



County Commissioner's Report

It is Volunteers' Week, so I must start by saying THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all you have done in your volunteering roles to continue to guide Cleveland through the pandemic.

It is lovely to see units getting back together in person, and to see volunteers meeting for coffee – we have all missed each other! It was lovely to see 37 volunteers last week at Marske as they came to complete their 1st Response skills check, and of these volunteers some have taken on unit leadership after the existing leaders stepped down during the break, and it is so lovely to see our everyday volunteers going the extra mile! Now some of us are back to meeting indoors, should the new Indian variant come into our area, then current guidance is that unit meetings will be restricted to outdoors only. So far, I am not aware of any outbreaks of Coronavirus within unit meetings, and again this is a thank you to you, our volunteers, for caring for all our individuals by completing new risk assessments and with additional cleaning regimes.

Now we have returned, and we think about our unit administration, the unit data retention schedule has been updated, and can be found at:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/globalassets/docs-and-resources/membership-administration/gdpr/unit-data-retention-schedule.pdf>

Danby and Egton have both re-opened, although mainly catering for families as Guiding residentials are currently restricted to groups of 6, and where young members are attending, a minimum of 2 adults must be present. Hopefully the next national guidance will allow for Guiding to release updated information on residential stays.

Attached to GMail there is a letter that you can use for parents where units may be interested in Poacher International Jamboree 2022 – a camp based at Lincolnshire Showground.

We have made the decision to cancel Waddow for this year as the deposit was due and we are still awaiting guidance from HQ on adult meeting sizes, as we are still governed by the national government guidance. We will discuss at our next exec what time of year is best to enjoy the facilities at Waddow, as the journey can be somewhat treacherous in the winter months, so please let your commissioner know your views by Monday 16th July.

Nicola has some great ideas for moving forward for volunteer engagement and recognition and we are starting with a Volunteers' Week quiz, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. I hope you do find it fun and join in. There will also be a national volunteer recruitment this Volunteers' Week, before a girl recruitment in mid-June, so please spread the word that Guiding is back and as strong as ever.

As we move into the final half-term ahead of the summer holidays, I hope the weather continues as it was this bank holiday weekend (except the sea fret for those by the coast!) and you can get out and about with your units for those still unable to meet within your meeting venues.

Remember to find some YOU time this Volunteers' Week – treat yourself in some way, because you are worth it, and if you think another leader is worth it too, nominations for a Guiding award need to be sent to the county office by 18th June!

Take care
Val Cullen

Danby Campsite

Bookings are now being taken for our county campsite for camps or day activities. There are plenty of dates available in July and August. To book contact tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk

Training

First Response

There are 2 forthcoming trainings, 12th June and 26th September, both on Zoom. Participants also need to complete the E-Learning, found by logging onto your GO account and searching under learning opportunities (scroll down to E-Learning), and a face-to-face skills check. Please check on GO to see if you need to renew your first response, remember it is good guiding practice to have more than one leader in each unit with a First Response qualification.

Safe Space

Please check your GO record to see when you need to renew your different levels. Levels 1 and 2 are available online (found by logging onto your GO account and searching under learning opportunities, scroll down to E-Learning). Level 3 is still available via Girlguiding North East England check on this link for available dates <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-133863995815?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

Don't leave renewing until the last minute, start looking as soon as you receive your reminder, especially for level 3. If anyone is struggling with levels 1 and 2 please get in touch so we can help you.

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Trefoil

At last a positive report to give!

Some Guilds have begun to meet outside and enjoy some lovely scenery and chance to talk – we are very good at sharing news and just enjoying each other's company.

Guilds have come through the trials of Covid and are all looking forward to September when we should be able to meet indoors all being well and programmes of speakers, practical sessions and outdoor activities can take place.

Nationally Trefoil Guild has produced a booklet of members images and reflections of 2020 and it proves what a talented and inventive group we are, each Guild has a copy if you would like to borrow one.

Now Guilds are starting up again why not think about joining us – we welcome current members of Girlguiding as well as anyone who would like to share our brand of friendship, please contact me or look on the county or national websites for a Guild near you.

Sue Thompson

Cleveland County Trefoil Guild Chair

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

Virtual Training 12th June 10am-4pm Face-to-face – to be arranged	1st Response Training Virtual, face-to-face and online e-learning must all be completed	Online – suitable for all leaders
Face to Face Skills Check Training 18th June 6pm, 6.30pm or 7pm	1st Response Training Virtual, face-to-face and online e-learning must all be completed	Marske Guide HQ, 76a High Street, Marske-By-The-Sea, Cleveland TS11 7BE
Virtual Training 26th September 10am-4pm Face-to-face – to be arranged	1st Response Training Virtual, face-to-face and online e-learning must all be completed	Online – suitable for all leaders

Safe Space Training

To complete the online Safe Space Level 1 and Level 2 please use the following links, and remember to fill in the questionnaire at the end and add in your membership number to add the record to your GO profile.

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

<https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-2/#/menu/5c1b888888f2971c5fe4d881>

Level 3 – Region online training

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



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

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