



**Is it important for everyone  
to have a hobby?**



# Let's look at this week's story



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Learn more about this week's story [here](#).  
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).  
This week's Virtual Assembly [here](#).



# This week's story looks at events related to ...





# How does it make me feel?



<b>sad</b>	<b>angry</b>	<b>happy</b>	<b>confused</b>	<b>excited</b>	<b>worried</b>	<b>shocked</b>	<b>afraid</b>
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Read through the information below about Girlguiding and Scout groups and the increased demand for places.

## Girlguiding UK

**" Girlguiding exists to help girls and young women find their voice, and build skills and confidence – inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and empower them to make a positive difference in their community."**



## Scouts UK

**" Scouting actively engages and supports young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We act with care, respect, integrity, cooperation, exploring our own and others' beliefs."**



## Why is demand for places to join Girlguiding and Scouts so high?

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Girlguiding's Girls' Attitudes Survey found 61% of girls and young women aged 11 to 21 said being part of a youth group or club makes them feel accepted, 60% connected to others, and 58% said they learn new skills.

## What type of activities do the groups take part in?

In Girlguiding groups, girls take part in activities such as sleepovers, canoeing on rivers, learning about body confidence, and leading their own camps.

In Scout groups, children take part in activities such as camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling, and canoeing.

Both also place a great deal of emphasis on friendship and developing and learning new skills.

**Are you a member of either? Share your own experiences.**





Look at the resource below, which shares some examples of hobbies people might have



Gardening



Restoring something such as furniture, an old car, old clothes



Reading



Travel



Taking part in a sport or physical activity such as football, tennis, dance, gymnastics, swimming, running, yoga



Enjoying music e.g., listening to it, playing an instrument



Arts and crafts such as painting, drawing, colouring, sewing



Collecting something such as coins, stamps, stickers, keyrings

**Which of these activities have you tried before?  
Are there any you haven't tried but would like to?**

How does having a hobby help us to  
'live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)?





## Individual Liberty

We all have the right to choose our hobbies. Some of our hobbies may even have a positive impact on others and our world.







# UN Rights of a Child



We can all set up or join groups or organisations such as Scouts and Girlguiding. We can meet with others as long as this does not harm other people.

