



Girlguiding

Durham North

girls in the lead



Annual Review 2012



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County Commissioner's Report

Throughout the year, girls and leaders have had many opportunities to learn new skills, try new games and take part in exciting activities, not to mention having the opportunity of making new friends by joining in a wide variety of events.

The County training day in November for leaders also had a varied programme, including sessions to raise awareness, take action and help the world reach the UN Millennium development goals.

Brownies had a fantastic Sleepover at the Centre for Life in Newcastle in October, where they were able to experience the Science Theatre, the Motion Ride, the Human Life Exhibition, 'Walk with the Giants' in the planetarium and the Wallace and Grommit hands on exhibits.

In December we had the opportunity to attend the Regional Christmas Service in York Minster on the theme 'Christmas Through a Child's Eye'. This was open to all members of Girlguiding throughout the Region and there was a lovely atmosphere as we all gathered to sing in celebration.

Work has continued at Camp House which we own with Girlguiding Durham South. We have seen several improvements to the house including the installation of new windows, improved heating, new toilets and new bunks and mattress covers in the dormitory. We are also very grateful to tutors from Houghall College who have carried out work on the trees in Church Woods. The boundary fence around our newly acquired field is now complete and tree planting has now begun. It is owing to the tremendous efforts of everyone concerned that more and more groups are able to make use of these facilities and to experience a residential event.

We also had our annual Strawberry Tea in June at Camp House to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Lady Baden Powell laying the Foundation Stone. Many leaders and Trefoil Guild members who had been there 50 years ago attended this event and shared memories of the day. We also enjoyed a slice of the wonderful celebration cake which had on the top a beautiful picture of Camp House.

The Senior Section had a special weekend of activities at Camp House where they were able to enjoy activities on an international theme while learning all about the many opportunities available to them including peer education, Queens Guide and international opportunities.

Once again two of our senior section members were selected to take part in an Outward Bound course. These courses enable our girls to have access to safe, adventurous experiences through which they can raise their self-esteem, realise their full potential and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

In4mers are trained peer educators from the Senior Section who run sessions for other Brownies, Guides, other Senior Section members and Leaders. We now have ten in4mers in the County, of which six have their in4mer pin badges to show that they have carried out a minimum of three sessions.





To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and also the Olympic Games, we held our own Guiding Games in June. Over 300 girls had a fabulous time doing a variety of activities including street dance, circus skills, African drumming, playing on a bouncy castle, experiencing a climbing wall, making a crown and having our own version of a street party tea!

Two leaders and three guides were fortunate to attend the official Thames River Pageant and Flotilla in June in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. They braved the cold and the rain but were still glad to witness the event. They were right next to the National Theatre and the London Eye and were able to see the Queen's barge as it passed.



We would like to extend our thanks to the Soroptimists of Sunderland who supported one of our senior section members who joined the County expedition to Sangam, our World Centre in India. This trip enabled a group of 7 senior section members, accompanied by 4 leaders, to visit India and to take part in the 'Discover Your Potential' event which was designed to enable the participants to learn about themselves and discover the change they want to be in the world by supporting community action projects in Pune. There was still an opportunity to enjoy other cultural activities, most notable shopping for a sari, and then spending a very enjoyable evening learning how to tie a sari, and having a go at doing Rangoli and Mehendi.



Congratulations to Chloe Tumilty, who won the Sunderland Young Achiever's Award 2012. This award was presented to her at the Stadium of Light and recognised her contribution and work at Brownies.

Once again we had a fantastic residential training weekend at Waddow on the banks of the River Ribble in Lancashire. Here the leaders were able to develop their skills and knowledge which they are then able to pass on to the girls. It was also an excellent opportunity to make new friends as we shared the training with leaders from South Yorkshire.



Laura Richardson was invited to the House of Lords for the presentation of her Queens Guide Award. Well done Laura for gaining this award which is the highest award members can work towards in guiding.

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all our enthusiastic, committed and trained volunteer Leaders, Advisers, Commissioners, Training Team members, Trefoil Guild members and all our fantastic supporters who have enabled the girls in our County to experience new and challenging activities while making new friends, having fun and developing their potential.



Thanks also go to S M Lowery for reviewing our financial records and to the Sir James Knott Trust and the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust for their continued support, which has helped us to provide such a varied programme of activities and events for our young people and training for our adult volunteers.

Patricia Jakeway
County Commissioner

Thank you and congratulations to all those who have gained qualifications and awards over the last year.

40 year Service Award

Marjorie Morton
Lynne Rear

30 year Service Award

Marie Bamborough
Pat De Hart
Jenny Devine
Brenda Forster

20 year Service Award

Lynne Carr
Wendy Coyles
Christine Hartshorne
Penny Maccoy
Kathryn Miller
Elizabeth Ross
Victoria Welsh

10 year Service Award

Kathryn McDevitt
Jackie Reid
Catherine Thain
Catherine Wilson

5 year Service Award

Grace Aciro
Katie Aitken
Karen Allan
Lydia Armstrong
Paula Baterman
Glynis Bell
Rachel Bellamy
Jenny Brown
Sarah Coyne
Victoria Craig
Vicky Ellery
Gemma Ferguson
Michaela Fleury
Amanda Forster

Rachael Goodsir
Caroline Harvey
Stacey Kenny
Melanie Kirkland
Melanie Lovell
Deborah Rodenby
Helen Stables
Clare Stratford
Jeannette Whittle

20 year Service Certificate

Carol Graham

10 year Service Certificate

Noreen Rose

5 years Service Certificate

Pam Donkin
Bruce Howorth
Tracy Robinson
Margaret Smith

Leadership qualification



Brownie Holiday Licence

Melanie Lovell
Nicola Ridley

Guide Camp Licence

Gemma Ferguson
Catherine Wilson

Guide Holiday Licence

Wendy Coyles

Chief Guide's Challenge

Stephanie Brown
Rebecca Finlayson
Helen Jakeway

In4mer

Abigail Criukshanks
Laura Richardson

Commonwealth Award

Helen Jakeway
Anna Mills

Durham North has:

3169 members
636 trained adult volunteer Leaders & Unit helpers aged 18+
44 Senior Section members aged 14-25
862 Guides aged 10 -15 years
1609 Brownies aged 7-10 years
654 Rainbows aged 5-7 years

If you would like to join us or help in any way, please contact:

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COME AND JOIN US.....

Membership is open to all girls and women irrespective of faith, race, culture, nationality or any other circumstances, provided they are able to understand and are willing to make or work towards making the Promise.

Girlguiding UK is non political, believes in being fair, open and inclusive, membership is voluntary.

WHERE TO FIND US:

Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Senior Section groups meet on different days of the week in Blaydon, Derwentside, South Shields, Gateshead, Jarrow, Sunderland North, Whickham, Sunderland South, Washington and Houghton .

SAFEGUARDING

Girlguiding UK operates a 'Safety and Safeguarding' policy to safeguard its members while participating in guiding activities. All adults helping with meetings or events are requested to abide by this policy.

All those with unsupervised access to members undergo a volunteer registration process.