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County Commissioners Report

Welcome back to a new term and also a new programme!! I hope between the last GMail and now you have made the most of the lovely summer that we been blessed with this year and enjoyed some well deserved time with your family. If you haven't looked at the new programme yet, don't worry, we have a year to get to grips with it and just like GO last year, it's good to talk and share ideas. We have some great trainings ahead of us to gently ease us into the new format, and congratulations to our young members who have done the conversion and already earned their Gold Award!

If you need any kind of training and cannot get to one in Cleveland, please remember you can hop over the border and book anywhere in region using the TeamUP app at https://teamup.com/ksdc277a857bdaf17c.

Val Cullen – 01429 862850 – 07984027708

County Website

With the launch of the new programme I am sure that you are trying out some of the unit meeting activities and skills builders with your units. Don't forget to send me any photos (with permission of course) or short articles so that we can build on the successful national media launch in July and let the public know that Girlguiding is even more relevant to today's girls and young women. Let's keep our website up to date and interesting. Remember to log in to the members' area yourself for information on forthcoming trainings and events, useful contacts both within and outside Guiding and resources. If you and your unit want to recommend places to visit, activities or visitors you have had to your unit, send me the details and I will add them to our useful contacts page for the benefit of everyone. Let's share as much as we can and make life easier!

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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.

GO/Join Us

The new term is now well underway and all units have returned after the summer break, most having met for at least three weeks.

Now is a good time to review/update your GO/Join us lists!!

There are a few updates to GO and the main one is the expectation that **ALL ENQUIRES** will be now be contacted within **7 DAYS** rather than the previous 21 day requirement.

Checking your unit enquiries is not just the responsibility of the 'Leader in Charge' – it can be done by any member of the unit team. We suggest a quick check once a week will enable all new enquiries to be contacted within the new time frame.

Can we ask that after contacting new enquiries, you transfer the enquiry to the 'Contacted List' straight away, even though you may still be waiting for the parent to return your call/email. Just add a comment in the 'Add a note' section to this effect.

There is now a new button when deleting an enquiry – failure of parents to respond to messages left. Please always try two different methods of contact over a two week period and if no response, you may delete the enquiry after adding a note to explain.

A common problem at the moment appears to be when a girl moves to a new section/transfers between units. Please remember to end the girl's role after transferring her to the new unit. The accepting unit is unable to add the girl to the unit due to her previous role not being ended.

With the introduction of the new programme, it is now possible to record your girls' achievements – Interest Badges, Skills Builders and UMA's on GO. This is not mandatory but will help you keep track of your unit's activities. You can record in any way you like and there are templates to print off if you wish.

However, if you wish to record on GO, the recording area can be found on your Unit's Details Page – on the top tab, under 'Guide Programme' (or Rainbow/Brownie/SS) next to Individuals. There are Help Files available – Programme Recording, added in September 2018 which explains how to use the area.

Please contact any of us if you require any help, either by phone or email. We are also happy to visit individuals and help sort out your problems.

Lesley, Susan and Tina

Outdoors

County Water Activity Day – Thanks to everyone for bringing their Guides along, on what was an un-seasonally cold Saturday in September. It was obvious that the Guides had a fabulous time on the water in canoes, kayaks and bell-boats. We plan to do this again in 2019, but in the summer term.

Going Away With Scheme Training for Leaders – January 2019 (date and venue to be confirmed after October half term) - This is an opportunity for you to come along and be able to complete some of the elements required for the Going Away With Scheme. It will give you a greater understanding of the requirement; a chance to meet other leaders and share experiences. A session not to be missed as in the long run it will save you time!

You don't need to have completed the Leadership Qualification to attend this training, but it is a requirement to take part in the Going Away With Scheme. You will also need a copy of the book.

County Outdoor Advisors - Helen Hill (hillhelen@ntlworld.com) and Sue Wallis (sue.wallis989@googlemail.com)

Leadership Qualification, A Safe Space and GO

If you are a leader in training and the Safe Space training you have done is older than three years or you have not done any Safe Space training you will need to complete the new A Safe Space training. For those working on Leadership Qualification Modules 1 to 3 you will need to complete A Safe Space levels 1 to 2, and for those working on Leadership Qualification Modules 1 to 4 you will need to complete A Safe Space levels 1 to 3. The Safe Space levels should be completed in numerical order. Completion of the A Safe Space levels must be recorded on GO before the Leadership Qualification can be signed off as complete. A Safe Space training at levels 1 to 3 is renewable every 3 years.

A Safe Space, Level 1 – An introduction is available as an e-learning module which can be completed on-line. Girlguiding Headquarters will record that this has been completed on your GO record. It is generally expected that this course will be completed on-line although on request via Division Commissioners County might occasionally provide a face to face Safe Space level 1 training.

A Safe Space, Level 2 – Creating a safe space can be completed as an e-learning module or as a face to face training. If you complete the e-learning module you will also need to download the workbook and discuss this with a Commissioner. Girlguiding Headquarters will record that the e-learning module has been completed – this will show on your Go record as Safe Space level 2 part 1 of 2 completed. When the discussion with a Commissioner has been held the Commissioner will inform the County GO users, Lesley Pearson or Tina Richardson, that the discussion has taken place and this will be recorded on your GO record as Safe Space level 2 part 2 of 2 completed. If you attend a face to face training the trainer will inform Lesley or Tina that you have completed the course and Lesley or Tina will record on your GO record that Safe Space level 2 part 1 of 2 and part 2 of 2 has been completed.

