



County Commissioner's Report

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first G Mail as County Commissioner and Assistant County Commissioner. We would firstly like to thank everyone for your warm words of support and encouragement – it is really appreciated.

It has been a whirlwind start to our appointments and it wouldn't have gone as smooth as it did without Val's help and support – we really do have big shoes to fill.

To start our journey off was the handover in July with Christine Keynon from Region office coming along to complete the process and it was lovely to see the County Standard out and standing proud. This was followed by a ceilidh in which we danced our socks off and had a great time.

At the beginning of the month we had a great time at Waddow doing the fun fair challenge, catching up with everyone and looking at things we would like to do in the county and how we can put some ideas in place, this has certainly given us food for thought.

We have also attended our first Trefoil get together in Guisborough to celebrate their Trefoil unit turning 50 and to listen to a gentlemen talk about the Queen and her life. Lots of fun was had including lovely buffet and cake.

This week sees our first County Exec in which we will discuss plans for the county including up and coming events and what is happening at a Region level. This will then be communicated down to you all through division meetings which myself and Lucy will hopefully attend to get to see you and listen to your ideas.

One of the areas we are keen to improve is the communication within the county. We are looking for some volunteers to create a task and finish group to look at how this can be improved and whether what we currently do works. If you are interested in coming to join us, please can you let Judith in the office know by the end of October.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Nicola & Lucy

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Current Membership

Cleveland County	
Rainbows	483
Brownies	980
Guides	550
Rangers	72
	2085
Volunteers	493
	493

County Vacancies

- County Treasurer – full training will be provided.
- Leadership Coordinator – as mentioned in June's G Mail, an opportunity to take on the role as training moves to the learning platform.
- Task and Finish group to look at communication within the county – first meeting to take place in November.

If you feel you may be interested, or would like more information on any of the roles above, please contact Nicola Cox.

Egton

At the last County Exec meeting we agreed that we need to increase the cost of hire of the house and cottage for all users by £10 per night. This will commence on 1 January 2023 but I'm sure you will agree that it is still a very reasonable price for the hire of such lovely premises.

For bookings contact girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com

Judith Hathaway

Training

There are 2 more first responses left for this year, Saturday 29th October in Marske and Saturday 19th November in Thornaby. Please check if you are due to renew your first aid and that at least 2 or more leaders in your unit have a current first response qualification. More dates will follow for next year.

Safe space 1 and 2 should be completed via your learning platform. Level 3 is still available via NEE. If anyone would like to complete any of the levels face to face please can you let me know. I need as much notice as possible, so please do not leave it until it is about to expire. A session for YL is to be arranged.

Have you thought about being a mentor? The adult leadership qualification is going online and mentors will be required. A training for current and prospective (come along see what it's about with no commitment) mentors is to be organised for this term. Watch out for date and venue.

Forthcoming trainings on the programme will be available soon. These will be suitable for those doing leadership qualification and leaders who want to refresh their knowledge of the programme.

Karen Lee
Training and Events Coordinator

Trefoil

Guilds have begun to meet again after the summer break, each Guild will have marked the passing of the Queen in their own way, as they marked the jubilee earlier in the year.

Guisborough Guild celebrated their own Golden Jubilee with an open evening and combined it with a tribute to the Queen with our speaker Ged Kirkbride. It was good to celebrate with friends from around the county and to enjoy a special cake and food prepared by members.

At the beginning of July some County members travelled to Boston Spa to a 'Right Royal Day Out' organised by NEE. We were able to make a number of crafts with a royal theme and take part in more energetic activities such as Tai Chi and croquet. The end of the day saw us share afternoon tea together.

Our own AGM was held in Saltburn and Val Cullen joined us for the NEE AGM in Leeds.

Four of our members have just returned from a NEE organised visit to Lorne in Northern Ireland and had a super time, despite their programme having to be altered at the last minute when The King visited Belfast on the day they were due to visit! Two members joined Cleveland Leaders at their Waddow training and enjoyed a relaxing weekend visiting the area round Waddow.

We are now looking forward to continuing with County events, starting with a tree planting for the Queen's canopy at Danby camp site, followed by our Friendship Day with a vegetarian cookery demonstration followed by a shared meal. To round off the year we are having a sing a long coffee and carols.

Trefoil Guilds are always pleased to welcome new members – you don't have to have been in Guiding. We especially welcome members who are current leaders or helpers.

Lots to look forward to and memories to keep!

Sue Thompson
County Chair



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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.



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 29th October
10am-4pm

1st Response Training - £15

Marske Guide HQ

Saturday 19th November
10am-4pm

1st Response Training - £15

Thornaby Salvation Army Hall

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

[A Safe Space Level 3 – October 2022 – Girlguiding North East England](#)

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.