



County Commissioner's Report

Hello all,

Hope you all managed to get a Guiding break over the Christmas and New Year.

Going into 2023 has been non-stop, I started the year with a weekend with the region team and all the other county commissioners. This was an ideal chance for me to get to know others and learn from experienced commissioners who have been doing the role a while and pick up best practices and the chance to discuss a variety of things.

January saw the start-up of the task and finish group on communication, which is going really well with lots of fantastic ideas to work with. The aim of this group is to look at the information we provide in G Mail and we are looking to upgrade our website. There are plenty of spaces if you want to join us (speak to your commissioner).

We love going out and about meeting you all and listening to your guiding stories. I was delighted to be invited to the Billingham AGM and we both attended the Hartlepool AGM, with the County Standard standing proud, to welcome Helen Richardson as the new division commissioner with Rachel Cornelius who will assist Helen. Congratulations to you both.

I was lucky to be invited to afternoon tea to celebrate Sue Thompson's 50 years in Guiding along with her unit and members of the Trefoil. There was a huge surprise as Christine from region office came to present Sue with a well-deserved Chief Commissioner Award. A total surprise to all.

In January, the division commissioners and I got together to put down some dates and filled our calendar with many exciting adventures to come..... so watch this space!

With Thinking Day in a few weeks, it is always nice to get together within your divisions and have fun and I hope you enjoy these events as much as the girls do.

I hope on Thinking Day you get the chance to have 5 minutes to think and reflect about all our Guiding friends and what an amazing job each and every one of you do.

Happy Thinking Day and a huge thank you.

Nicola

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Current Membership

Rainbows	460
Brownies	931
Guides	521
Rangers	69
	1981
Volunteers	472

Save the Date!

23-24 September 2023





Subscriptions 2023

- Tuesday 24 January, midday** Trial invoices were ready to download and check. Any changes to GO will be shown on the trial invoice the following day.
- Monday 20 February, 7pm** No more changes can be made to trial invoices.
- Tuesday 21 February, midday** Official payable invoices will be available to download.
- Friday 17 March** A reminder email will be sent to the main contact of any level that hasn't yet paid their official invoice.
- Friday 31 March, midday** All subscription payments must be received in full.

Further information and support can be found on the Girlguiding UK website [Paying your subscriptions | Girlguiding](#) or by contacting your commissioner.



Region Peer Education Training Weekend 3rd – 5th March

Whiteley Woods Outdoor Activity Centre, Sheffield

For more information please see the North East England website [Peer Education Training Weekend – 3-5 March 2023 – Girlguiding North East England](#)



Girlguiding Cleveland

Annual Review

and Awards evening

- further details to follow

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Just a reminder that there is no bedding in the house or cottage now so please remember to take it with you. If you do move the chairs, tables, mattresses around please put them back again before you leave so new guests don't have to do it.

For enquiries on availability of the house or cottage please email girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com.

Thank you



Cleveland County Trefoil Guild

2023 ended with three events for County Guilds. In October we planted some trees at Danby camp site on a beautiful autumn day and then enjoyed toasting marshmallows round a camp fire. The end of the month saw us enjoying a vegan cookery demonstration and then sharing a vegetarian meal together, all as part of our 2022 go green challenge. We rounded off the year with carols and coffee and enjoyed a sing song to get us in the Christmas spirit.

2023 looks to be a busy year as Trefoil Guild celebrates its 80th birthday with some members travelling to Glasgow for the National AGM and Newcastle for the NEE AGM. A day at Newby Hall is the big celebration for all NEE members and locally we are arranging a meal for Cleveland members. We will also celebrate the Coronation of King Charles in May with afternoon tea.

Please remember your local Trefoil Guild if you are planning District or Division events, we will be only too willing to help where we can.

Sue Thompson
County Chair



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

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.



OUR REFRESHED BRAND IS ALMOST HERE!

The launch date

The refreshed brand will be unveiled to the wider world on Wednesday, 8 March, which is also International Women's Day!

Members will get a sneak peek of the refreshed brand in an email on Tuesday, 7 March so you can see it before it's shown to the rest of the world.

