

# Girlguiding North Yorkshire South Annual Review 2018



North Yorkshire South



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW  
Girlguiding

# Welcome



1st Rawcliffe Brownies

Another new Programme - another necessary step in a changing world

I was privileged to attend the County training weekend last September for a day and watch how the leaders are embracing the new programme.

It was lovely to see that the first objective of the weekend was "to have a fun weekend at Waddow" as I have always believed that as well as giving the girls fun in the unit meetings and beyond, it is also important for the Leaders to enjoy each other's company

away from the meeting place and share funny stories.

Speaking of a changing world - I asked a Brownie Unit what they thought Brownies would be like in 10 years' time. Some of the responses were: Brownies will have a different name; they will allow boys to join Brownies; they will have a robot instead of a Brown Owl! Watch this space...

The Scout & Guide Gang Show has always been a biennial highlight and last year I saw it from the perspective



of a participant. We have always known it was a big commitment, but my goodness, the hours and dedication of all "The Gang", as well as the parents who ferry the children to and fro, is phenomenal! How the organisers got all the children in the right place at the right time is still a mystery! I would like to say a huge "WELL DONE" to everyone involved.

Watching the children grow in confidence and self-esteem each night is a massive credit to all the leaders.

When you are a Leader you don't think about how much time and energy you are putting in for the benefit of the girls in your unit but now I am on the outside looking in, it is very humbling to think that leaders don't have to do what they do, but they do it for the love of Guiding and it makes me immensely proud of you all.

Chris Bulmer  
County President

# Thank You



Abbey Division trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

As I come towards the end of my term of office as County Commissioner I am taking time to appreciate the opportunities that have been opened to me. The variety of people that I have met, the friends that I have made and the places that I have been. These opportunities are not unique, Guiding opens so many doors for all of our members, from the youngest Rainbow to the more senior members of the Trefoil.

During 2018, doors have been opened for sleepovers, international adventures, camps and adventures for

all ages. The biggest adventure was the introduction of the new Girlguiding Programme for all sections. Never before have all sections made such significant changes to their weekly activities all at once. This did present challenges, resources were needed, leaders needed training' and concerns listened to and allayed. The County provided starter packs for each unit enabling everyone to move over to the new programme in their own time, not just when finances permitted. Our County weekend at Waddow gave a kick start to the training for over 75

volunteers and further trainings were well attended locally. The results of this investment are starting to show, dozens of Gold Awards, the highest award in each section, have already been presented, this may be due to the transition but it reflects the enthusiasm that units have got to move to the new programme.

Girlguiding are also ensuring that our volunteers are well prepared and trained for the challenges that leaders today must face, mandatory trainings ensuring the well being of all our members are now the norm and we welcome the commitment to ensure that leaders will be supported should they ever feel concerned for another member.

At the centre of all our efforts though are our volunteers and young members. Without them Girlguiding would not exist and we have continued to plan events and opportunities for them to grow and develop and to ensure that Girlguiding in North Yorkshire South has a bright future. It has been an honour to lead them over the past five years and I wish them and my successor many more fun times in the future.

Judith Bellamy  
County Commissioner



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# Iceland



Members of our Senior Section travelled to Iceland in 2018. On the first day we completed a 15k hike to the top of a very beautiful mountain, and a hike to a power station, one Ranger from Foss was enrolled at the summit!

For the last part of our trip, we had a day in Reykjavik, taking a trip up Hallgrímskirkja tower. Journeyed on a sight seeing tour bus, followed by a rather eventful whale watching trip.

We then had a bit of a potter in the Harpa concert hall and back to the scout centre for an amazing goulash and a entertaining campfire!

For our final adventure on the trip, We spent the morning driving along the coast road, investigating some hot mud pools, and relaxing in the Blue Lagoon.

Laura Wells  
Senior Section Adviser



*"To all the boys who think we just sing and sew!"  
Megan Rhodes*



# Trefoil Guild



2018 was the 75th anniversary of the Trefoil Guild and North Yorkshire South never needs telling twice to celebrate. Each guild chose their own way, but as a County our main celebration was a "Cruise on the Ouse" in July.

Sixty members cruised down the Ouse from King's Staithes to Bishopthorpe Palace enjoying afternoon tea, beautiful weather and great company. A memorable day was had by all, with a hand made coaster a souvenir of the event.

Each Trefoil member was also given a special china beaker as a memento of the anniversary year - just in case they might forget in the future!

Other activities have taken place throughout the year with Diana Bates gaining her Gold Voyager Award (similar to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award but for trefoil members).



This is a first for our County. Well done Diana! Guilds have helped others in many ways especially in making poppies to celebrate the end of the First World War.

