

Lions on the Loose

Challenge



The Girlguiding Harlow Division is proud to be part of the *pride* and delighted to support *Lions on the Loose* – a unique public art trail taking to the streets of Harlow, Epping and Loughton in Summer 2026.

Our inclusive 4-part challenge is designed for all ages with indoor and outdoor activities and suitable for both individuals and groups.

You do not have to come to Harlow (each part has non-Harlow choices too), but we welcome you!

Proceeds from our custom badge will benefit St Clare Hospice and the great work they do in our community. The badge will be available for £1.50 each from July 2026.



Introduction



Spirit of Guiding

Our little lion was designed and painted by over 250 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, and Volunteers in the Girlguiding Harlow Division. Maquettes painted during our 100th Thinking Day celebration and Harlow's famous Metropolitan Ware inspired the artwork. Girls voted for blue and yellow with the third colour, terra cotta, representing the local pottery. The lion was painted across three group sessions. Visual artist Sarah Bracey provided guidance throughout the journey.



Lions on the Loose

Lions on the Loose art trail is free, fun, and full of adventure. Thirty life-size lion sculptures and thirty little lion sculptures will be sited around Harlow, Epping and Loughton in the summer of 2026. Find out more at lionsontheloose.co.uk Trail timelines are:

- 14 July 2026 - The Little Lions will be released onto the trail
- 24 July 2026 - The whole trail with big lions and little lions will be live
- 10 September 2026 – The trail will end
- 19–20 September 2026 - The whole pride will be together at Passmores Academy (paid entry required)
- 24 September 2026 – The Mane Event - Gala charity auction benefiting St Clare Hospice at St Nicholas School



St Clare Hospice

St Clare Hospice is a charity providing specialist palliative care to improve the lives of people affected by a life-limiting illness in West Essex and the borders of East Hertfordshire. Their care helps patients, their families, and carers, to make the most of every moment together, no matter how long they have left to live. They have partnered with Wild in Art to bring the trail to life and are the beneficiaries of the proceeds. Girlguiding Harlow is committed to raising at least £750 for St Clare Hospice.

JustGiving link:



Challenge at Girlguiding Harlow Website:



Thank You

Girlguiding Harlow extends a massive THANK YOU to Girlguiding Gloucestershire who graciously shared not only project advice, but also their challenge for us to build upon.

We also thank the Jack Petchey Foundation and the Leader Award Grant, which enabled the girls to work with professional visual artist Sarah Bracey to design and paint our lion. Thank you, Sarah! Without your guidance, Spirit would not be as beautiful, representative, fun and robust.



The Challenge

The Challenge is for everyone

The challenge encourages all to explore creativity, community, wellbeing and local pride, whether a visit to the real trail is possible or not. This challenge is open to all ages and groups. We hope you have fun learning about lions and discovering the trail. There is no “right way” to complete the challenge! Always follow your organisational advice, seek permission from a parent carer or leader where needed, and complete activities safely and responsibly.

<p>The activities are flexible and inclusive. They can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoors or outdoors • Done in groups or individually. • Adapted for mobility, sensory needs or meeting space 	<p>For safety considerations, follow Girlguiding (or your own organisation’s guidance) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor walks • Litter picks • Visiting community settings • Using tools or craft materials • Leaving items in public space (permission needed)
--	--



Badge Requirements and Orders

Age	Requirement
10 and under	Complete at least 1 activity from each of 4 sections
11+	Complete at least 2 activities from each of 4 sections
Lion Champion	Complete 3+ activities from each of 4 sections, or Complete every activity in one section, or Raise at least £100 for St Clare Hospice.

The activities are generally ordered from easier to more difficult and complex. Older participants are encouraged to try more challenging options. Badges available from July 2026 for £1.50 each. Orders will be fulfilled while stocks last. Request badges by emailing harlowggda@outlook.com or go to our website <https://www.girlguidingharlow.org.uk>



Share your activities

Share what you’ve been up to on our public Facebook group (Harlow Girlguiding Division) to inspire others and celebrate your progress. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/235133489397218/>

Please remember to only post photos or details that you have permission to share and always get parent/carers consent before sharing any images or information that could identify anyone under 18.



