



# Annual Review 2019



# Durham North Guide Association

## Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2019

Girlguiding Durham North provides a varied and active programme for girls and young women which includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Adults.

It is girl centred, girl led and thriving in Durham North. We have just under 3000 active girls and 675 volunteers.

This year our County turned 30. We celebrated by having an afternoon of party games, a ceilidh and afternoon tea. Lots of fun was had by Leaders of all ages including Trefoil members who also had a cake for their 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Thank you to all those who helped organise, prepare and support the event.

There have been many celebrations throughout the County at Unit, District and Division level.

A huge well done to Karen Davison who received the Gold Award for Trefoil, the first one in our County.

Washington Division had a fab Thinking Day celebration. Brownies took part in a Brownie Badge Day event at the Aircraft Museum. 1<sup>st</sup> Washington Brownies, Guides and Our Lady's Brownies held a fundraising day, which The Mayor of Sunderland visited. They raised £1500 towards their Dukeshouse Wood residential. Well done girls, hope you enjoyed Dukeshouse Wood.

Nissan have been working with some Guides in Washington to get them interested in engineering. Nissan provide a bus to pick up the girls and have given them a tour of the factory. The girls have loved it.

Sunderland North Division have held two programme socials, their Division Review and a summer fundraiser for Camp House throughout the past year. The Division has provided personalised hessian bags for each volunteer with the Division logo on. This was part of the Our Plan Strategy and had a celebration for the Exec on completing the Our Plan Strategy. They went to see the Rock Choir. They used some of the Sir John Priestman Trust Grant to provide each girl with resources for the new programme.

The last NEE BP Challenge was held at Durham Cathedral. Some Guides from our County slept overnight in the Cathedral, as did I. We all had a fab time. The following morning was an early start as the weather was being reported from the Bell Tower, however, we didn't meet the reporters or get to be on TV. The Guides then completed a trail around Durham in the pouring rain, before heading back to the Cathedral for the presentation of their certificates.

At Camp House we have seen further improvements to the house itself and maintenance of the woodlands. They have had their annual Bluebell Day, a bucket collection at the Stadium of Light which raise just over £2000, thanks to everyone who helped at both events. The Brownies and Guides at the bucket collection were great at getting the fans to donate.





During the year we have also offered a wide variety of trainings in the County. These have included First Response, Safeguarding, New Programme trainings and trainings for new leaders. We have 2 trainers in our County, Christine and Alison, thank you for delivering the sessions. Thank you also to Beatrice who after many years has given up her Trainer role, I enjoyed many a training session, gaining lots of fab ideas to use in my units when I first became involved in Guiding. We also use trainers from other Counties especially for Safeguarding, thanks must also go to those. My huge thanks go to Brenda Day for all her support, time and energy she has given to organising the trainings for you all, her role came to an end in May, but she stayed on for an extra 7 months. I appreciate everything she has done enormously. I've enjoyed working so closely with Brenda and a lasting friendship has been formed. Christine Mantle has taken over now and I look forward to working with her again, I'm sure it won't take long for her to get in the swing of things.



Thank you to Sonia, our County President, who always has a good listening ear and offers her hand of friendship at any time. She's always there to lend a hand when needed, thank you.

We are again very grateful to the Sir James Knott Trust whose financial support has enabled members of Guides and Rangers to take part in International trips organised by NEE. We have 6 girls going to Gdansk next year.



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 hope you and the girls are enjoying the new programme, many of the girls have achieved their Gold Awards. Fantastic, keep it up!



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 James Knott 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.

**60 year Service Award**

Carol Falconer

**50 year Service Award**

Yvonne Corr

Christine Shovlin

**40 year Service Award**

Anne Fielding

Janet Gardner

Christine Mantle

Joan Marshall

**30 year Service Award**

Charlotte Allison

Susan Cassidy

Ellen Hargreaves

Pat Liddell

Barbara Mannall

Judy Stones

Helen Wilson

**20 year Service Award**

JoAnn Appleby

Mary Blanchflower

Laura Donelly

Julie King

Heather Lucas

Jacklyn Laws

Amanda Lee

Jean Metcalfe

Anne Taylor

Victoria Welsh

Paula Wilson

Pam Young

**10 year Service Award**

Sarah Aitken

Jennifer Bell

Anna Crowther

Ann Devine

Dave Dunbar

Helen Edmonds

Cara Fowler

Katie Grey

Kate Hollamby

Tracy Kirk

Emma Leggott

Joanne MacDonald

Emma Manfren

Debe Rice

Patricia Stephenson

Tracey Tait

Bekka Tuck

**5 year Service Award**

Louise Bailey

Amy Brown

Jayne Burnikell

Juliet Cooper

Louise Davidson

Rachel Eastick

Joanne Hardy

Rebecca Jackson

Chloe Lamb

Michaela Lee

Lindsay Marshall

Rachel Matthews

Penny McGuire

Gemma Mitchell

Stacey Nicholson

Dizzy Peverley

Rachel Phyll

Claire Sadler

Jemma Simpson

Joanne Smith

Emma Turnbull

Katy Watson

**Going Away Brownie Programme**

Patricia Stephenson

**Going Away Guide Programme**

Emma Leggott

**Going Away International**

Lucy Pearson

**Commonwealth Award**

Hayley Dobinson

Nina Hellens

Leigha MacLeod

Ellie Rennison

Emily Watson

Chloe Wheeler

**Chief Guide Award**

Skye Smith

**Young Leader Qualification**

Charlotte Beech

Caitlin Buddy

Amy Meston

Georgia Miller

**Leadership qualification**

Beth Copeland Rainbows

Dawn Dixon Rainbows

Emily Henderson Rainbows

Gemma Mitchell Rainbows

Catherine Tait Rainbows

Rebecca Wynne Rainbows

Megan Adamson Brownies

Anne Cartwright Brownies

Ruth Chapman Brownies

Sarah Clark Brownies

Keeva Cooper Brownies

Bethany Coyles Brownies

Stephanie Donohue Brownies

Julie Elliott Brownies

Charlotte Galloway Brownies

Sarah Hamed Brownies

Jill Hammerton Brownies

Laura Jackson Brownies

Jenny Leverett Brownies

Jenny McRae Brownies

Emma Nelthorpe Brownies

Rebecca Scott Brownies

Megan Toolin Brownies

Charlotte Turner Brownies

Karine Wake Brownies

Jessica Walker Brownies

Carolyn Adgar Guides

Imogen Airson Guides

Emma Ashton Guides

Samantha Beaney Guides

Lauren Byrne Guides

Louise Davidson Guides

Katy Dawes Guides

Hayley Dobinson Guides

Wendy Gill Guides

Emilie Hopper Guides

Amy Howard Guides

Georgina Hughes Guides

Marianne Hutchinson Guides

Helen Jakeway Guides

Michelle Oakes Guides

Claire Sadler Guides

Cristie Scott Guides

Janine Walker Guides

Rachael Ward Guides

Emily Watson Guides

Tyler Wilson Guides

Molly Curle Rangers

Jenny Leverett Rangers

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