



County Commissioners Report

Hi Everyone

It's been lovely to get out and about since our last GMail and meet some of you and I hope to meet some more of you at our Annual Review and Awards Evening on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Middlesbrough Football Club. The evening will share what the county has been up to during 2017 as well as a performance by our very own Wellies & Wristbands Talent Show winner, Lucy Wright!

Let's not forget that Census is upon us. Please try and get your payments in the post as soon as possible and hopefully Cleveland can be the first county to complete this year!!

Val Cullen – 01429 862850 – 07984027708

GO Update

GO has now been up and running for the past 6 months, everyone who should have access should have logged onto the system. If you still haven't managed please contact Membership Services on 0800 999 2016.

Subscription 2018 Trial Invoices

These are now available and any changes that are needed must be made **before midnight on Monday 19th February**. After this time, you will be unable to amend your invoice and you will be billed accordingly! If you have any queries, please speak to your Commissioner or County GO Team. Please be aware that any changes do sometimes take time to complete, so please check and amend early. When checking your active members payable to your unit use the Trial Invoice not your unit's profile page as these numbers are incorrect.

In the Help section on GO there are 2 new files 'Preparing for the Annual Subscription' and 'Ready for the Start of Term (and just after it)' which are both well worth a look.

New GO enquiries

A plea, please remember to contact all new enquiries within the 21 day timescale. Once contact has been made, mark as contacted (without waiting for a reply) and add a note however small.

Lesley, Susan, Tina & Hazel



<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.



Adult Leadership Qualification

Leaders and Assistant Leaders

Please will all Leaders and Assistant Leaders check their Go records to ensure that their Leadership Qualification information has transferred across correctly from the old to the new system. If there are any discrepancies, please let me know.

Leaders and Young Leaders In Training

The current Adult Leadership Qualification is under review. When the review is complete it may be that changes will be made to the Qualification. It would therefore seem sensible to try and get your Qualification completed as soon as possible. If you are experiencing problems in getting your modules signed off please let me know. If you are no longer working towards the Qualification but still have the role of Leader in Training please let me know.

Thank you for your help.

Hazel Moore (hazel.moore1954@outlook.com)

County Leadership Coordinator and Verifier

Trefoil

Annual Meetings are the next official activity on our agenda as Guilds return following the Christmas break. Just a gentle reminder to all officers that terms of office should be no longer than 3 years and that all accounts are to be presented at AMs having been audited prior to the meeting.

I would also like to remind Guilds that the Cleveland County AM will take a different format this year in that the meeting will be held following the Executive Committee meeting on 19th March at 2 p.m. at Marton Methodist Church Hall. Following the meeting Fran Rabone will deliver Level 1 of the new Safe Space Training, which everyone who is an occasional helper is expected to complete. This can be completed on-line, but in recognition that some of our members do not have access to this, it was felt that the opportunity to attend should be made available to all. Refreshments will be provided.

The NEE AM is to be held at the Gala Theatre Durham on Saturday April 14th at 2 p.m. If you haven't done so already could you please let Janet Jameson have your tea payment (£6) & numbers or none as a matter of urgency.

Census looms large on our agenda. Each Guild should have received a trial invoice so please check this asap. On completing your invoice please send a copy to Janet.

Watch this space for further announcements re 75th Trefoil Celebrations. Our celebratory event will be Sunday lunch at Wynyard Hall on Sunday 10th June. There will be a speaker from the Historical Society. The cost is £20. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Finally we still need to appoint a new Chair, Secretary & Treasurer for Cleveland County. Please think about this extremely important matter.

Katie Bosworth

County Chair - Cleveland Trefoil Guild

Baden-Powell Challenge Award

The Baden-Powell Challenge award for Guides is based on the current programme framework. The new Section Gold awards will be the top award of each section in the new programme. This means that the Baden-Powell Challenge award will be retired along with the current programme at the beginning of the 2019 academic year.

If a young member has started her Baden-Powell Challenge award already, she'll need to complete it before we transition to the new programme completely at the beginning of the 2019 academic year. That means, if you have a young woman in your unit who'd like to complete the award, we'd recommend that she starts before the end of February so that she has enough time to complete it.

