



Girlguiding

Durham South

girls in the lead



Annual Review 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This year, as ever, there have been lots of changes in Guiding and in our wonderful County and that is a good thing because after all we are a 'Movement'.

Imagine if nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies!

There is a quote about change

'Everything changes and everything's the same.'

The County has been awarded a grant by the Lottery Heritage Fund All Our Stories Project. Our project is entitled 'Over a Century of Women leading the way'. Whilst researching County Archives and talking to people about the past it has become clear how true the above quote is.

There have been lots of changes since Guiding in the County began but the core values and vision of Guiding has not changed. We still have inspirational and extraordinary women leading the way!

Keep up the good work and make change work for us but never forget the true values of this wonderful organisation. We must all do our very best.

VALERIE CADD
County President



COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

DIANE EVANS

"Working together with pride to provide quality opportunities and experiences"

2012 was an amazing year for Girlguiding in Durham South and we have certainly worked hard towards fulfilling our vision.

We celebrated the Rainbows' 25th Birthday in style with a special challenge provided by CHAT, a fun day at Adventure Valley and lots of celebration parties held throughout the County.

Units have celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with very regal events and participated in a youth celebration (Activate) in September at South Shields, parading uniforms from our archives relating to the period Queen Elizabeth was a Guide through to current day.

The London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games featured high, with lots of units undertaking the "On Your Marks" Challenge and truly entering into the spirit and values of the event, supporting the local torch relays through the County and attending a CBBC event at Middlesbrough, along with Cleveland Girlguiding to launch the Games.

Residential, camps, adventure days and international travel are increasing, weekly meetings and Division and District Events continue to provide our girls with a wealth of opportunities to develop and achieve.

A huge thank you to Unit Leaders and their teams for getting to grips with new technology (GO!, Subscriptions and Join Us which are all now fully electronic) and for the dedication and commitment that goes into delivering "Good Guiding" to all the girls within our membership. Thanks to all the families and friends who support this.

Big thank you for all the hard work undertaken by the County Team in managing finances, GO!, Join Us, CRBs, taking minutes, delivering and organising trainings, advising, mentoring, management of Camp House and East Shotton.

Our thanks also go to organisations who support our volunteering, Durham County Council, Sir James, Knott Trust, Sir John Priestman Trust, O², County Durham Community Foundation and "All Our Stories"- Heritage Lottery Funding.



Congratulations on attaining the Queen's Guide Award go to:

Jessica Beck - Durham Dunelm
Naomi Foster - Durham Dunelm
Lizzie Nay - Durham Kepier
Stephanie Ross - Darlington Stephenson





Throughout the year many Leadership Qualification Awards have been gained - congratulations to you all.

Rainbows Modules 1-3	Emily Anderson Catherine Beck Lisa Ferguson	Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands) Durham Dunelm (Brandon) Darlington Stephenson (Baydale)
Modules 1-4	Samantha Brook Ann Coulson Sally Dodsworth Charlotte Gibson Jane McDermott Marian McManus Louise Williamson	Darlington Locomotion (North Lodge) Sedgefield Durham Kepier (Rainton Grange) Darlington Locomotion (Tees) Darlington Stephenson (Baydale) Durham Dunelm (Sacriston) Darlington Locomotion (Tees)
Brownies Modules 1-3	Claire Ainslie Jo Lane Sophie Mackay Harriet Miller Victoria Newsome Susan Rankin Lesley Standley Charlotte Wildsmith	Darlington Locomotion (Starmer) Darlington Locomotion (Starmer) Darlington Stephenson (Blackwell) Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands) Darlington Stephenson (Baydale) East Durham (Seaham West) Durham Kepier (Tunstall) Darlington Stephenson (Blackwell)
Modules 1-4	Christine Kent	Darlington Stephenson (Baydale)
Module 4	Stephanie Ross	Darlington Locomotion (Tees)
Guides Modules 1	Becci Barnett Claire Bissett	Newton Aycliffe Bishop Auckland
Modules 1-3	Katherine Armstrong Eleanor Humphrey Claire Maddison Carol Marchant Angela Thornberry	East Durham (Peterlee) Durham Dunelm (Crossgate) Chester-Le-Street (Market Central) Darlington Locomotion (Salters) Darlington Stephenson (Woodlands)
Modules 1-4	Elizabeth Nay	Durham Kepier (Rainton Grange)
Senior Section Modules 1-4	Becci Barnett	Newton Aycliffe

Leaders have also gained the following Residential and Outdoor Qualifications:

