



Annual Review 2017



Durham North Guide Association

Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2017

Girlguiding Durham North provides a varied and active programme for girls and young women:

- 552 Rainbows aged 5-7 years
- 1108 Brownies aged 7-10 years
- 458 Guides aged 10-14 years
- 52 Senior Section members aged 14 - 25 years

It is girl centred, girl led and continuing to grow in Durham North. We have over 3241 members.

We have had a very busy year once again and this time the focus has been on the Rainbows 30th Birthday.

There have been many celebrations throughout the County at Unit, District and Division level. One such event was our County Rainbow Day event at Harton Primary school. The theme was Disney Princesses and during the event over 140 Rainbows were able to enjoy crafts, dancing and a birthday cake beetle game. The girls had fun with Cinderella and sat in her golden carriage provided by Creative Seed. The day ended with a fabulous sing a long.

Earlier this year Guides were offered the opportunity to be part of a Robotic Challenge along with Guides in three of the neighbouring Counties. We have 8 teams taking part, the idea is the teams are given a kit to make their own robot. There will be a winning team picked and then they will go to Birmingham to take part in the final challenge. I look forward to hearing all about it next year.

We also have 2 Senior Section members, 1 from Derwentside and 1 from Jarrow, taking part in the Action for Change project. They have had a residential training at York University and have a year to complete it. We will hear more next year.

Apart from the afore mentioned events, there have been lots of events and activities taking place in the County this year, including residentials in this country and abroad, Tall Ship adventures and many more.

The Trefoil Guild have had a fun packed year with a visit to Bruges in Belgium being one of their exciting adventures. We are very appreciative of their continued help and support they give to Units and Leaders



At Camp House we have seen further improvements to the house itself and maintenance of the woodlands.

Many thanks to students from Emmanuel College, Gateshead, who once again did some woodland management for us as part of their 'Environmental Day.' This has been their seventh year of supporting us. They cleared the wood and brambles, and spread bark chippings on the paths. The dangerous trees have now been removed.





Most of our 5 acre field has been flayed which has cut down the thistles and nettles. This has created a new area for activities to take place and the field will be managed this way in future with two to three cuts annually.

We are indebted to Howdens Joinery Ltd who donated a new kitchen for Camp House, replacing the tired original 50 year old kitchen. The kitchen has also been redecorated.

Fire sensors have been installed in the Leaders bedrooms and 1st Aid room.



Full planning permission has been granted for the development of The Lodge. The Lodge will accommodate 8 youngsters and 2 Leaders. A big thank you to Angel Air NE Ltd and Dunelm Orthodontist who have donated an Air Source Heat Pump plus air conditioning units which will supply green energy to heat the building.



Funds continue to be raised through the annual Strawberry Tea, Christmas and sponge puddings, a bluebell day, a beautiful sight to see and thanks once again to Mark Dixon and colleagues from Northumbrian Water who cycled the Coast to Coast again and match funded. Thanks go to everyone for their support in our fundraising events. Thanks also go to Sunderland North who held a Christmas craft day for all sections and donated the money raised to Camp House funds.

All these improvements have helped to increase the number of bookings Camp House now has which is fantastic, schools are even using the venue for events.



During the year we have also offered a wide variety of trainings in the County. These have included First Response, Safeguarding, Unit Finances and Gift Aid, Programme trainings and trainings for new leaders.

We are again very grateful to the Sir John Priestman Trust whose financial support has enabled members of our Senior Section 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 equip themselves with some new outdoor skills. The course can include climbing rocks, navigating through the hills, scrambling up gorges, paddling along the shore, and taking part in a two night expedition at the end of the week.



Many thanks to Claire Hindmarch, our member of staff in the County Office. Claire has again been an invaluable resource ensuring once again the smooth running of the administration within the county.

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to support the County in any way. Their efforts continue to enable girls to experience new and exciting activities in a safe girl only space where they can enjoy making new friends and having fun developing their potential.



