



Hi Everyone

This will be the last time I write at the start of G Mail as, I'm sure you know, Val Cullen from Hartlepool has agreed to take over as Cleveland County Commissioner at the end of July. I do hope as many of you as can will join us for the handover on 21 July, venue to be arranged. Fran and I would like to thank you for your support over the last couple of years and to those who volunteered to take on jobs, whether short term or long, you have all contributed to joining the team which keeps our county running in 'tip top condition'. I am sure you will continue to support Val and, for those of you who haven't joined the county team, please take a minute to think how you can get involved and help Cleveland to go from strength to strength.

Happy guiding to you all
Fran and Judith

Waddow

Many thanks to all of you who have applied to come along to the training weekend at Waddow in October. It's lovely to see lots of "first-timers" from around the county and I am looking forward to meeting you all, along with Judith Smith our County President, who is also coming along to get to know everyone too. We have almost a full house and there are only a handful of spaces left, so if you still need to pay your deposit, please do so as soon as possible! If anyone needs any further information, please ask.

Val Cullen vecullen@yahoo.co.uk

Website

<https://www.girlguiding-cleveland.co.uk/>

I am sure you are all doing exciting activities with your girls this summer term. Let us shout out about them to everyone by publicising them on our website! Please send your photos (make sure you have permission for website use) and news to Christine Brooks christine@barwickaccounting.co.uk

Administrator required!

Girlguiding Cleveland is looking for a part time paid administrator. 32 hours per month, working from home, flexible/term time only, starting salary £8 per hour. Good IT skills required. Training will be given on guiding programmes. Able to co-ordinate events/meetings.

Closing date for applications 18 June.

Apply by email or for further information to guidingcleveland@mail.com

<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.lee7@sky.com.



Egton

The cottage lounge has had a makeover, thank you Hartlepool Division, and a new shower is to be fitted in the upstairs bathroom. We haven't had a cleaning week this year, but thank you to all divisions who have taken it upon themselves to clean and spruce up their rooms. Please continue to take your units for holidays, and don't forget the cottage is a wonderful place to stay if you fancy a weekend away with your family.

Judith Hathaway jayemach@yahoo.co.uk.

Danby

There are still spare weekends at our campsite.

The site is fully equipped – you just need to take your food (and the Guides!).

To book or arrange a visit, please get in touch with sue.sotheran@gmail.com

Please note: Tick Warning

If you are taking your Unit out in the area of the Yorkshire Moors, please be aware that there are an unusually high number of ticks this year.

Outdoors

Signatures on Info/Consent and Health Forms

Via Region, CHQ have informed us that a typed-in signature on these forms is now acceptable in combination with it being sent from the parent's email address. Because it is coming from the parent's email, a secure source, we can accept this as consent. This also creates a paper trail which could then be tracked if there were to be any issues. CHQ have said, that it is in our best interest to make it as easy as possible for parents to send in the necessary paperwork, while maintaining security and safeguarding.

When using any of the Girlguiding forms, please remember to open them with Adobe Acrobat. You can type your information into the text boxes, then save the form. This also applies to signatures.

Flamingo Fling

If you and your Unit are staying over at the Region event in September, please let Helen know. It would be good for everyone from Cleveland to get together at some point during the Saturday evening.

Helen Hill (hillhelen@ntlworld.com) and Sue Wallis (sue.wallis989@gmail.com)

PR

Thank you to everyone who joined our team to prepare the Race for Life goody bags. What excellent teams we form at times like this!

We have seven volunteers interested in managing a stall at the Cleveland Show on 22nd July. There is still time to volunteer and little activities to attract children to the stall while we speak to adults about volunteering would be welcome. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Mary Lee marylee4@hotmail.co.uk

Trefoil

Doesn't time fly? It is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year already. The one outstanding issue regarding Trefoil is that, as yet, we don't have anyone to take over as County Chair. My last York meeting looms ahead in early June and I would dearly love to be able to take my successor with me by way of introduction to the rest of the committee, so if you would like to take on the role, or know someone who would, please get in touch. My term of office doesn't finish until the end of October so I will be available to support the new appointee if required.

It was a pleasure to present 1st Marske Rainbows with their Starter Pack on 16th May and to see the new group's enthusiasm. They all looked very smart in their new uniforms.

Our traditional Friendship afternoon has been booked in for October 19th from 2p m onwards and I am sure we will all enjoy it as usual. Maybe we could make it the date when I officially hand over to my successor?

Speaking of successors, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Val Cullen on her appointment as County Commissioner and wish her all the best in her new role.

As summer progresses, Guilds are looking forward to their traditional activities and many will be involved with Guide and Brownie Unit camps and holidays.

The NEE AGM was well attended by Cleveland at the beautiful Kings Hall in Ilkley. Many thanks to Janet for organising the transport and to North Yorkshire who joined us, so helping with the cost.

Four of us from Cleveland joined the NEE trip to Belgium and thoroughly enjoyed it. It was extremely well organised, we were blessed with good weather and a smooth ferry crossing and, of course, consumed far too much food and chocolate! Thanks to Margaret Lazenby for organising our rail travel to Hull to join the ferry.

Katie Bosworth, County Chair Trefoil

Application forms can be downloaded from our website

www.girlguiding-cleveland.org.uk

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

First Response Training

Saturday 1 July	First Response Refresher - £10 10am-12 noon	Thornaby Salvation Army Hall
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Saturday 15 July	First Response Full Day Course - £15 10am-4pm	Thornaby Salvation Army Hall
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**Suitable for those new to leadership or for the renewal of qualifications.
Please bring a packed lunch. Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.**

**Applications for trainings should be sent to Val Cullen, 112 Whin Meadows, Victoria Gardens,
Hartlepool, TS24 9NX. vecullen@yahoo.co.uk
Cheques should be made payable to Cleveland County Guide Association
Application forms are available on the County website**

Forthcoming Trainings and Events

Saturday 17th June 1 – 4 pm	Rainbow Fairy Fest Overfields School, Daisy Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS7 9JF	Rainbows
24th - 25th June	BP Event - £30 A Walk on the Wild Side, Egton	Guides
Saturday 8 July 9:30am - 12:30pm	Safe Space Training - £5 Nunthorpe Institute	Leaders
Friday 21 July	County Commissioner Handover Venue TBC	
29th July – 5th August	Poacher 2017 Lincolnshire Showground	Guides/ SS/ Leaders
6th-8th October	Waddow	Leaders

Booking Process for Training Courses

On all future trainings, including First Response, your reserved placed will not be confirmed until advance payment has been received. This will help to ensure that courses are run effectively and will prevent courses being run half full when people are waiting on a reserve list for the opportunity to attend.

Val Cullen