



County Commissioner's Report

Hello and welcome to 2020!

What a way to start the year with a great county training weekend at Waddow Hall! We were joined by Judith Smith, our County President, and county supporters as well as over forty leaders from across the county, who all shared ideas and brought back ideas for units, districts, divisions and county and the atmosphere was a credit to you all. I was back at Waddow again last weekend at a region team weekend and the staff commented on the light-heartedness of our visit – even enjoying the kidnap and antics of Kanga! It's been a hectic start to the year as I have attended division annual meetings, celebrated successes, recently appointed a new commissioner for Hartlepool, Ellen Gardner, and am pleased to announce that Linda Grant, Region Chief Commissioner, will be attending our annual review in March. The after meeting entertainment will include our very own Marie Walker from South Langbaugh, teaming up with Rosemarie Temple, to enlighten us with a presentation on the work in Pune, India, along with their fundraising mobile shop, before we dance the night away with a ceilidh.

I do hope to see many of you at our county Thinking Day event, unfortunately we are unable to have a chief team attendee due to the countrywide travel logistics of the day, but we will still have a great time, because if it's not fun, it's not Guiding!

Val Cullen
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Hello all,

Just a quick few words from me in my various roles.

Peer Educators:

If you are a Unit Leader and have a Peer Educator within your unit, or you are a Peer Educator yourself, please can you contact me so I have an up to date list of active Peer Educators within the County. You can contact me via Facebook or email. My details are at the end of the article.

18-30 year olds:

I have just been appointed the Coordinator for the 18-30 group for County. I am looking to start running events for members within this age range. If anyone has any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me. I also have set up a 18-30 Facebook group. If you search 'Cleveland County 18-30s' it should appear. I look forward to hearing from you all in time.

Queen's Guide Award:

I have also just taken over as the new Queen's Guide Award Coordinator, after completing my award last August. Can any members who are doing their Queen's Guide (or are interested) please contact me so I know where everyone is up to with the award or so I can set up a meeting with you/your girls to talk about the award and answer any questions that may need answering.

Thank you
Pamela Guinevere Kelly

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GO

Subscriptions

Now's the time to make sure all your unit information is updated on GO, ahead of the 2020 subs process. Your unit's trial invoice can be viewed within the Subscription system and amendments can be made on GO until **7pm on 24th February 2020**. No changes can be made after this time.

25th February 12 noon: official and payable final invoices will be available to download.

17th March: reminder email will be sent to the main contact of any level that hasn't yet paid their official invoice.

1st April 12 noon: all subscription payments must be received in full by this date.

Your invoice is based on the number of active members recorded on GO and whose main role is in this level. To add/remove a young member from your invoice, if they are no longer attend unit meetings, please update the member's record in GO (visit Preparing for Annual Subscriptions helpfile in the Help Zone on GO).

Speak to your Commissioner to update Volunteers in this level. The trial invoice will update at 10am each morning to reflect any changes made, remember to check the changes have been successful.

A full list of all those in your unit on GO, including those who are paid for elsewhere or are Recognised Volunteers who do not need to pay, can be found on the Unit Subscriptions Due report available from the Report tab on your level's GO details page.

Please take this opportunity to review all the girls on your 'New Enquiries' list. Delete any girls that parents have not responded from at least 2 contacts from yourself. They will receive an email from Membership Services, to that effect, and will recontact you if they wish to re-join!! Remember to move all enquiries from new enquiries list to the contacted list (whether or not they answer you and add a comment). You should have NOTHING on your New Enquiry List.

Thank you & good luck

County GO Team

Student Voice Challenge Badge

As part of my Queen's Guide Award I have created a challenge badge that any member of Girlguiding can complete. The badge is part of a wider student justice project known as WhatStudentsThink.org. According to the 2019 Girl's Attitudes Survey, 64% of girls think that there is too much pressure to do well in school, 52% believe that exam stress affects their happiness, yet only 21% believe that they get the support that they need to manage tests and exam stress. WhatStudentsThink.org aims to campaign to take the unnecessary pressure off students and to get schools to take a responsibility for their students' mental health. I have developed a 'Student Voice' challenge badge as part of this project which encourages Girlguiding members to speak up about the many issues that affect students. I am encouraging all leaders and young leaders to get their Girlguiding units involved with this student voice challenge badge! You can find the badge info at <https://www.whatstudentsthink.org/girlguiding> - I would be really grateful if you could all have a look.

Thank you!

Jess - Ranger + YL from Ingleby Barwick

International

Coming soon World Of Opportunities 2020 11th -13th September at Carlton in Cleveland Outdoor Centre.

This will be the opportunity for girls to be selected for region trips in 2022 and ICE in 2021.

The event will be launched shortly by the region.

