

ADULT LEADERS

An introduction to the history of uniforms.

Initially uniforms were an assortment of suits put together by the Leaders. In Archives the first POR we have is 1916.

1912

The initial uniforms were quite military in style. They consisted of

- dark blue blouse
- dark blue long skirt
- dark blue Norfolk jacket with four patch pockets and black horn buttons
- light blue tie
- belt worn outside jacket
- dark blue felt hat pinned up to left hand side with Tenderfoot brooch
- Captain or LT Badge brooch on tie
- white shoulder knot
- white lanyard worn round neck and attached to belt on right hand side together with whistle
- brown gauntlet gloves
- black shoes and stockings. Later shoes were changed to brown and stockings to 'leaf mould'!

Distinctive marks in 1917

Captain

- Navy Blue cockade on left of hat
- Green badge brooch on knot of tie

Lieutenant

- Tenderfoot brooch on left of hat
- Gilt badge brooch on knot of tie

Brown Owl

- Brown cockade on left of hat
- Brown tie

Sea Guiders from POR 1926

- Jacket/Skirt in navy serge
- Blue Shirt
- Black hat with black mohair band
- White pique cover worn May -September
- Brown dogskin gloves

Fun facts

- An 'undress uniform' was authorised for hot weather! This was a blue dress and straw hat. All badges to be worn on the sleeve.
- Skirt was not less than 8 inches off the ground
- Hat pins were not allowed
- POR 1930 says "White shirts are worn on official occasions. An official occasion is one at which three or more companies are grouped together. Trainings and camps are not in this case an official occasion. White shirts are never worn when it is necessary for the Guider to remove her coat.

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Conferences and social occasions at which uniform is worn are appropriate for white shirts.”



A Commissioner around 1920. Note the silver cockade and badge.

Variations of this uniform continued until the forties and beyond. Many of the more affluent had their uniforms made by their private tailor.

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1947

Uniforms evolved slowly over the years. In the 40's a wartime shortage of material meant that uniforms began to change although there was still a strong military look to them.

They consisted of a:

- HQ blue dress or
- navy blue skirt
- short navy jacket or battle dress
- shirt - for colour see right
- brown belt and shoes
- stockings of HQ standard colour
- navy blue tailored beret or
- navy hat turned up at left side
- tie according to appointment - see distinguishing marks
- jerseys were all navy except grey for Land Ranger and blue for Air Ranger

Alternative shirt colours were:

- light blue (Brownie)
- light blue (Guide)
- silver grey shirt (Land Ranger)
- navy blue shirt/ (Sea Ranger)
- white in summer
- pale blue shirt (Air Ranger)

Camp and informal wear

- HQ blue cellular shirt
- navy Blue skirt
- blue cotton overall
- shorts worn only on campsite

Working Rig

- For special activities such as car, boat or plane maintenance, all guiders could wear a navy blue boiler suit with long sleeves or navy blue dungarees and blue shirt.

For boat work

- navy blue cap
- white cap cover worn 1 May to 30 September
- navy blue woollen slacks
- white or navy open necked shirt

For air work

- navy blue beret
- pale blue shirt

Distinguishing marks

<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Tie</u>	<u>Cockade</u>	<u>Hat insignia</u>
Brown Owl	Brown	Brown	Brown
Tawny Owl	Brown	None	None
Guide Cpt	Sapphire	Sapphire	Sapphire
Guide Lt	Saphire	None	None
Land Ranger Cpt	Navy	Navy	Red
Land Ranger Lt	Blue	None	None
Sea Ranger Cpt	Black	Navy	Red
Sea Ranger Lt	Black	None	None

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Air Ranger Cpt	Black	Navy	Red
Air Ranger Lt	Black	None	None
Cadet Cpt	White/sapphire	Sapphire with white stripe	White
Cadet Lt	White/sapphire	None	None

Above are examples of the battle dress top and the straight jacket. The battle dress came from a shortage of material and surplus military stock during WW2.



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1969

This change of uniform brought the beginnings of Mix and Match

Formal wear over the years consisted of:

- Blue and white checked blouse
- Navy blue hopsack suit or navy pinafore
- 'air hostess' style hat
- short sleeved terylene blue belted dress
- worsted dress with either long or short sleeves

Casual camp wear was:

- blue camp dress
- camp hat
- navy slacks
- blue camp shirt
- navy cardigan

Later a blue camp shirt and navy sweatshirt were added.

Official patterns were sold and many A.L.'s made their own complete uniform. Patterns were also sold for all sections.

Hat Cockades and Flashes

County Comm	Silver with gold tip
County Rep	Navy Blue with one bar
County Secretary	Tawny red
Division Comm	Silver
District Comm	Hyacinth blue felt
Ranger Guider	Aquamarine felt
Guide Guider	Sapphire felt
Brownie Guider	Yellow felt

All the felts were supplied with a small inner navy felt. On these were pinned the badge of the Country, Region or County.

