



Girlguiding

Durham South

girls in the lead



Annual Review 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Girlguiding Durham South has always been a vibrant county offering girls and young women the opportunity to try new things, challenge themselves and realise their potential. This is due to our volunteer leaders who provide the inspiration, dedication, commitment and time to give these girls some fantastic experiences! Thank you to all of you for the personal time you give!

Lady Baden Powell once said, 'Hats off to the past, sleeves up for the future.' It is always good to remember and reflect on past events and achievements (especially the successful ones), but we need to build on them in order to take guiding in the County forward, so that it becomes more successful and popular. This can only happen if we work as a team and offer mutual respect and support.

Whatever we do - please remember that 'GUIDING IS FUN'.

VALERIE CADD
County President



O2 funding was achieved by Senior Section to support a Sensory Garden and Camphouse Woodland Projects



490 dedicated leaders and young leaders have volunteered for at least 26,460 hours this year

Thanks to Durham County Council, Sir James Knott Trust and the Sir John Priestman Trust for their grant support.

Commencement of the rebuild of Barnard Castle Headquarters



Lizzy Nay participated in the Young Women's World Forum at Our Cabana, Mexico

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

DIANE EVANS

I would like to begin with a BIG THANK YOU to Jean Foulds our former County Commissioner for her leadership, dedication and hard work over the last 5 years including lots of mountain top moments during our Centenary Year and experiences which were challenging, provided lots of opportunities, resulted in lots of friendships, fun and memories which members will recall in future years.

2011 has provided a time to reflect on the past and look forward at the future for Girlguiding in Durham South beginning with a Team Day where we formulated our vision of "Working together with pride to provide quality opportunities and experiences". Following analysis of where we were, we formulated an Action Plan which includes more flexible training opportunities and up skilling for leaders, increased use of email, our website, newsletter and GO to improve communications, growing Guiding in the County and its profiling in the community, support from our CHAT (County Help and Action Team) in the development of challenges and resources and much more in the coming years.

For many the buzz of the Centenary year carried on and highlights from our 12 Divisions can be seen below.



Celebrations to mark the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton were evident in all Division activities and programmes

61 Leaders have gained their First Response Certificate and 25 have renewed



The establishing of East Durham and Seaham Division



Throughout the year many awards and licences have been gained. Congratulations to you all.

25 Adult leaders have completed their Leadership Qualification:

Sophie Aisbitt	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)</i>	<i>Rainbows</i>
Charlotte Allen	<i>Durham Dunelm (Bede)</i>	<i>Rainbows</i>
Kelly Armstrong	<i>Chester-Le-Street (Central Park)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Abi Barnett	<i>Newton Aycliffe</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Susan Blance	<i>Sedgefield</i>	<i>Module 4</i>
Julie Brown	<i>Bishop Auckland</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
D. Helen Corby	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Jennifer Eyley	<i>Durham Dunelm (Crossgate)</i>	<i>Rainbows</i>
Susan Fox	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Parklands)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Fiona Grant	<i>Darlington Locomotion (Starmer)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Kirstin Gwillym	<i>Weardale</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Grace Mackay	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Parklands)</i>	<i>Module 4</i>
Jen Maddison	<i>Durham Kepier</i>	<i>Senior Section</i>
Jean Marley	<i>Darlington Locomotion (Starmer)</i>	<i>Rainbows</i>
Helen Mitchell	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)</i>	<i>Rainbows and Brownies</i>
Rebecca Morley	<i>Sedgefield</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Naomi Morton	<i>East Durham (Peterlee)</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Debbie Navin	<i>Weardale</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Kathryn Ramsden	<i>Darlington Locomotion (Tees)</i>	<i>Guides</i>
Michelle Rochester	<i>Darlington Locomotion (Starmer)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Stephanie Ross	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)</i>	<i>Brownies and Guides</i>
Rachel Smith	<i>Durham Dunelm (Crossgate)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Joanne Willis	<i>Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)</i>	<i>Brownies</i>
Joanne Young	<i>Weardale</i>	<i>Rainbows</i>

Rainbows enjoyed a day Under the Sea, Brownies a Big Top Adventure and Guide performed a Show in a Day



Congratulations to Rosemary Ghosh on attaining the Queen's Guide Award



Well done to the following on achieving their Baden-Powell Challenge:

Emily Alderson • Abigail Curtiss • Amy Rutter • Katie Sisk • Fern Turner
1st Mowden Guides, Darlington Stephenson

Poppy Noble • Karla Pelling • Georgia Turnbull
7th Elm Ridge Guides, Darlington Stephenson

Sarah Barnes • Zoe Jackson • Sophie Johnson • Jessica Taylor
1st Belmont Guides, Durham Kepier

Jaymie Hartley • Hope Jeavons
2nd Barnard Castle Guides

Laura Lambton • Jessica Smith
1st Dawdon Guides, Seaham





A new Guide Unit opened in Newton Aycliffe



Hazel Creaghan and Stephanie Ross attended a 22-day Outward Bound Course



Getting to grips with GO our membership database



Gifting of the field next to Camp House by the Shafto Trustees and for the legal support provided by Phil Kreczak of Ward Hadaway, many thanks to you all.



Hundreds of girls enjoyed Sleepovers, Brownie or Guide Residentials, Camps or International Experiences - thanks again leaders for supporting such a variety of opportunities.



Three In4mers are delivering peer sessions in the County

Introduction of a County Newsletter



482 Leaders have attended Training Sessions, both sectional and topic based

Members represented the County at North East England Events, e.g. Curtains Up, Water and Walking Weekends, York Minster, ICE Weekends



Long Service Awards

40 Years

Jacqueline Postgate 1st Sedgefield Guide Unit

30 Years

Colleen Darnton 3rd Darlington (St. Mary's) Guide Unit
Elsie Leadley Darlington Locomotion Division
Carole A. Ridley 2nd Darlington (Holy Trinity) Brownie Unit
Ruth E. Robinson 1st Horden Guide Unit

20 Years

Ann Bond 1st Carrville Guide Unit
Susan Margerison 1st Bishop Middleham Rainbow Unit
Margaret McNeil 24th Darlington (St. Teresa's) Rainbow Unit
Janice Powell 1st Sherburn Village Guide Unit
Lesley Raine 1st Great Lumley (Christ Church) Guide Unit
Joanne T. Tinkler 2nd Sedgefield Brownie Unit
Karin E. Welsh Durham Dunelm Division
Claire Woolley 31st Darlington (St. Augustine's) Guide Unit

Additionally, 17 Leaders attained their 10 year service and 27 Leaders their 5 year service awards.

Guiding in Durham South could not be sustained without your commitment and dedication - thank you to your families and others for their support and encouragement.

Leaders who have gained Residential Qualifications:

Brownie Residential - Elaine MacIntosh and Stephanie Ross
Guide Residential - Michelle Pybus
International Module - Diane Evans
Overnight - Emma Nimmo

A big thank you to the following members of the County team who have finished their term of office:

Advisers: Helen Hannah, Sue Johnson, Matj Morris, Linda Prettyman and Judith Welch

Division Commissioners: Helen Hannah, Marj Morris, Claire Pullen and Janet Vaslet

District Commissioners: Marjorie Appleby, Elaine Faulkner, Anthea Heel and Marion Jones



Good Service Awards:

Diane Evans
Fiona Grant
Catherine Milbanke
Marj Morris
Jane Vaslet

Thanks Badges:

Ken Foulds
Linda Murdie

TREFOIL GUILD REPORT

Our Thinking Day Event was held at Peterlee Guide HQ on 26th February 2011, which included having lunch, a Thinking Day Ceremony, when everyone present lit a candle and remembered how they had become involved in Guiding and the people who had encouraged them to do so), looking at some of the stories from the Girlguiding Centenary story gathering, project and a report from Elsie Leadley about her trip to Cyprus for ISGF gathering in November last year.

Our Annual General Meeting was held this year at Wolsingham on Saturday, 21 May in the Church Masonic Hall and was followed by afternoon tea. The speaker was a member of Wolsingham Trefoil Guild, Anne Twiname. She talked about her trips to Gambia and the aid she takes there. I think we all learned something about Gambia and Africa that we had not previously known. My grateful thanks go both to Diane Evans and Joanne Burrows who represented Girlguiding Durham South County and Weardale Division respectively. Diane introduced herself to the Trefoil and spoke about what she had done previously to becoming County Commissioner. Joanne told them of the make up of Weardale Division.