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

Mentor Training

Thursday 9th March 7.30pm-9.30pm	Leader Development Programme mentor training – for current mentors and those interested in becoming a mentor	Thornaby Salvation Army Hall
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1st Response Training

Saturday 25th March 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Thornaby Salvation Army Hall
Saturday 29th April 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Marske Guide HQ
Sunday 25th June 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	The Avenue Primary School Nunthorpe
Sunday 24th September 10am-4pm	1st Response Training - £15	Hartlepool Scout Centre
Saturday 18th 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 – February 2023 – Girlguiding North East England](#)

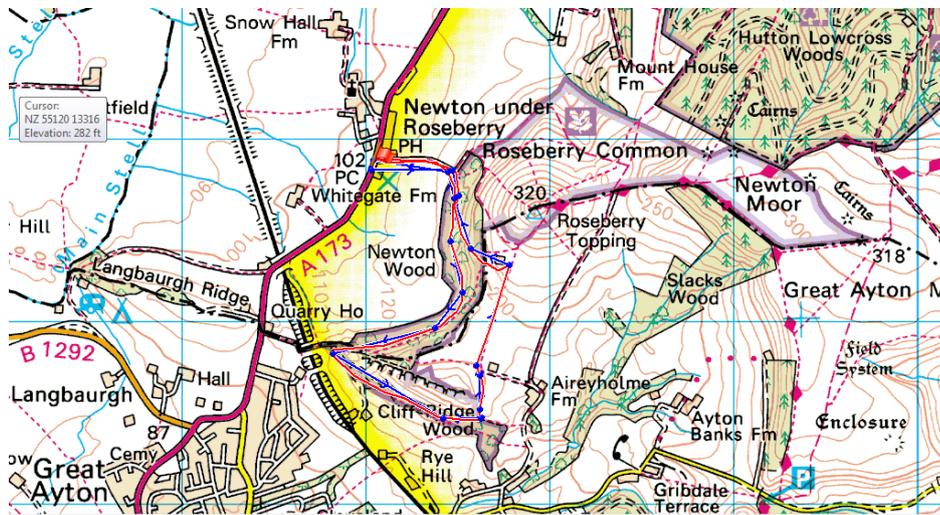
The Prior Learning Exemption for Level 3 has now been suspended. Any leaders who have used this method in the past are now invited to complete the Girlguiding Level 3 course when they are due for renewal.

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.

Bluebell Walk

There are lots of short local walks that can be done in an evening. This is a walk to look at bluebells and other spring flowers. Meet at Newton under Roseberry car park (grid ref 570 128) marked by flag on map below. The walk will be a maximum distance of 3 miles with some climbing. Depending on the weather, it could be muddy, so hiking boots or walking shoes would be best. The walk will be open to all guiders.

Thursday 18th May 2023 6.45pm



Can you let me know by Monday 15th May if you are going to attend.

Joyce Clarke

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Girlguiding Walking Courses 2023



Saturday 21 - Friday 27 October 2023
Almond Lodge, Helvellyn, Lake District

Are you interested in attending a Walking Scheme training course to extend your existing walking skills?
Have you previously completed a training course and are now ready for assessment?

These courses will further develop your skills so that you can lead fun walking activities in more remote areas, that will build girls and young women's confidence, as well as giving them time out in the open air to think and re-charge. Our courses are open to all Girlguiding members aged 18 and over, who have the relevant walking experience. Bursaries to cover 50% of the course fee or 50% of travel costs will be available for those who will use the qualification to take young members into the hills.

You can find out more about the Walking Scheme here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/learning-and-development/leading-outdoor-adventures/walking-scheme/>

Girlguiding Walking Scheme Level 3 Training

If you are already qualified at Level 2 with further mountain walking experience, this course is a natural next step. However, you do not have to have completed Level 2 to do Level 3 if you already have enough relevant experience.

Girlguiding Walking Scheme Level 3 Assessment

You must have completed a Girlguiding Level 3 training course or Mountain Leader Award Training course or gained exemption from training. Your logbook must have 20 quality hill walking days in remote and extreme country.

Mountain Training Hill and Moorland Leader (HML) Assessment

is also open to those with 40 logged quality hill walking days, who have completed HML training or ML training or gained MT exemption from training. This course may be completed on its own (30 hours) or in addition to the Level 3 assessment included in the same overall fee.

Mountain Training Mountain Leader Award (ML) Training

This course is for those with experience in remote and extreme country who have logged at least 20 quality mountain days.

Mountain Training Mountain Leader Award (ML) Assessment

This course is for those who have completed Mountain Leader training or have had exemption from such training from MT, and who have logged at least 40 quality mountain days.

Expression of Interest

If you are interested in attending any of these courses, please email us at walking@girlguiding.org.uk to express your interest and tell us which course you are interested in.

Watch out for information about how to book in March.

Mountain Training Hill and Moorland Leader (HML) Training

We may also be able to run a 3 day HML Training course earlier in the year for those with experience in hill and moorland terrain who have logged at least 20 quality Hillwalking days. If you would be interested in this, please email us at walking@girlguiding.org.uk to tell us.

