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Girlguiding Beckenham Division Heartsease

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

It's been a while, but here's another Chat for all our visitors at Heartsease.

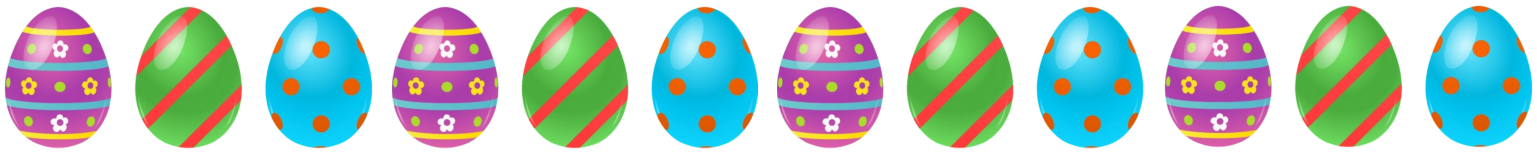
As I write today, it's Mothering Sunday so I'm sure lots of our Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers will have been doing something special for their Mums, maybe a card or present or a lovely treat. It's interesting how many of us leaders have given the gift of Guiding to our daughters. I can think of quite a few within my own District who have been followed into Guiding or at a push, even Scouting! We're continuing the brilliant experience of Girlguiding and taking girls away at Heartsease, not far from home, but safe and fun outdoors.



A couple of months ago as I walked among the trees at Heartsease, I spotted this on the ground, which someone, or two, had so carefully made, collecting the larch cones and making a pattern, certainly not the work of the squirrels! I'm not sure how long it had been there, but I thought it was beautiful. As I Guide I was always told to leave no trace of my picnics, camps or fires, but this little work of art must be an exception – Thank You, whoever it was. Let us know if it was you!

We look forward to welcoming lots of you back to our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2nd, for lots more fun in our woods, with indoor games and crafts and refreshments as usual. Hope I'll see you there (I'll be the one in the bunny ears).

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CHANGES TO CHARGES

We have made a change to the way we charge users at Heartsease, which we hope will make things more straightforward, and help you to plan and budget for your trip. Instead of asking you to record and calculate your energy usage and charging for this separately, this is now included in our new 2023 hire fees. We hope that this all-in-one charge will make things a lot easier.

Our fees for 2023 are as follows:

Overnight rates for members of Girlguiding are £7.00 per person.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are also available to book - £2.50 per person per session (£2.00 for Beckenham Division).

All prices inclusive of electricity use. All heating & appliances at Heartsease are electrical (no gas).





NEWS FROM OUR VISITORS





Heartsease has been busy with visitors enjoying the house and grounds. After their trip, we heard from 4th Coney Hall Brownies who said: "As well as the Brownies creating 'fairy houses' in the gorgeous woods at Heartsease, we also invited a reptile company in, so the Brownies could hold and learn about snakes and other reptiles. They loved and were fascinated by them. We finished the day off by hosting a birthday tea as we were celebrating our 15th birthday of the unit".

5th & 6th Beckenham Guides also enjoyed a visit. "As a larger group, we held two sleepovers on the Friday and Saturday nights, with everybody coming together on Saturday for a big wide game around West Wickham as part of the GLK Monopoly Challenge, and for a good old sing-song around the campfire"!

Please get in touch and let us know what you've been up to at Heartsease. We love to hear about all the fun you've been having!