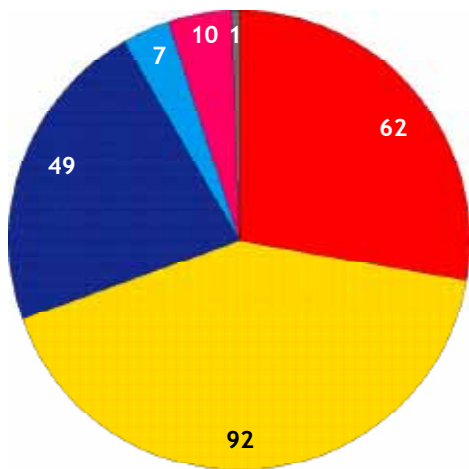
Our Fellowship Day was held on 15 October at Elm Ridge Methodist Church, Darlington and was hosted by the Evening Trefoil Guild. The speaker was Mr George Brown who talked about coping with the 'stars' at their book signings.

GREAT NEWS: a new Guild has been formed and registered: The Sedgefield Guild and Durham DOGS are going to have another try at being registered with us at the next Trefoil Census in March.

Finally, on a more sombre note I have to report that Barbara Browbank our Guild County Treasurer resigned due to poor health and has since died. She held many positions in Girlguiding and latterly as our Treasurer for seven years - she will be sadly missed by all her many Guiding friends.

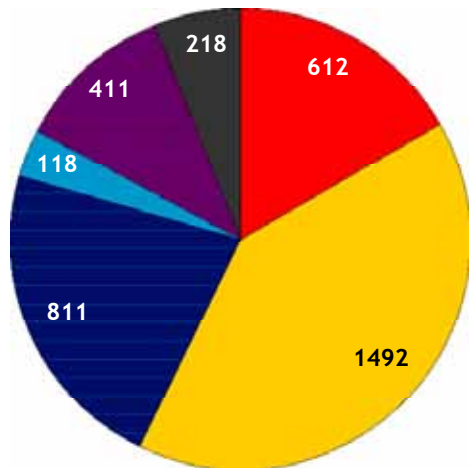
CHRISTINE JACKSON





Number of Units

- Rainbows
- Brownies
- Guides
- Senior Section
- Trefoil Guild
- Friends of Guiding



Durham South Girlguiding 2011 Membership

- Rainbows (5-7 years)
- Brownies (7-10 years)
- Guides (10-14 years)
- Senior Section/Young Leaders (14-25 years)
- Leaders (18+)
- Other Volunteers (18+)

Units operate throughout County Durham in:

Barnard Castle and Staindrop

Bishop Auckland and Shildon

Chester-le-Street and Birtley

Darlington including Hurworth and Middleton St. George

Durham including Belmont, Bowburn, Brandon, Rainton, Sacriston, Sherburn and Tunstall

Newton Aycliffe

Seaham and East Durham including Peterlee

Sedgefield

Weardale

Girlguiding UK is the UK's largest voluntary organisation for girls and young women, with 538,247 members and recognised volunteers. Over a third of girls and young women (aged 7-21) in the UK are involved in guiding, or have been in the past. We run Rainbows (5-7 years), Brownies (7-10 years), Guides (10-14 years) and Senior Section (14-25 years), enabling girls and young women to develop their potential whatever their ability or background. We are striving to offer new opportunities to a broad diversity of communities through our expanding network of more than 63,000 trained volunteer Leaders.

At Girlguiding UK we seek to give girls a voice and provide a unique, girl-only space where they feel comfortable just being themselves. Our members, challenged by a girl-led programme that extends beyond badges, enjoy a spectrum of activities from international travel and outdoor adventure to pop-concerts and community action.

Girlguiding UK, part of a worldwide movement of approximately 10 million girls and young women in 145 countries, celebrated its Centenary in 2010.

To get involved in Guiding and discover an extraordinary world of fun, friends and adventure, email join.us@girlguiding.org.uk, visit www.girlguiding.org.uk or call 0800 1 695 901

A SAFE SPACE

Girlguiding UK operates a Safe Space approach to safeguarding its members from physical, sexual and emotional harm while participating in Guiding activities. Girlguiding UK takes all reasonable steps to ensure that, through relevant procedures and training, children, young people and adults taking part in guiding activities do so in a safe environment.