Section A: Lion Games and Crafts

Kick off your Lions on the Loose challenge with playful games and crafty makes inspired by lions and your very own pride. Choose activities to suit you or your unit—mix quick warm-ups with longer creative projects, and don't forget to adapt for your space and ages.

Reminder: Participants aged 10 and under complete at least 1 activity from this section. Participants aged 11+ complete at least 2 activities from this section. Lions Champions, complete 3+ from each or the whole section.

- 1) **Play a game of Sleeping Lions or Pin the Tail on the Lion** (not the classic donkey!)
(research online, at your library, or see resources)
- 2) **Have a lion beetle drive.** Roll a die to earn different parts of a lion's face or body
(research online or see resources)
- 3) **Play a game of corners,** each named after famous lions or safari animals
- 4) **Make a pom pom lion** (research online, at your library, or see resources)
- 5) **Play Catch the Lion's Tale** (research online, at your library, or see resources)
- 6) **Identify famous lions** (create your own list, or see resources)
- 7) **Take a Lion Quiz** (create your own, or see resources)
- 8) **Make a lion mask or lion face collage** (research online, at your library, or see resources)
- 9) **Make an origami lion** (research online, at the library or see resources)
- 10) **Bake or decorate pre-baked cupcakes like lions** (research online, at the library or see resources)
- 11) **Play charades using lion-related books, films, songs and phrases** (create your own lists or see resources)
- 12) **Upcycle recyclable materials like newsprint ("trash fashion") to create lion costumes.** Walk the runway or have a competition with voting.
- 13) **Design a new lion sculpture.** Create a proposal for a future art trail lion. Include a sketch, title, colours, inspiration and explanation of your design. (research online, at the library, or see resources)
- 14) **Create a lion-themed escape challenge.** Design clues and puzzles based on lions, safaris or the Lions on the Loose trail for others to solve.



Section B: TRAILS

Time to get out and explore! These trail ideas help you discover lions, local landmarks, public art and new places while practising navigation and observation skills. Whether you visit the official Lions on the Loose route or create your own mini-trail closer to home, choose activities that suit you or your group and enjoy the adventure.

Reminder: Participants aged 10 and under complete at least 1 activity from this section. Participants aged 11+ complete at least 2 activities from this section. Lions Champions, complete 3+ from each or a whole section.

1) **Visit the Lions on the Loose Trail (in person or online)**

Visit the St Clare Hospice Lions on the Loose Art Trail during the trail period or research the sculptures online and choose your three favourites. Learn more at lionsontheloose.co.uk.

2) **Lion Mane Trail**

Create your own trail by hiding pieces of yellow or brown wool around your space (meeting room, garden or home). Who can collect the most pieces to build a lion's mane?

3) **Lion Fact Hunt**

Write lion facts on paw-print shapes and hide them for others to find. For younger members, use letters, pictures or simple clues instead. Alternatively, hide lion jigsaw pieces and see which team completes their picture first.

4) **Pebble Trail**

Decorate pebbles with lions or paw prints. Use them to create a trail for others to follow, or— with permission—leave them for others to discover.

Tracking Trail

Learn some outdoor tracking symbols and create a route for another group to follow using the signs (e.g. <https://prod-cms.scouts.org.uk/media/6746/generic-resources-tracking-signs.pdf>)

5) **Museum Explorer**

Visit Harlow Museum and explore the galleries. Can you spot the exhibit that inspired our Little Lion design? Visit other museums and look for lion images, pottery displays and follow maps.

6) **Journey Planner**

Plan your journey to the Lions on the Loose Trail or Harlow Museum. Research how you'll travel there, map your route and navigate it on the day.

7) **Sculpture Spotter**

Find at least 10 of Harlow's public sculptures. Harlow has one of Britain's most significant collections of public sculpture, with over 30 works in and around the town centre alone. For more information, go to <https://sculpturetown.uk/>

8) **Mural Hunt**

Find at least four of Harlow's painted murals. Explore the town and discover artworks created through the Painting Harlow's Future project. More info at: <https://paintingharlowsfuture.com/>

9) **Photo Trail Challenge**

Take photographs of lion-shaped, lion-named or lion-coloured objects. Create a collage, poster or presentation of your discoveries.

