follow in post to

admin@girlguiding-westmercia.org.uk

*no badges will be posted until payment has been received.



For West Mercia county office use only	
Date Received	
Date Sent	