Frances Cunningham

County Camp Site

Camping season is fast approaching why not book our county camp site for you unit camp. It's an ideal setting and a great base to explore the North Yorkshire Moors with many walks and places to visit on the doorstep. We aim to be fully equipped so that all you need to bring is your food and activities. Asda will do a home delivery to the site. To book or for more information contact tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk

To ensure a good standard is maintained we need to do some tidying up of the site and facilities, if you would be willing to help with this please contact Tina Richardson.

Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards

It will now be possible for leaders to order the recently introduced bronze and silver awards from local depots. Depots will then in turn order from the county badge secretary, Margaret Lincoln, as they cannot order directly from Girlguiding themselves.

Gold awards should continue to be ordered via commissioners, who will order from Margaret so that this achievement is recognised.

Trefoil

Once again we are beginning our year with Annual Meetings, most Guilds seem to have theirs in January and February, culminating in our County meeting, which is always an enjoyable social occasion. This year we are meeting at the Masonic Hall in Stockton on 19th March.

During March we are holding two memory afternoons where Trefoil members can come and share their outstanding memories of their Guiding lives. Who knows where we will travel and what we will hear on those days? Hopefully we will be able to share these precious memories later in the year.

Trefoil Guild are here to support Guiding and are only too pleased to be asked to help at any level, please just ask!

Sue Thompson

Training

Hi, my name is Karen Lee and I have taken over from Val as Training organiser. As you are all aware, we all need to be safe space compliant by the end of the year. No commissioner wants to have an awkward conversation with a volunteer to explain that your membership is being withdrawn for non-compliance. Check below what level you require, remember to consider all of your roles and complete the training to the highest level required.

Role Name in Unit Team	Disclosure Checks Required	Membership Mandatory	Available to Females Only	Minimum Age	Maximum Age	Role Length	Role Extension Period	Counts towards length of service (if individual is a Member)	A safe Space Level(s)	GO Webrole
Assistant Leader	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	1 and 2 and one leader per unit requires 3	Unit Leader
Leader	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	1 and 2 and one leader per unit requires 3	Unit Leader
Leader in Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	N/A	2 years	1 year	Yes	1 and 2 and one leader per unit requires 3	Unit Leader
Unit Administrator	No	No	No	18	N/A	3 years	3 years	Yes	1	Unit Leader
Unit Helper	Yes	Yes	No	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes	1 and 2	Member Access
Unit Occasional Helper	No	No	No	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	1	Member Access
Unit Residential Occasional Helper	Yes	No	No	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	1 and 2	Member Access
Unit Supporting Member	No	Yes	No	18	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	1	Member Access
Unit Treasurer	Yes	No	No	18	N/A	3 years	3 years	Yes	1	Member Access
Young External Volunteer	Yes (18+)	No	No	14	25	N/A	N/A	Yes (16+)	1	Member Access
Young Leader	No	Yes	Yes	14	17	N/A	N/A	Yes (16+)	1 and 2	Member Access

Please note: A Safe Space, Level 3 – Recognising, telling and taking action is required for anyone leading a team of adults, at least one leader per unit (leader, assistant leader, leader in training), mentors, advisers, coordinators (except GO coordinators), licence holders on residentials, trainers, tutors and those doing level 4 safe space. All commissioners and commissioner mentors require level 4.

To find level 1 and 2 safe space:

Log onto your own GO record, if you haven't logged on yet ring 08009992016 and ask HQ to send you a login request. This will go to the email address held on GO, so please ensure this is correct. Ask another leader in your unit or your commissioner if they will change your email address to the correct one. Once in your own GO record, choose learning opportunities and scroll down to E-Learning where you will find Safe space 1 and 2. Make a cup of tea/coffee. Click on actions on the right hand side and choose begin now.

Alternatively, there are links on the back of GMail, but you will need to complete the last section and input your membership number for this to update your GO record. There will also be a face to face Level 1 and Level 2 organised within county for those who cannot access it online.

I will be arranging safe space level 3 trainings in every division. Please take the opportunity to attend a training in your area.

First Aid training:

After the initial full day training, we are all required to renew first aid every 3 years. Every unit should have at least one person with a valid first aid qualification. Please check your GO record and see if you are needing to renew your first aid.

Please look out for our year ahead training booklet coming soon!

Karen Lee

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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

Safe Space Training

To complete the online Safe Space, Level 1 and Level 2 please use the following links, and remember to fill in the questionnaire at the end and add in your membership number to add the record to your GO profile.

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

<https://training.girlguiding.org.uk/a-safe-space-module-2/#/menu/5c1b888888f2971c5fe4d881>

If you require a face to face training, please let your commissioner know and we can organise a few sessions, as we have been cancelling recent trainings due to low uptake.

Forthcoming Trainings and Events

**Saturday 22nd February
10am-12pm**

County Thinking Day Event
All Sections

The King's Academy,
Coulby Newham

**Monday 24th February
7pm-9pm**

Level One Walking Training

St Barnabas Church Hall,
Middlesbrough

Friday 27th March

County Annual Review & Thanks
Evening

St Mary's Church Hall,
Nunthorpe

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

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.



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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.lee7@sky.com.