Brownie Holiday	Joanne Burrows Emily Dott Katherine Grabham Victoria Henderson	Weardale East Durham Durham Kepier Durham Dunelm
Overnight Licence	Victoria Henderson Leanne Walker	Durham Dunelm Darlington Stephenson
Guide Residential	Fiona Ellwood Lizzy Nay Emma Nimmo Michelle Pybus	Darlington Stephenson Durham Kepier Darlington Locomotion Darlington Stephenson
Senior Section Camp - Module 6	Imogen Clay	Durham Dunelm

Baden Powell Challenge Awards have been attained by:

Emily Alderson	1st Darlington (Mowden)	Darlington Stephenson
Aisha Barker	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Samantha Beck	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Eva Bhowmick	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Emily Blackett	1st Belmont	Durham Dunelm
Izzy Bradshaw	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Rachel Burr	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Francesca Cosstick	1st Haughton-Le-Skerne	Darlington Locomotion
Katie Dewar	5th Darlington (St. Matthew & St. Luke's)	Darlington Stephenson
Joanna Donaldson	1st Belmont	Durham Dunelm
Emmy Edge	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Lucy Farren	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Sophie Foggin	7th Darlington (Elm Ridge)	Darlington Stephenson
Laura Green	7th Darlington (Elm Ridge)	Darlington Stephenson
Corinne Hatton	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Abi Johnson	3rd Crook	Weardale
Lauren Johnson	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Helen McGlade	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Rachelle McLaughlin	5th Darlington (St. Matthew & St. Luke's)	Darlington Stephenson
Jennie Moulton	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Victoria Moulton	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm
Poppy Noble	7th Darlington (Elm Ridge)	Darlington Stephenson
Karla Pelling	7th Darlington (Elm Ridge)	Darlington Stephenson
Millie Roberts	2nd Hurworth	Darlington Locomotion
Amy Rutter	1st Darlington (Mowden)	Darlington Stephenson
Jennifer Simon	1st Belmont	Durham Dunelm
Katie Sisk	1st Darlington (Mowden)	Darlington Stephenson
Anouska Tarren	3rd Crook	Weardale
Georgia Turnbull	7th Darlington (Elm Ridge)	Darlington Stephenson
Fern Turner	1st Darlington (Mowden)	Darlington Stephenson
Amy Watchman	1st Chester-le-Street (St. Mary's and St. Cuthbert's)	Chester-le-Street
Cara Woods	10th Durham City (St. Margaret's)	Durham Dunelm

OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COUNTY



An increased number of girls have enjoyed Sleepovers, Brownie or Guide Residential, Camps and international experiences. Thank you again to leaders for organising and supporting such a variety of opportunities.



Recognition for years of Guiding - congratulations to Christine Jackson, former County Commissioner on gaining an MBE. A true recognition for her continuing work in Guiding.



Guiding has been profiled at community events, e.g. Seaham and Darlington Carnival, The Vibe Awards for young people, on the Olympic Torch route, Activate at South Shields



The County has provided a more flexible programme of training inclusive of Sectional, Need an Idea (CHAT), Holiday and Camping, First Response, Food Safety, Together We Can, Crafts for all Seasons, Winter Fest, Commissioner and Adviser Team Day, and County held a 'Right Royal Weekend of Training' at Netherurd



Barnard Castle Guide Headquarters has been rebuilt and is available for residential use



30 Guides have undertaken their Baden Powell Adventure Challenge, thanks to all those who have organised these within the County

2 Senior Section members attended the Classic Outward Bound Course at Ullswater



Katherine Grabham worked for three months at Our Cabana on the Programme Team

83 Leaders have attended First Response Training



Lots of Senior Section members attended North East England Annual Review at Beamish Hall and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in "Beamish Wild". Rainbows and Brownies from Durham were very brave and spoke about their adventures on the Santa Special and enjoyed a day with the Chief Guide, Gill Slocombe and NEE Chief Commissioner, Hilary Cooper.



Rebecca Pinder travelled to Our Cabana with a North East England International Trip.



Hundreds of Guides from the County attended the Big Gigs in June and October



Olympic Torch Bearer, Mr Jon Tait visited 2nd Newton Aycliffe Guides "On Your Marks" Celebration on 16th July and met our very own Paralympic Games Maker, Assistant Leader, Abi Barnett



Wadow Hall 5-yearly Flower Festival provided an opportunity to celebrate the 2012 Olympics with flower displays and thanks go to Colleen Darnton and Nicola Walshaw for their artistic expertise.



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE COUNTY



A further 18 girls trained to become Peer Educators have been out and about in the County delivering to units on topics such as Bullying, Self Awareness, Communication, Media etc.



