



County Commissioner's Report

Hello Everyone,

I hope you have all enjoyed getting back to some normality as we feel more comfortable in larger gatherings, and are having lots of fun celebrating Platinum Jubilee activities. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Cleveland Annual Review at the end of April and I know a lot of our members have been to Sangam and met Sister Lucy and have seen first-hand the amazing work that she does, and the talk by Friends of Maher was very well received. Congratulations to all our volunteers who received long service awards – 1170 years in total - what an achievement! I gave thanks to Judith Smith our outgoing county president the following morning as well as presenting Fran Rabone our new county president with a floral arrangement, before heading off to Egton to celebrate the life of Wendy Farmer with Trefoil members.

This will be my final report as your county commissioner and what a five-year tenure it has been. I have learnt so much from you all, made lots more Guiding friends, and it has been wonderful to meet so many of you. Many volunteers have asked what I will take from my term of office and seeing the true resilience of Cleveland during such a turbulent time, and the difference we have all made to our younger members has been the highlight. I have been invited to so many events and you are all a real credit to Cleveland, and I have been privileged and honoured to represent you all.

Nicola Cox has been an asset to both myself and the county in her role as assistant county commissioner and as Nicola becomes your new county commissioner, along with Lucy Bowden, as her assistant, I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best in their new roles come the summer break.

Best wishes

Val Cullen
County Commissioner

County Commissioner Handover

Please accept this invitation to a ceilidh on Saturday 16th July 2022 to mark the handover of the county commissioner role to Nicola and the assistant county commissioner role to Lucy. This will take place in St Mary's Church Hall, Nunthorpe at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend, please see the attached flyer for further details. We hope you will be able to join us.

GO Update

As you will have been informed by HQ, GO is now available and running as expected. We appreciate it has been a challenging time, and thank you all for your patience whilst the recent update which caused the issues was rectified.

County Vacancy

As we move into a new team, Hazel Moore has completed her second term as Leadership Coordinator. I really want to thank her for all her support and encouragement in helping our volunteers gain their leadership.

We are now looking for a replacement - This is an ideal time and opportunity for someone to take on this role as it is going electronic and will be linking in with the new learning platform.

In the mean time I will continue Hazel's great work until a replacement is found.

Nicola

Jubilee Beacon



I want to offer my thanks to 8th Redcar Guides who stepped up a few weeks ago to become the final beacon to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. There has been some upset that this was not an open event, and the reason for this being that there would have been no known attendance which would have affected the need for local authorities to be further involved, and at such short notice, this would have been difficult from a logistics point of view.



Communications & PR

Now that units are getting out and about again, please send me photos of your activities and experiences to include on our website or open Facebook page. Let us let everyone know that Girlguiding Cleveland is back in business after covid! Please ensure you have the relevant photo permission. Thank you.

Please send to Christine Brooks: cbrooksowl@gmail.com



County Campsite

Bookings now being taken. For more information or to book the site contact

tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk



Training

First Response Training Dates

Saturday 25th June Marske Guide House 10-4

Saturday 29th October 10-4 - venue to be confirmed

Sunday 25th September 10-4 - venue to be confirmed

Saturday 19th November 10-4 - venue to be confirmed

Please remember you will need to complete the online training that can be found on the learning platform. This would be best done just before you attend the face to face training, that way your first aid can be added to your record without delay. Failure to complete all parts will result in your training not being valid.

Safe Space Training

Levels 1 and 2 are available on the learning platform, please check when you are due to renew.

Level 3 is still available via Girlguiding NEE on Zoom. If anyone would prefer a face to face training for any level please let me know. I will need as much notice as possible as we need at least 8 to have face to face training.

Please consider every leader in your unit, who is able, completing level 3 safe space. You never know which leader a girl may choose to confide in and being prepared is always a good thing.

Updated information from latest Making Guiding happen email

Do you have a Rainbow/Brownie helper, a young external volunteer aged 13 or a Guide doing her camp permit? There are now activity sheets for them to do. The activities are called 'creating safe spaces together' and will provide them with the skills they need to think about their role, be safe, understand risks and what to do if they're concerned. This replaces the need for those doing their camp permit and young external volunteers to do their A Safe Space training.

In 2021, we reviewed A Safe Space Level 3 and updated the content to include other topics, including safety and risk management. Whilst this was taking place, we stopped accepting new applications for Recognised Prior Learning for volunteers whose day-to-day jobs included safeguarding. After consultation with volunteers, Recognised Prior Learning is no longer available as it's important that all volunteers needing A Safe Space Level 3 have the same training. If you already have a current approved RPL, you won't be affected until your A Safe Space Level 3 is up for renewal.

County training weekend at Waddow 9th -11th September

A weekend of fun, friendship and training set in beautiful surroundings. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow leaders from around the county. If you have any questions please ask. Having trouble getting to Waddow? We might be able to put you in touch with another leader who could offer you a lift. Please send your application form in as soon as possible.

There are also grants available for anyone who may need financial support to attend Waddow. Please contact girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com for an application form or further information.

Karen Lee, Training and Events Coordinator

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

Saturday 25th June 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Marske Guide HQ
Sunday 25th September 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Venue TBC
Saturday 29th October 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Venue TBC
Saturday 19th November 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Venue TBC

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.

Forthcoming Trainings and Events

Saturday 16th July 7.30pm	County Commissioner Handover	St Mary's Church Hall, Nunthorpe
Friday 9th – Sunday 11th September	Waddow Training Weekend	Waddow Hall, Clitheroe