Badges

- The Promise Badge was worn in centre of tie.
- World Badge was worn on the right hand lapel or right hand side of dress or pinafore.
- Below this a Badge, Bar of Rank or Qualification could be worn (only one at a time).

Ties

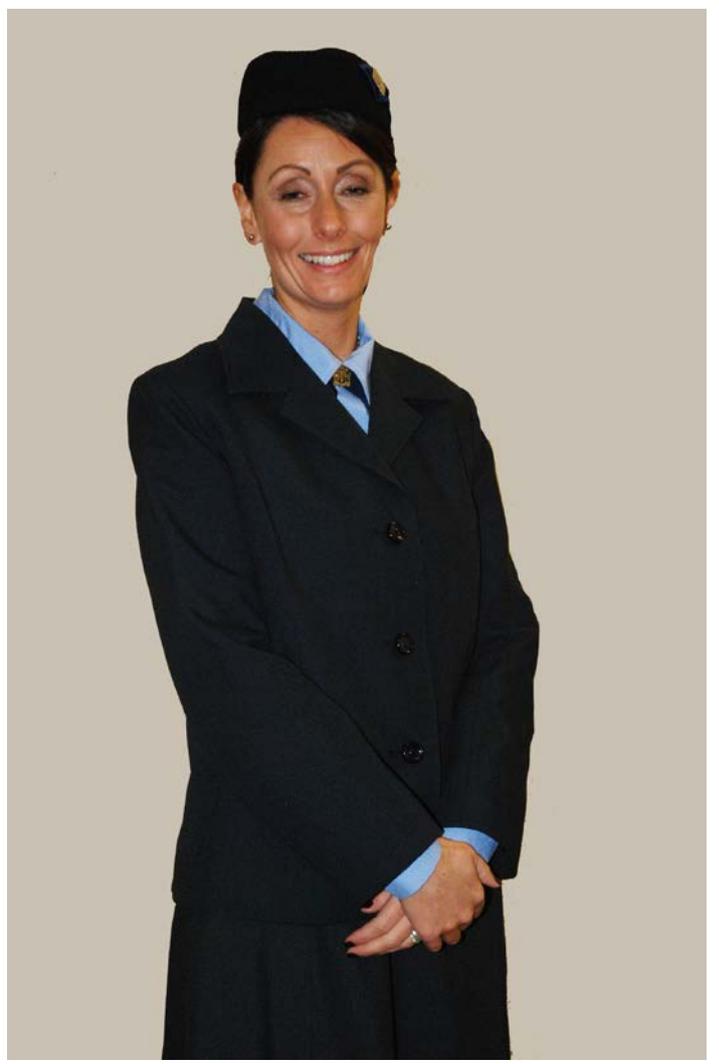
The crossover tie indicated the rank and section of the A.L.

A Leader had two stripes on each side and an Assistant Leader one

Brownie	Yellow
Guide	Blue
Ranger	Aqua

An unwarranted guider wore a plain navy tab tie

Commissioners and Advisers wore a plain navy crossover



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1990

Jeff Banks Makeover

He created a:

- long line navy jacket
- navy or blue pin striped gathered skirt
- blue pin striped long or short sleeve blouse

Casual gear consisted of:

- sweat pants
- trousers or culottes
- white polo
- navy zipped sweat top
- blue sweater with white trim
- navy sweater
- navy baseball cap
- official Guide belt
- In 1998 a blue cardigan was added

Other accessories:

- navy baseball cap
- yellow waterproof jacket
- yellow adventure jacket
- navy shoulder bag
- scarf designed by Cressida Bell

Badges

Badges were worn on a tab pinned on the left hand side of top.

Badge Tabs for Adult Leaders:

Rainbow	Navy/green stripe
Brownie	Navy/yellow stripe
Guide	Navy/blue stripe
Young Leader	Navy/ white stripe
Ranger	Navy/aqua stripe
Commissioner/ appointment holders	Navy
Unit helper	yellow



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2003

2003 saw another change

New to AL were:

- navy sweatshirt
- navy zip top
- long sleeved blue and navy blocked rugby shirt with white collar
- white or navy polo shirt with blue collar
- blue and navy gilet
- blue waterproof jacket
- two lengths of navy skirt
- navy shorts and trousers

The previous uniform was still available.

In 2005 new items were introduced:

- 3 pinstripe blouses - long/short sleeved or round necked
- scarf changing from new guiding blue to raspberry
- scarf ring or silver scarf brooch

2012 brought:

- a more formal blue blouse with long/short sleeved with a raspberry touch inside the collar
- navy hoodie
- navy hooded jacket - both with blue stripe down sides and inside the hood
- Two new scarves - one long and one square came in 2015.

Badge tabs 2014 (wore on the right hand side)

Rainbow	Guiding blue/pale blue stripe
Brownie	Guiding blue/yellow stripe
Guide	Guiding blue/blue stripe
Young Leader	Guiding blue/white stripe
Ranger	Guiding blue/aqua stripe
Commissioner/ appointment holders	Guiding blue

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