TREFOIL GUILD REPORT

Chester-Le-Street Guide HQ was the setting for our County Thinking Day Celebration at which Lizzie Nay spoke about her experiences in South America on a Gold Project and the recently formed Durham South Trefoil Singing Group led the singing of international songs. Chester-Le-Street Guild proved to be most gracious hosts.

Our AGM on 19th May was held at St. Andrew's Methodist/UR Church Dawson Street, Crook at 2pm. The speaker should have been Anita Atkinson, subject: The Royal Family, but almost at the last moment she was unable to come since she had opened a Royal Themed Tea Shop in Stanhope and had to staff the café!! However, at short notice, Mrs Lesley Morland MBE talked about her visits to the Palace a) to attend a garden party and b) to receive her MBE. For most of us who were present it was an opportunity to dig from the back of the wardrobe that most previous wedding outfit plus hat, since the meeting had a Jubilee Theme and we were to dress as if we were about to attend a Buckingham Palace Tea Party.

Our Friendship Day was held on 13th October, venue: the new Guide Headquarters in Barnard Castle - a truly amazing new build. Our congratulations go to all who helped such a project come to fruition. Hosts were Teesdale Guild who catered magnificently and provided a wonderful lunch. The speaker was Julie Sparrow who talked about being on the medical team at the recent Olympic and Para Olympic games. We gained a most interesting insight of life in the Olympic Village.

Members were pleased to attend Girlguiding Durham South's Annual Review and were delighted to see and indeed hear Alicia Wilson's speech, a Leader and Commissioner who has just celebrated her 100th Birthday. They appreciated all the speeches, the food and the display of uniforms from the County archives. Travelling once again figured highly as we were represented at both the North East England and National Trefoil Annual Meetings, held at South Shields and Cardiff respectively and also to attend the North East England's Diamond Delights Activity Day at Boston Spa.

Doreen Barrow, Audrey Pearson and Margaret Horseman, members of Darlington Afternoon Guild were presented with Dark Horse Certificates. Congratulations to them! They are an example and encouragement to us all to have a try!

Sadly I have to report the death of Una Owens, the treasurer of Wolsingham Guild, who was a long time Guide Leader in Wolsingham prior to her retirement.

This year's census numbers show that we have 156 members. Given that some have become too infirm to attend meetings and some have died - our numbers are almost equal to last year. Not bad going! However, we are constantly trying to recruit new members since we have been challenged to reduce the average age of each Guild's membership to below 70 years.

CHRISTINE JACKSON
CHAIR



New Rangers Units have opened in Salters District, Darlington Locomotion and Durham Kepier



3 Leaders attended the Innovate Forum at York



We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Camp House with a joint Strawberry Evening with Durham North



Camp House saw a lot of re-furbishment, new double glazing upstairs, wall insulation, new heating and thanks to Darlington Trefoil Guild for the gift of new bedroom storage units at the beginning of the year. Additionally, trees were planted in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and woodland management was undertaken by lots of student volunteers and Houghall College removed several unsafe trees.



Long Service Awards

50 Years

Jennie Coatsworth 1st Horden Brownies
 Jean Fickling East Durham - Division Ambassador

40 Years

Linda Johnson 1st Bishop Middleham Rainbow Unit
 and Sedgfield Division

30 Years

Audrey Burnip 1st Carrville Brownie Unit
 Emily Greathead 1st Chester-Le-Street (St. Mary's &
 St. Cuthbert's) Brownies Unit

20 Years

Tracey Cammock 1st Horden Guide Unit
 Lynn Hobson 1st Staindrop Guide Unit
 Gillian Jones 1st Chester-Le-Street (St. Mary's and
 St. Cuthbert's) Rainbow Unit
 Vivien Purdom 1st Chester-Le-Street (St. Mary's and
 St. Cuthbert's) Rainbow Unit
 Judith Thexton 2nd Bishop Auckland Guide Unit
 Nicola J. Walshaw 1st Staindrop Guide Unit and Raby District,
 Barnard Castle
 Gillian Wesson 1st Langley Park (All Saints) Rainbow Unit and
 Sacriston District, Durham Dunelm

Additionally, 29 Leaders attained 10 year service and 26 Leaders 5 year service awards.

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

In Memory

It is with sadness that we lost Barbara Wilkin in October after a long battle with cancer. Barbara volunteered for many years within Cleveland County (Redcar and Hartlepool) and also ran the 1st Horden Brownie Unit for the last 6 years within our County. The units have many fond memories of unit meetings, joint trips and holidays and I know she will have affected so many young people's lives for the better. Barbara was a very dedicated leader and is a great loss to Guiding.



