

## County Commissioner's Report

Hello everyone,

Here we are at the end of 2021, another challenging year, and one which has seen our numbers grow since the return to face to face guiding. This would not be possible without the consistent commitment of you, our valued leaders, standing united and doing what needs to be done.

We are currently looking at a mapping exercise to ensure we are offering guiding opportunities to as many people as possible, and after a successful team day on 4<sup>th</sup> December, we are positive that Guiding in Cleveland will continue to grow and we can support both our volunteers and young members with ongoing opportunities.

As well as the county opportunities in the vacancies section below, we have some save the dates for events happening in 2022:

19<sup>th</sup> February - Thinking day

29<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Review and Celebration

9-11<sup>th</sup> September - Waddow

With the increase of Omicron cases in the UK, in true Guiding style we need to continue to **BE PREPARED**. We currently need everyone aged 11+ to be wearing a facemask in indoor settings unless exempt.

We have all certainly **DONE OUR BEST** in 2021, and please do take a well-deserved break over the Christmas period, and look after yourselves as a priority.

Best wishes to you and your families

Val and Nicola



# Training

## Safe Space

Safe space level 3 training is available online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-safe-space-level-3-tickets-133863995815>. If anyone needs a face to face training in any of the levels please let me know, these are few and far between as a minimum number of leaders are required in order for it to take place.

## First Aid

First aid training dates - Saturday 29th January 10am-4pm Thornaby, Saturday 5th March 10am-4pm Marske for Rangers wanting to do Lead Away and Sunday 27th March Nunthorpe. Those still requiring skills checks will be able to come along just before or just after the training sessions.

This is the guidance from the website - We encourage you to do all elements of 1st Response within three months of each other. During the current Covid-19 restrictions, we understand that this will not always be possible. We want to reassure members that the virtual part of the course will not expire. The in-person skills checks with trainers can be done when the current restrictions ease and when individuals feel comfortable to run and attend these sessions.

Your 1st Response training will only be valid once all elements have been completed, including attending any in-person skills check and completing the e-learning.

The 'completed on' date in GO should be the date you attended the main six-hour training session or the date you attended the third of the three 2-hour sessions. Your 1st Response training will expire three years from this date, not from the date you complete the practical skills session.

## Update 13 April 2021

Volunteers whose 1st Response course has expired since 16 March 2020 can continue to act as a first aider at a unit meeting as long as they've attended the virtual part of the 1st Response course (refresher or full).

They can act as the first aider for up to 6 months from the date the face-to-face training resumes (please see dates below), so they have time to attend a practical skills session to complete their qualification. If the 6 months passes without the volunteer completing the practical session, then they can no longer act as the first aider. They can access the practical session at a later date as the virtual part is valid for 3 years.

The 1st Response course should be marked on GO as 'In Progress' once the virtual training has been attended and marked as 'Complete' once a trainer has approved this through a face-to-face skills check session. The 'completed on' date in GO should be the date you attended the main 6-hour training session or the date you attended the third of the three 2-hour sessions, or the date of the refresher. Your 1st Response training will expire three years from this date, not from the date you complete the practical skills session.

**This will not apply for those who have never completed first aid training or for residential events.**

## Going Away With

Are you interested in completing your Going Away With qualification? Please can you let me know if you are thinking of completing this qualification in the near future, A training can be arranged for those who are interested.

## County Training Day 2022

Date and venue to be confirmed but the day will take the format of section training in the morning followed by more tailored training in the afternoon. For the afternoon training I would like to know if there is anything you feel you need training in, for example, accounts and gift aid, GO training, safe space level 1/2 or ALQ training. If there are any parts of the new programme you would like including in the section training please let me know.

Save the date for County training at Waddow 9-11th September 2022

Karen Lee, Training and Events Coordinator

## Trefoil

We were able to hold our County Annual Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Hall in Stockton after having to cancel in March 2020. More than 40 members enjoyed a 3 course meal and lots of chat as we caught up on all that had happened in the last 18 months. We were pleased that Val Cullen could join us and present some long service awards including 60 years to Denise Williams and Margaret Burniston, and 40 years to Christine Brooks.

We held an exec meeting to plan the next couple of years for Trefoil Guild in the County and that will include celebrating 80 years of Trefoil Guild. There were lots of good ideas that now need more detailed planning.

All Guilds have returned to face to face meetings and have enjoyed a number of different speakers and shared food together. As we come towards Christmas many more meals are planned, let's hope they are able to be enjoyed.

Hope everyone enjoys their Christmas celebrations.

Sue Thompson  
Cleveland County Trefoil Guild Chair

## County Vacancies

On the county team we currently have vacancies for the following roles, to compliment the current county team, should any of these be of interest to you, please let the county office know and we can arrange a chat with you:

- Outdoor Advisor
- International Advisor
- Fundraising Advisor
- Disability Advisor
- Adult Leadership Co-ordinator & Verifier
- Mentors
- Trainers – for Programme, Safe Space and First Response

## Training & Events

Application forms can be downloaded from our website

[www.girlguiding-cleveland.co.uk](http://www.girlguiding-cleveland.co.uk)

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Response Training

<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Thornaby Salvation Army Hall
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15 For 14-18 year olds completing Lead Away or Adult Leadership Qualifications	Marske Guide HQ
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	The Avenue Primary School Nunthorpe
<b>Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.</b>		

### 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/5c1b88888f2971c5fe4d881>

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.



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