

## County Commissioner's Report

It doesn't seem very long since our last mailing, yet a lot has happened!

Nicola and myself have been out and about around the county presenting section awards to our younger members, enrolling both young members and adult leaders, and presenting some of those much awaiting long service awards to the units we have been to visit! It has been impossible to get around to every unit and you are all very welcome to the Annual Review on April 29<sup>th</sup> when the remainder of the presentations will be made, and we will keep visiting for those due an award who cannot attend!

Cleveland has been shouting loud and been noticed at region level too, as we are privileged to have four of our young members selected at region level for events. Off to ICE in Edinburgh this summer are Charlotte Boagey (Hartlepool), Eliana Mirow (South Langbaugh) and Evie Oakley (Tees West). We also have Khushee Assundani (Tees West) on the reserves list. Even further afield and off to the World Scout Jamboree 2023 in South Korea is Scarlett O'Neill (Tees West). Congratulations to them all and I am sure you will all support with their fundraising.

Are you coming to Waddow?? Forms are now being accepted and deposits being taken.



Subscriptions have closed and we have achieved 100% payment!

Don't forget to print off your unit "Paid in Full" invoice



Well Done everyone and thank you for all you continue to do! Please take time to enjoy the Easter break.

Val & Nicola

### Invitation to the Annual Review of 2021 and Awards Evening

Please accept this invitation to the Girlguiding Cleveland Annual Review and Awards Evening which is to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in St Mary's Church Hall, Nunthorpe. This is a special event to recap on 2021 and recognise long service. After the meeting chaired by our County President, Judith Smith, there will be a speaker from Friends of Maher, a pie & pea supper and quiz.

Further details can be found on the attached invitation and form.

## County GO Membership Update

Hello everyone, hopefully by now most units will be meeting face to face and returning to a 'new normal'. I have been keeping an eye on our county numbers, regarding girls who wish to be a member of Girlguiding, over the past few months and our numbers are increasing across the board. Unfortunately, it appears that many of these enquiries are going unanswered.

The County as a whole has 154 enquiries waiting to be answered, both Existing Submitted and New Submitted - here is a breakdown.

Division	Existing Submitted	New Submitted
Billingham	5	20
Hartlepool	1	1
Stockton	2	18
North Langbaugh	3	8
South Langbaugh	11	12
Tees West	30	42
<b>Totals</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>102</b>

Please would all unit leaders check their lists regularly and contact the parent / carer as soon as possible.

Following the first attempt at contact, please make a note on the girl's record then move enquiry to 'Contacted'. If after trying two or three different methods of contact there is no reply, please delete the enquiry. The parent will receive an email telling them that their enquiry has been removed from the system and if they wish to re-join to reregister!!

Some of the enquiries have been on the system for 2 years or more!!! Please delete as appropriate. Some have start dates next to their names, please move to the 'Waiting List'.

**The Enquiry box should always be empty.**

If anyone requires any help. Please feel free to contact me.

Susan Pearson  
County Enquiry Co-Ordinator

*County Badge Shop orders and Egton Booking requests should now be sent*

*via the county office.*

*Please email [girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com](mailto:girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com)*

*Many thanks to Margaret & Tricia for all their years of service in these roles.*

## Training

Thank you to those who have completed your first response training. It is good Guiding practice to have at least 2 leaders per unit with a first aid qualification. The next first response sessions are Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May in Nunthorpe and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June in Marske.

Please remember you also need to complete the online first response which you will find on the new learning platform, for which you should have received an email with instructions on how to create your account. This online part is required as the syllabus for the first response covers both Guiding and Scouting. It covers planning and preparation (what you need to know about being a 1st aider in Girlguiding), responding to an accident, incident, injury or emergency and what happens after an accident, incident or emergency. It should take approximately 15 minutes to complete, please remember to open or click on everything or it may not show you have passed it when you have completed the e learning. The little box on the right will be ticked, if this is not happening, then go back into the e-learning and make sure every section is 100% complete. Your first aid course is not valid until both parts have been completed.

Safe space – level 1 and 2 can be found on the learning platform with level 3 still being provided by region. Again, it is good Guiding practice to have more than 1 leader per unit with level 3 safe space, why not complete yours soon. If anyone would rather have a face-to-face training please speak with your commissioner or email me, a minimum of 8 is required for the training to take part.

County training day is Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May in The King's Academy Coulby Newham with section training on the morning and challenging behaviour, accounts and gift aid and GO training on the afternoon.

Karen Lee  
Training and Events Coordinator

## A Safe Space Level 1 – Face-to-Face Training

Trefoil Guild are holding a Safe Space level 1 training session on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-3.30pm, at Marton Methodist Church. They are opening this training to any leaders who would like to attend a face-to-face session, rather than completing the e-learning online.

The cost for the training is £5. Cheques should be made payable to Cleveland Trefoil Guild.

If you would like to attend, please contact Hazel Moore [hazel.moore1954@outlook.com](mailto:hazel.moore1954@outlook.com)

## Are you joining us at Waddow in September?

If you would like to attend, the cost has been again subsidised by county and will be £50 for the full weekend. It is a training weekend, but is an ideal place for sharing ideas, networking, having an adult weekend without the girls and it is lots of fun. If you have never been before, have a chat with your commissioner, Karen Lee our Training Co-Ordinator, or with Val or Nicola and they can advise on what to expect. You do need to travel there yourself, but the county office can help with arrangements. See booking form attached.

## Trefoil

Trefoil Guilds are back into the routine of their monthly meetings with a variety of speakers and activities on offer. Most Guilds hold their annual meetings at the beginning of the year and I have been pleased to attend and meet new members and renew friendships having missed all for the past 2 years!

County Trefoil has started to meet up again with several activities on offer. This year we have put together a green challenge, which will link into a North East England Challenge later in the year. As part of this we had an afternoon at Redcar where we made blankets from crisp packets, we managed to complete 2 blankets and several more just needed the coverings on. As each blanket took 90 crisp packets that was an awful lot of packets which didn't go to landfill but benefited the refugees from the Ukraine. Most Guilds attended the afternoon so I am sure they would help any units who would like to try to make their own blankets, or sitters.

We have also held the first in a series of memory afternoons when Ann Jewett has shared some of the County archives with us and we have shared some of our memories with each other, hopefully this will lead to our archives being stored in an accessible format in the future.

We now look forward to our own annual meeting at Saltburn in May and the North East England meeting in Leeds at the end of this month as well as an activity day in July to celebrate the Queens Jubilee.

Guilds always welcome current leaders to join them as a member or just a guest, find our meeting places and contacts on the county website.

Sue Thompson  
Cleveland County Trefoil Guild Chair

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>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>10am-4pm</b>	1st Response Training - £15	The Avenue Primary School Nunthorpe
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>10am-4pm</b>	1st Response Training - £15	Marske Guide HQ
<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. 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

<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	County Annual Review & Thanks Evening	St Mary's Church Hall, Nunthorpe
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	County Training Day	The King's Academy, Coulby Newham
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Waddow Training Weekend	Waddow Hall, Clitheroe



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