A Safe Space, Level 3 – Recognising, telling and taking action involves both e-learning and a face to face training. For the purposes of GO the e-learning module must be recorded as complete before the face to face training can be recorded but in practice it doesn't matter which is completed first although it does make sense to complete the e-learning first. As before the e-learning will be recorded by headquarters (Safe Space level 3 part 1 of 2) and the face to face training at county level (Safe Space level 3 part 2 of 2).

If you have any questions about the Leadership Qualification please contact Hazel Moore (hazel.moore1954@outlook.com). For Safe Space questions please contact Fran Rabone (franrabone@outlook.com). For questions about GO please contact Lesley Pearson (lesley.pearson37@ntlworld.com) or Tina Richardson (tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk)

Peer Education

What is a Peer Educator? Peer Educators are trained members between 14 and 25 who can deliver fun, safe and challenging sessions on certain topics. They work with Brownies, Guides and Rangers to share similar life experiences and teach the girls life skills. The topics that the Peer Educators are trained on are: Think Resilient (this gives girls the tools to build their mental well-being), Free Being Me (which grows body confidence and self-esteem) and Breaking Free (which gives girls the tools to challenge gender stereotypes).

There are other sessions that Peer Educators can run. If you want to find out more, or want to book a Peer Educator to come to your unit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pamela Kelly (4 Peer Educator Co-Ordinator)
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Baden Powell Challenge Award

To date 22 girls have completed their Baden Powell Award in 2018 and we have a further 39 girls recorded as working towards the award in the county. 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. So girls will need to complete before July 2019. To do so they will need to have been on a BP Adventure. It would be great if a team of volunteers would be willing to organise a couple of adventures to ensure the girls get to complete in time. The adventure can be a day, overnight or weekend. Most girls would prefer something close to home and at a minimum cost. However doing fundraising for an event would count towards the award. If you would be interested in helping on an adventure please contact me as soon as possible. tina_richardson59@yahoo.co.uk

Once the girl has completed the challenge award the local commissioner will visit the girl to find out what they have done for the award and to enquire about their next steps. The commissioner will then arrange to obtain a badge and certificate using the badge application form, a copy of which can be found on the county website.

Adventure can also be found on the Girlguiding North East England website but hurry places are filling up fast http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/events-trainings

Leeds – Howards School of Witchcraft & Wizardry 14-16 December 2018

http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/event/leeds-hogwarts-school-of-witchcraft-wizardry-baden-powell-challenge

Queen's Guide Award

Are you interested in finding out more about the highest award in Guiding?

Would you like to know how to get started?

Please contact
Helen Wortley QG Adviser
Helen.wortley63@gmail.com
07847623898

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Following on from their training weekend three girls from the county have completed their silver expeditions with the region trips - well done to those girls. They did their expeditions in very hot conditions but managed to complete. We have also taken part in a pilot to take up Duke of Edinburgh at age 13 rather than age 14. Thank you to those girls and leaders who took part. If your girls would be interested in the Duke of Edinburgh award please do not hesitate to get in touch. nina_ash90@yahoo.co.uk.

Nina Ash - Duke of Edinburgh advisor

Trefoil

I am delighted to report that a new Executive Committee for County Trefoil has been appointed as follows: Chairman - Miss Sue Thompson, Secretary - Miss Hazel Moore and Treasurer - Mrs Tricia Lewis. I am sure that you will know them all. I am delighted to leave the County in such capable hands and wish them all well. There will be a formal handover at our next Executive Committee meeting in November. In the mean time they are organising our annual Friendship afternoon, which will have an International Guiding theme and will be held on Thursday October 18th from 2-4 pm, at Marton Methodist Church. There will be a cost of £5, including Afternoon Tea.

Our 75th Anniversary year is coming to a close. Our NEE trip to Beamish was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Thankfully the weather was kind to us and we all managed to find our way around, especially for our lunch. Our next and final event is the Celebratory Service on Thursday October 25th at St Michael in the Belfry, just across the road from York Minster. Please remember your shoe boxes for the homeless. The doors will open at 1.00pm.

Time to reminisce now. Looking back over the last 6 years (almost) it has been a pleasure to hold the position of Chair of Cleveland County. As a group of Guilds I have found each and every one to be supportive, and have made many friends across the County. I feel that Trefoil has become a more important part of the County team, giving support when and where it is needed. We have celebrated Trefoil's 70th and now 75th birthdays, joined in the celebration of the Big Brownie Birthday and the County Camp in Durham. It remains to thank Janet and Margaret for all their hard work and support. In conclusion - many, many thanks to each and every one of you and every good wish for the future.

Katie Bosworth
Chairman, Cleveland County Trefoil.

Training & Events

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

1st Response Training		
Sunday 4th November 10am-4pm	1st Response FULL Day - £15	Nunthorpe Institute
Sunday 9th December 10am-12pm	1st Response Refresher - £10	Marske Guide HQ
Please bring a packed lunch (full day training). Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.		

Safe Space Training		
Saturday 27th October 10am-1pm	Level 3 - £5	Marske Guide HQ
Saturday 3rd November 1pm-4pm	Level 3 - £5	St James Community Room Hartlepool
Hot drinks will be provided. Places are limited.		

Forthcoming Trainings and Events		
Saturday 6th October 10am-2.30pm	New Programme Training - £5 **FULLY BOOKED**	Salvation Army Hall, Thornaby
Monday 29th October 6pm-9pm	New Programme Training - £5	Marske Guide HQ
Thursday 15th November 6pm-9pm	New Programme Training - £5	St James Community Room Hartlepool
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.

Val Cullen