So that I can update our record of girls working towards the Baden-Powell Challenge award I would appreciate your help. Please can you send me a list of any Guides in your unit working towards the award including the date they started and estimated finish date? We can then plan for BP adventures, badges and certificates.

tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh

I have had a few new enquires for the award and the girls are now working towards the award. Thank you to their leaders for helping them with this. For those girls who are already working towards the award and have completed their training; there will be a practice Expedition 20th-22nd July (need to apply by the 24th May, cost: £30-£40 depending on award level). The qualifier is then 30th August - 1st September, depending on award level (need to apply by 28th June, cost £30-£70 depending on award level). All information can be found at

<http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/>

If you know anyone who wishes to start the award please do not hesitate to contact myself via

nina_ash90@yahoo.co.uk.

Outdoors

Going Away With your Unit – It was great to see leaders at our recent trainings, who are planning on gaining their Going Away With qualification later this year. If you are planning a walk on your residential event and you are unsure of the type of countryside it is classed as (i.e. whether one of the adults needs to have a Walking qualification), please get in touch with our County Walking Advisor (Joyce Clarke – joyceclarke@aol.com). An out and about level one training has been arranged for 26th February 2018. Please see flyer for further details.

Save the Date – Sunday 3rd June – Middlesbrough Race for Life - Girlguiding Cleveland will be volunteering at this event, as well as having a recruitment stand. We need a small group to co-ordinate our Girlguiding volunteers. If you are interested, then please get in touch with Helen Hill. Maybe a good opportunity to get part of your Leadership Qualification signed off?

Look out for details of other County activities being planned to this year.

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

Egton

We are having a cleaning day at Egton on SATURDAY 2 MARCH. I hope some of you will be able to join us and get the house and cottage 'Sparkling' for the summer. If you don't fancy using a mop or duster there are plenty of jobs to do outside so please do come along if you can. We are hoping to have a short meeting at lunch time to discuss the way forward with the committee so your views will be very much appreciated.

Please also make use of the fantastic reduced rates in the cottage if you can. It's a lovely environment to enjoy an overnight stay with a bottle of wine and your friends.

Judith

Danby

Bookings for Danby campsite can be made any time. If you would like to visit to view the site and facilities, please get in touch.

Sue Sotheran (sue.sotheran@gmail.com)

After the great work that Sue has done with Danby, we are currently looking for a new committee of volunteers from around the county, so if you are interested please contact Val Cullen and a meeting will be arranged for those interested on Monday 12th March so that we can get up and running and ready for the summer season.

Val Cullen (vecullen@yahoo.co.uk)

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

1st Response Training

Saturday 24th February 10am-12pm	1st Response Refresher - £10 FULLY BOOKED	St Columba's Church, Billingham
Sunday 25th March 2pm-4pm	1st Response Refresher - £10	St James Community Room, Hartlepool
Please bring a packed lunch (full day training). Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.		

Safe Space Training

Saturday 17th March 10am-12.30pm	Level 2 - £5	Marske Guide HQ
Tuesday 17th April 6.30pm-9pm	Level 2 - £5	Redcar Guide HQ
Thursday 19th April 6.30pm-9pm	Level 2 - £5	St James Community Room, Hartlepool
Please bring a packed lunch (full day training). Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.		
Applications for trainings should be sent to Judith Harrison, 34 Brecon Crescent, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton-on-Tees, TS17 5DA. girlguidingcleveland@outlook.com Cheques should be made payable to Cleveland County Guide Association Application forms are available on the County website		

Forthcoming Trainings and Events

Monday 26th February 7pm-9pm	Out and about level 1 walking training - £5 St Barnabas Church Hall, Middlesbrough	Leaders and YLs
Wednesday 7th March 7pm for 7.30pm	Annual Review Middlesbrough Football Club	Adults/SS
Saturday 17th March 1pm-3pm	New Leader Training Marske Guide HQ	Leaders in Training who are new to Guiding
12th May	County Day	Ingleby Manor School
Saturday 9th June	Safe Space Levels 1 & 2	Venue & time TBC
Saturday 14th July	Safe Space Levels 2 & 3	Venue & time TBC
Monday 3rd September (evening)	Safe Space Level 2	Venue & time TBC
Wednesday 5th September (evening)	Safe Space Level 2	Venue & time TBC

Booking Process for Training Courses

On all future trainings, including First Response, your reserved place 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