10) **Geocaching Adventure**

Try geocaching and find at least one cache during a walk or trail.

11) **Explore An Art Trail Outside of Harlow**

Find and visit an art trail outside Harlow, elsewhere in the UK or abroad. Many towns, cities and museums host sculpture and public art trails—explore somewhere new and share what you discover. A few sources:

- <https://wildinart.co.uk/events/>
- <https://arttrailproject.org/trails/popular?page=1>
- <https://www.komoot.com/collection/4108943/graffiti-street-art-trails-through-europes-coolest-cities>



Section C: BRAVERY AND COURAGE

Lions symbolise bravery, leadership and protecting their pride—qualities we can all practise in everyday ways, big or small. Try one or more of the tasks below to build confidence, celebrate courage in others, and discover what being brave looks like for you.

Reminder: Participants aged 10 and under complete at least 1 activity from this section. Participants aged 11+ complete at least 2 activities from this section. Lions Champions, 3+ from each or a whole section.

1) **Research someone who has shown bravery or courage and share your learnings**

They could be from history, someone you know, a Girlguiding or Scouting leader or a fictional character—create a poster, short essay or poem about them and share it with your family or friends.

2) **Design your own medal of courage**

Think of a time when you have been brave and add words or symbols that represent your achievement.

3) **Make a courage jar**

Write positive phrases on lollipop sticks (or strips of paper), decorate your jar, and pick a message to read whenever you need a boost. Create your own or see resources.

4) **Try something new that feels a bit challenging**

E.g. speak up in a group, learn a new skill, or attempt a new craft, try something adventurous at an outdoor activity centre. Reflect on what helped you succeed.

5) **Try 4 new foods**

Choose things you wouldn't normally eat or have never tried or you think you don't like and share which one took the most bravery to taste.

6) **Make a Bravery Bingo card with small courage challenges**

Ideas could be say hello to someone new, try a new route, ask a question, help someone. Aim to complete a line in a week (research online, at the library or see resources)

7) **Do something brave to raise money for St Clare Hospice**

Pick a challenge that feels a stretch-but-safe for you and ask people to sponsor you (see resources for ideas). Share your proceeds on our Just Giving page.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/girlguidingharlow?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

8) **Be Brave for Someone Else**

Support someone who is nervous about trying something new. Encourage them, help them prepare and celebrate their achievement.



Section D: OUR COMMUNITY

Lions look after their pride and protect the places they call home. This section encourages people to show kindness, care for their environment, and make a positive difference in their community, just like a lion watching over its territory. It's about helping your community roar.

Before completing the activities below, learn a little about St Clare Hospice and the support they provide to local people and families.

Reminder: Participants aged 10 and under complete at least 1 activity from this section. Participants aged 11+ complete at least 2 activities from this section. Lions Champions, 3+ from each or a whole section.

1) **Learn about St Clare Hospice**

Find out what services they provide and share one thing you learned with others.

2) **Fundraise for St Clare Hospice**

Organise a fundraiser to support St Clare Hospice.

You could hold a bake sale, sponsored challenge, craft sale, games night, or another creative activity. Donate proceeds here at the Girlguiding Harlow Division Just Giving Page

https://www.justgiving.com/page/girlguidingharlow?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

JustGiving link:



3) **Thank Your Local “Pride Protectors”**

Make thank you cards for people who help your community, such as nurses, teachers, police officers, firefighters, carers, volunteers, refuse collectors, crossing patrol staff, or local shop workers.

4) **Spread Kindness**

Create kindness notes, friendship messages, painted rocks, bookmarks, or small gifts to leave for others (with permission).

Think about how small acts of kindness can brighten someone’s day.

5) **Do a Litter Prowl**

Help care for your local area by safely picking up litter in a park, street, woodland, beach, or community space. Remember to wear gloves and stay safe.

6) **Protect Nature**

Design and display a poster encouraging people to protect wildlife, reduce litter, recycle, save water, or care for green spaces.