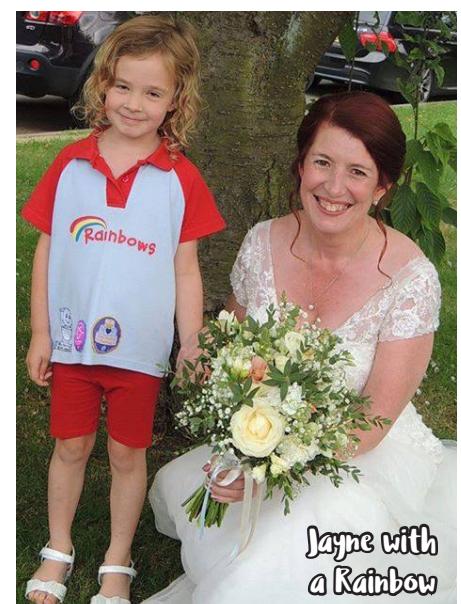
Several churches had knitted or crocheted poppies to cover their buildings and the guilds eagerly stepped in to help.

As usual we have had plenty of food activities and many interesting speakers. We are always willing to help with units and welcome any new members either in or out of active guiding.

Carole Wilson  
County Trefoil Guild Chair



# Snap happy!



# County Weekend



In September, 75 members of the County had a lovely weekend at Waddow Hall, to find out more about the new programme.

Fun, Laughter and activities were enjoyed by all...



# Insta Famous!



# Gang Show



The York Scout & Guide Gang Show production of "Tis the season for... Gang Show 2018 was held at the Joseph Rowntree Theatre, Haxby Road, York in late November 2018. With a cast of just under 60 young people and leaders performing on stage and a similar number working backstage and in a supporting role in the Business Team the show was a great success. Over the six shows there was a total audience of over 1800, an increase on over 400 on the 2016 show. It was good to see so much support from the local groups who attended the show.

It was good to see many new members of the Gang on stage and new faces taking on backstage roles. Involvement in the show teaches the young people

many skills, not just acting, dancing, singing but also commitment and teamwork. Involvement also requires a deal of commitment from the parents and guardians and their leaders in allowing the cast to attend all the rehearsals.

The accounts for the show are currently being finalised and feedback comments collated from the Gang and from the groups. Once this is finalised it will be time for a rest and then planning will start for the 2020 show, the theatre is already booked for 15th - 28th November 2020!

John A Ives  
Gang Show Chairman  
York Scout & Guide Gang Show



# Guide Sleepover



From 28th - 30th September, 22nd York Garrison Guides held a Harry Potter sleepover weekend at White Rose House.

The weekend started with their very own Sorting Ceremony, where the girls had to design their own houses and crests.

Of course, they needed wands and pets to head off to HogYork, so they got to make these! We even had a

very special potions demonstration from Benevolus Snape to get everybody excited for the weekend!

Saturday revolves around trying out lots of Hogwarts lessons, from Herbology to Potions, Defence against the Dark Arts to Transfiguration. They even designed their own brooms to play quidditch later that afternoon, and also got to try out butterbeer!

Sunday morning was designed around finding the Philosopher's Stone - solving riddles, defeating a giant snakes and ladders grid and finding keys.

We awarded House Points throughout the weekend and Aquas were our House Cup winners. It was a magical weekend had by all.

Katherine Watson  
Garrison Guides

**"Everybody got excited for the weekend!"**



# Votes for Women



2018 marked the 100 year anniversary of women gaining the vote, units from across the county took part in Parliament Week and Equaliteas.

35th York Guides had great night with lots of fun and some heated discussions. 1st Copmanthorpe Guides formed parties, wrote a manifesto based on running the Guide Unit, did a presentation to the electorate, had a ballot, the count and finally a declaration of the winners, all in 2 hours.

1st Rawcliffe had a lovely evening which included a ballot and listening to discussions about democracy, equality and vote 100 amongst girls and guests.

Heworth Rangers learned about laws governing women's lives and how they have changed, how Girlguiding contributed to the women's rights movement and discussed how they still sometimes struggle to feel equal.



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# 2018 in numbers

## Rainbows



## Brownies



## Guides



## Rangers & Young Leaders



## Volunteers



## Training

76

First Response

26

Safe Space

28

Leadership Qualification

### 10 Years

Diane Harryman  
Sally Jackson  
Yvonne Ward

### 30 Years

Wendy Dickenson  
Sue Waller  
Caroline J Ryder  
Helen Speight

### 20 Year Long Service

Kathryn Carroll  
Janice Ray  
Sharon Ward  
Amanda Sharkey  
Jill Copley

### 10 Year Long Service

Minnie Lansell  
Emma Louise Hirst  
Abigail Othick  
Helen Rees  
Ali Frankland  
Emily Wagner  
Becca Nellis  
Christine Hubbard  
Katherine Treves  
Anne Temple

### 5 Year Long Service

Laura Harryman  
Alana Skilbeck  
Kirsty Ackland  
Melissa Sargeant  
Alice Bull

## Awards

Sophie Bull  
Ellie Bissett-Walton  
Evie Bolton  
Sophie Bailey  
Luci Bone  
Siobhan Osman  
Romy Copley, Elizabeth  
Watson-Rippon  
Anna Booth  
Tabitha Pinkney  
Eviw Taylor-Palmer





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