I would like to extend my grateful thanks once more 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 diverse programme of events for our young people and relevant training for our adult volunteers.

Lisa Nesworthy
County Commissioner

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

50 year Service Award

Lynne Tullett
Margaret Humble
Jean Thompson

40 year Service Award

Mary Lisle
Heather Justice
Carol Thompson
Cheryl Scott
Pam Roll
Carol Cowen
Muriel Metcalfe
Florence Darlaston
Alison Johnson

30 year Service Award

Ann Appleby
Helen Le Patourel
Wendy Pringle
Deborah Humble
Suzanne McGoay
Val Bowerbank
Janice Ellis

20 year Service Award

Claire Burgess
Katie Wilkes
Joy Richards
Lisa Nesworthy
Pat Moodie
Rachel Kerton
Alison Gourlay
Liz Edmonds
Vicki Redhead
Helen Thompson
Louise Howe
Lorraine Thompson

10 year Service Award

Annalise Cave
Katie Aitken
Gemma Ferguson
Glynis Bell
Lynn Sykes
Clare Stratford
Margaret Smith
Rachael Goodsir
Helen Stables

5 year Service Award

Rebecca Ashby
Claire Moor
Tara Cooper
Sallie Ball
Marianne Cox

Jenny Leverett
Sarah Harvey
Jo James
Tabitha Peverley
Chloe Parvin
Karen Peverley
Gracy Newbould
Jazmin Cook
Karlene Wright
Claire Rivett
Wendy Raine
Wanda Stockdale
Katie Wilkinson
Julie Hoy
Joanne Shields
Emily Sleightholme
Jeannette Mullen
Jill Ingoe
Charlotte Ridley
Vanessa Wright
Jamie Farthing

Going Away Brownie

Programme

Kirsty Barker
Gillian De'ath
Angela Marshall
Kirsty Watson

Going Away Guide

Programme

Kirsty Barker
Rebecca Wynne
Karen Peverley
Angela Wallace

Going Away International

Susan Cassidy
Kirsty Fullard

Commonwealth Award

Fiona Hills
Katherine Easthaugh

Chief Guide Award

Jenny Leverett
Stacey Kenny
Sarah Aitken
Beth Moir
Jade Roper

Young Leader Qualification

Bethany Coyles
Jade Roper

Leadership qualification

Ilona Towns	Rainbows
Melanie Williams	Rainbows
Marianne Cox	Rainbows
Sarah Leach	Rainbows
Catherine Adkin	Rainbows
Claire Miller	Rainbows
Sarah Leach	Rainbows
Andrea McGuigan	Rainbows
Tania Wynne	Rainbows
Barbara Mannall	Rainbows
Charlotte Potts	Brownies
Laura Phipps	Brownies
Liza Archer	Brownies
Rachel Matthews	Brownies
Ann Devine	Brownies
Hollie Myers	Brownies
Alexandra Hope	Brownies
Libby Hannen	Brownies
Rachel Phyll	Brownies
Patsy Steele	Brownies
Tracy Steel	Brownies
Amy Brown	Brownies
Molly Curle	Brownies
Kate Edmonds	Brownies
Jayne Burnikell	Brownies
Juliet Cooper	Brownies
Bethanie Dennis	Brownies
Sarah Harvey	Brownies
Michelle Henderson	Brownie
Helen Jakeway	Guides
Louise Hall	Guides
Rebecca Young	Guides
Catherine Tait	Guides
Susan Bell	Guides
Amy Farrell	Guides
Nicola Smith	Guides
Meghan Lamb	Guides
Dizzy Peverley	Guides
Josephine Scott	Guides
Sallie Ball	Guides
Wendy Raine	Rangers
Louise Davidson	Look Wider
Emma Wilmot	Look Wider
Abigail Cruickshanks	Rangers
Julie Hoy	Senior Section

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