7) **Help Wildlife**

Build or improve a bug hotel, bird feeder, hedgehog corner, pollinator planter, or wildlife area in your garden, school, meeting place, or local community.

8) **Speak Up About a Local Issue**

Learn about a local issue such as litter, traffic, pollution, road safety, wildlife protection, or damaged green spaces. Think about who could help — perhaps your council, school, community group, or local MP — and share your ideas or concerns respectfully.



Additional Resource Pack

The challenge can be researched online, but we've made it even easier! The Pack includes:

- Leader guidance and activity ideas
- Activity instructions and game rules
- Craft examples and inspiration pictures
- Ready-to-print templates and worksheets
- Links to Girlguiding programme activities, UMAs, Skills Builders etc.

These resources are designed to help volunteers deliver engaging sessions with minimal preparation while giving girls plenty of opportunities to tailor the challenge to their own interests and abilities.

Remember: Adapt activities to suit the age, needs and abilities of your participants. The aim is to have fun, try something new and enjoy the adventure together!



In Closing

THANK YOU for taking part in the Girlguiding Harlow Division Lions on the Loose Challenge.

We hope you have enjoyed exploring the trail, learning about lions, showing courage, discovering new places and making a positive impact in your community. Every activity completed helps celebrate the Spirit of Guiding while supporting the incredible work of St Clare Hospice.

Whether you completed a few activities or tackled the whole challenge, you are part of our pride!

Thank you to all the girls, leaders, volunteers, families, partners and supporters who have helped make this challenge possible.

Keep exploring, keep being brave, and keep making a difference.

Roar with pride — and enjoy the adventure!



Questions or Comments?

We'd love to hear from you! Email info@girlguidingharlow.org.uk

Challenge version 1.0, released 7 June 2026



Lions on the Loose Challenge Record Sheet

Name: _____ Unit: _____

#	Activity	Notes / Initials	#	Activity	Notes / Initials
A1	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Lions / Pin Tail		B8	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 Sculptures	
A2	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Beetle Drive		B9	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 Murals	
A3	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Corners		B10	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Trail	
A4	<input type="checkbox"/> Pom Pom Lion		B11	<input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching	
A5	<input type="checkbox"/> Catch Lion's Tale		B12	<input type="checkbox"/> Art Trail	
A6	<input type="checkbox"/> Famous Lions		C1	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Courage	
A7	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Quiz		C2	<input type="checkbox"/> Medal	
A8	<input type="checkbox"/> Mask / Collage		C3	<input type="checkbox"/> Courage Jar	
A9	<input type="checkbox"/> Origami Lion		C4	<input type="checkbox"/> Try Something New	
A10	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Cupcakes		C5	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 New Foods	
A11	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Charades		C6	<input type="checkbox"/> Bravery Bingo	
A12	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Costume		C7	<input type="checkbox"/> Brave Fundraiser	
A13	<input type="checkbox"/> Lion Sculpture		C8	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Someone	
A14	<input type="checkbox"/> Escape Challenge		D1	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn About St Clare	
B1	<input type="checkbox"/> Visit Trail		D2	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser	
B2	<input type="checkbox"/> Mane Trail		D3	<input type="checkbox"/> Thank Helpers	
B3	<input type="checkbox"/> Fact Hunt		D4	<input type="checkbox"/> Spread Kindness	
B4	<input type="checkbox"/> Pebble Trail		D5	<input type="checkbox"/> Litter Prowl	
B5	<input type="checkbox"/> Tracking Trail		D6	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Poster	
B6	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum Explorer		D7	<input type="checkbox"/> Help Wildlife	
B7	<input type="checkbox"/> Journey Planner		D8	<input type="checkbox"/> Speak Up	

Badge Requirements: Ages 10 and under – complete at least 1 activity from each section (A, B, C and D). Ages 11 and older – complete at least 2 activities from each section (A, B, C and D). 🏆 Lion Champion Award: Complete 3+ activities from each section, OR complete every activity in one section, OR raise at least £100 for St Clare Hospice.

Leader / Parent Initials: _____