



8th January 2018

Dear Guides / Parents,

I'm writing to inform you of some upcoming changes to the 3rd Mickleover Guides Leadership Team.

From 12th February, **Margaret Williams** (who currently runs 3rd Mickleover Rangers) will be **taking over as Unit Guider (leader in-charge)**. This change is taking place as I have made the decision to stand down from my volunteer position within the unit. My last Guiding event with the Unit will be our February Holiday (8-11th February).

I want you all to know that this is not a decision I have taken lightly - I have looked after the Unit as a volunteer for 10 years (I took the Unit over in February 2008) and Guiding is a huge part of my life.

Some of the reasoning behind my decision: 4 years ago I moved from Mickleover to live in Birmingham due to a change in job role (I'm a Manufacturing Programme Manager at Jaguar Land Rover) and job location (now in Gaydon). I have been making the 110mile round trip every Monday since then. Sadly this journey has started to become more and more challenging - especially when having to fight with traffic & balance work commitments to make it in-time for Guides. In addition, over the past 12-months my work commitment have significantly increased, my other-half (Martin) has moved to Austria with work for 12-months and the year ahead has the potential for extended periods of international work travel for myself.

All of this means I feel that I am no-longer able to commit the same amount of time and energy to continue to offer the full and action-packed programme we currently do.

During my time at the unit I have seen the unit grow (from 5 girls to 32+waiting list), started taking the unit away on Camps and Holidays and had many other fantastic experiences. I have met some truly inspirational young women and some amazing leaders, young leaders and parent helpers. These are all memories I will cherish and take with me to my next Guiding Adventure.

Thankyou all for supporting me in my time here & I wish you all well for the future.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about this change, please let me know (or alternatively please contact Amanda Patchett our District Commissioner on 07842 203248).

Kind Regards,

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