



County Commissioner's Report

Thanks for all you have done in the return to Guiding and the tidying up of GO ready for subscriptions, we are already at 18% of payments received, so thank you to those of you who have already sent payment.

As at 7pm on 21st February we have 1881 young members, 501 adult volunteers and 159 units and all credit to the great work that goes on week in, week out at our units.

Cleveland is lucky to have had Scarlett O'Neill from 4th Thornaby Guide Unit selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in 2023 and Charlotte Boagey from 34th Hartlepool Guide Unit and Evie Oakley from 4th Thornaby Guide unit selected to attend ICE in Edinburgh this summer.

We have recently been invited to present Rainbow Gold Awards in Billingham Division, as well as Brownie Bronze Awards and enrol brownies in Saltburn, and we are looking forward to presenting a Guide Gold Award in Hartlepool in the next few weeks too. It is a fantastic achievement for our young members to receive such rewards, and credit to our leaders who are working tirelessly in order to make Guiding as rewarding as it is.

As you will know from being invited to nominate your next county commissioner, our term of office will be ending in the summer and we are looking forward to working alongside our successor until July in order to continue moving the county forward with a smooth handover - we do hope you gave this pivotal role some thought and sent in a nomination - or two! It is a very rewarding role and it has been a privilege to have led Girlguiding Cleveland over such turbulent times as recently - and this just proves the great team that Cleveland has - all 501 of us!

On behalf of our young members, thank you for all you continue to do.

Val & Nicola

County Appointments

We would like to announce 2 new appointments within the County -

Steph Hart has taken the post of County International Advisor. Steph will advise on international adventures including selection days and other opportunities from region and HQ.

Contact email address - steph.jackson06@gmail.com.

Catherine Joel-Chilton has agreed to take on the new post of County Fundraising Advisor. This involves supporting units and county in grants and supporting girls in fundraising for events and trips.

Contact email address - 9thmiddlesbroughrainbows@gmail.com.

Both ladies will be valuable assets to the County.

Nicola

International

As Cleveland County International Advisor, I am committed to ensuring that members in County are offered the opportunity of an international experience. This includes everything from supporting units to find international resources for meetings to promoting international opportunities and organising opportunities for girls and leaders to get away on international adventures.

County are not only here to plan the trips but here to offer support and advise to any leader wanting to take their own girls on an overseas adventure, whether that is a three day Disneyland Paris trip or two weeks in India. We will arrange mentors and will work with leaders to gain their travelling abroad module.

I hope to share the international love with as many members of Girlguiding Cleveland as possible. Let me know your thoughts, ideas and plans for girls and leaders in your meeting place and beyond.

Steph Hart

steph.jackson06@gmail.com

Training

You should have or will shortly receive an email asking you to log into the new training account - Girlguiding Learning. Please log in and activate your account. Training can be accessed via this link and your training will be recorded here.

Safe Space

Safe space is still available online via Girlguiding NEE. If you would prefer a face to face training, please let me know ASAP as we need a minimum of 8 people in order for the training to go ahead and this may take time to organise. If you are planning to go away with your girls this year make sure you have the correct level of safe space, the licence holder must have level 3. If your unit has only one leader with level 3 consider another or all of the leadership team completing, that way if one leader is absent you will always have a level 3 trained leader in attendance.

First Response

First response training – March training is now fully booked, but further dates will be advertised as soon as available. If you still need to complete your skills check please try and book it either before or after the 6 hour training.

Save the Date

County Training day Saturday 21st May, venue to be confirmed. Format for the day will be section training in the morning followed by afternoon sessions on a variety of topics.

County training weekend Waddow Hall 9th - 11th September more details soon.

If anyone has any training requirements please let me know.

Karen Lee

Training and Events Coordinator

Lakes and Hills Experience 25-27 March 2022

We've now opened bookings for Lakes and Hills Experience (see the flyer attached). We would love it if you are able to join us. I know some of you have already been in touch. We want to create a team of walk leaders to support participants of all abilities to enjoy the fun and conviviality of walking together. If you would like to be there, please complete a booking via this [link](#)

For more information you should get in touch through the event email listed on Eventbrite.
It will be great fun!

Thanks
Joyce and Helen

The Gang Show Middlesbrough

I'm sure you will be aware that every 2 years Middlesbrough Scouts perform 'The Gang Show' at Middlesbrough Theatre and invite anyone in Guiding to be part of the show.

This year it is actually 50 years since the first Guides appeared in the show and it does make me feel very old to say I was a dresser in the girls' dressing room that first year and there are a couple of leaders still involved who were in that first show as Guides! After 3 months of rehearsals we had to cancel the show at the last minute in 2020 due to the pandemic and sadly our numbers are lower this year than in previous years (though as wardrobe 'boss' - a lot easier for me than the 110 who were going to be in 2020 show!)

However, we have Brownies, Guides and leaders from around the area including Brownies from Saltburn this year for the first time which is really nice.

All the young people and leaders are thoroughly enjoying the experience and are working very hard to produce a good show, so we would welcome your support either by coming with family and friends or bringing your unit. The show runs from Tuesday 12th April - Saturday 16th April with a matinee on the Saturday. Tickets are £12.50 with 1 free ticket for every 10 purchased for the same performance.

A booking form is attached. Please come along if you can and support your local uniformed organisations.

Thank You!
Margaret Hole

Training & Events

Application forms can be downloaded from our website

www.girlguiding-cleveland.co.uk

Please note it is usual to wear guide wear when attending a training event

1st Response Training

Sunday 27th March
10am-4pm

1st Response Training - £15
FULLY BOOKED

The Avenue Primary School
Nunthorpe

Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.

Safe Space Training

To complete the online Safe Space Level 1 and Level 2 please use the following links. You will be directed to the learning platform, where you will need to create an account in order to access the training.

Level 1

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/learning-and-development/a-safe-space-training/a-safe-space-level-1--an-introduction/>

Level 2

[A Safe Space, Level 2 – Creating a safe space | Girlguiding](#)

Level 3 – Region online training

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-133863995815?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

The Prior Learning Exemption for Level 3 has now been suspended. Any leaders who have used this method in the past are now invited to complete the Girlguiding Level 3 course when they are due for renewal.

The demand for face-to-face trainings is becoming less with the option of online/virtual training. Please let the county office know if this is something you would prefer. We would need a minimum of six leaders for a face to face training to go ahead, so cannot promise, but as always will try to accommodate as best we can to allow training to be accessible for all.



<https://www.facebook.com/GirlguidingCleveland>

Please like our page and encourage parents to do the same. We need local items to go on this page to show what Girlguiding Cleveland has been doing. This page is open to anyone to view, so please be mindful as to what photos you send to it. If you wish you can email your write up to me and I will put it onto the page: karen.lee6950@gmail.com.



Out of County Event – Newcastle Fun Day

Girlguiding Newcastle are holding a Fun Day on Saturday 11th June at Gosforth Rugby Club and have extended an invitation to units in Cleveland.

A booking form for the event is attached and booking opens on March 25th.

If you have any queries about the day please contact Natalie@girlguidingnewcastle.org.uk



COUNTY FUN DAY



**Saturday 11th June
2022**

GOSFORTH RUGBY CLUB, NE3 2HY

**CIRCUS Inflatables
Football**

**STEM
TENT**

**FIRE
SERVICE**

RNLI

**Craft
tent**

Rugby

**CIRCUS
SKILLS**

RLSS

Cost £25

PLUS MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!