Jennie Coatsworth and Jean Fickling



Valerie Cadd and Linda Johnson



Nicola Walshaw and Lynn Hobson

THANK YOU to the following who have completed terms of office within the County:

Camp House Key Holder	Iris Pickford	30 years of weekly collection/drop off (Good Service Award)
Advisers	Helen Jackson Shelagh Lamming	Outdoor Team Co-ordinator Join Us Contact and Special Needs Co-ordinator
Division Commissioners	Joanne Burrows Amy Halls Kerry Willsmore	Weardale Durham Kepier Barnard Castle
District Commissioners	Karen Thompson Lesley Raine Paula Jones Joyce Barber Wendy Cooper	Raby - Barnard Castle Riverside - Chester-Le-Street Central Park - Chester-Le-Street Woodlands - Darlington Stephenson Bede - Durham Dunelm

WELCOME to the following who have accepted terms of office:

Advisers	Anne Jeavons	Arts Adviser
Co-ordinators	Adele Gibson Denise Midwood Beth Robinson	Peer Education Join Us Duke of Edinburgh
First Response Trainers	Eileen Milne Lynn Hobson	
Division Commissioners	Karen Thompson Mary Smith	Barnard Castle Weardale
District Commissioners	Nicola Walshaw Clare Moran Dorothy Hale Vivien Purdom Alison Thompson Judith Aird Fiona Ellwood Carole Ridley Erica Storey Andrea Perrin	Raby - Barnard Castle Riverside - Chester-Le-Street Central Park - Chester-Le-Street Central Park - Chester-Le-Street Market Central - Chester-Le-Street North Lodge - Darlington Locomotion Woodlands - Darlington Stephenson Woodlands - Darlington Stephenson Tunstall District - Durham Kepier Tunstall District - Durham Kepier



Units operate throughout County Durham in:

Barnard Castle and Staindrop

Bishop Auckland and Sildon

Chester-le-Street and Birtley

Darlington including Hurworth and Middleton St. George

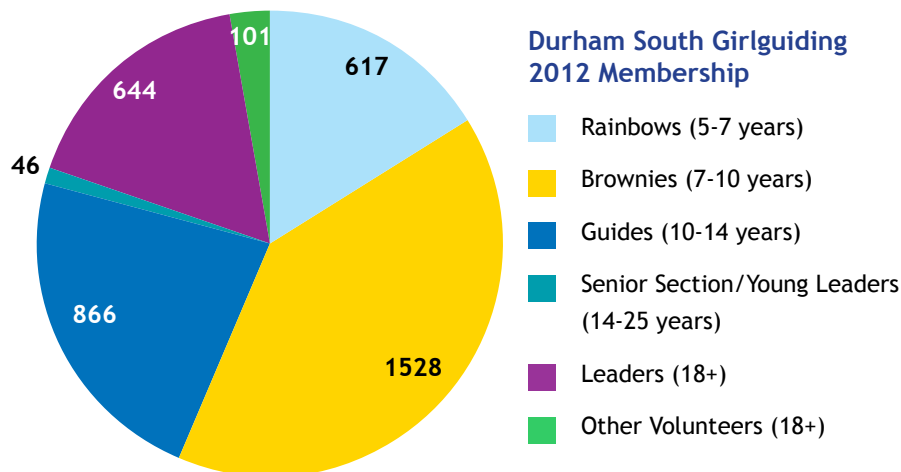
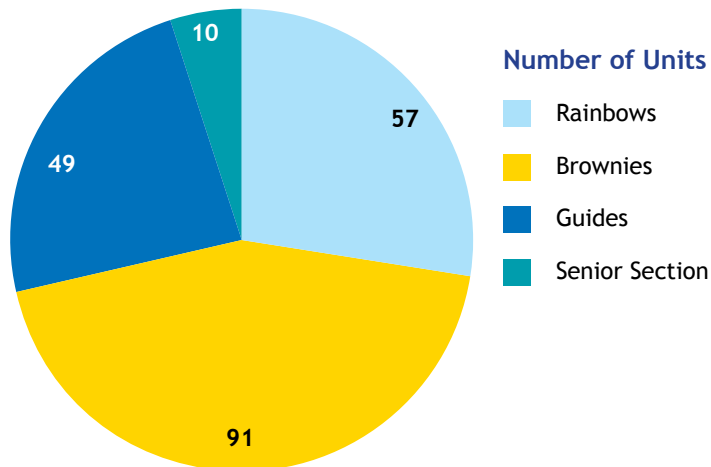
Durham including Belmont, Bowburn, Brandon, Rainton, Sacriston, Sherburn and Tunstall

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.