

District Newsround - Goole & Howdenshire

Bulb Planting

Members of 1st Howden Guides recently joined other youngsters and volunteers in a bulb planting day organised by Pretty Up Eastington and VYPER (Volunteering for Young People in East Riding).

Kingswood Activity Centre

1st Howden Guides and 19th Goole Guides recently visited Kingswood at Dearne Valley near Doncaster for an action packed weekend. Highlights included a murder mystery evening, a night walk, fencing, zip wire and leap of faith. The Guides' confidence soared as they completed activities they didn't think they would ever manage and even Leaders overcome their fears on the zip wire. We did however have a nasty few minutes when one intrepid leader managed the 10metre climb up a pole to the leap of faith platform only to find herself stuck unable to get both legs onto it. After several anxious minutes she eventually managed to stand on the platform and plucking up yet more courage launched herself onto the swinging bar. She was a very strange colour when she reached terra firma and had to sit down to recuperate! It was amazing however to see how many girls made short work of the climb and seemed to think nothing of throwing themselves into thin air (harnesses and hard hats were worn)! We were very proud of how all the Guides did their best on all the activities, regardless of the level of success.

Flamingo Land

Each year the District gets together for a joint event. This year girls and leaders from every Brownie and Guide unit in the District joined together for a day trip to Flamingo Land (the Rainbows were invited but decided they would prefer a shorter day on another occasion). Despite the fact it was October the weather was very kind to us. The girls enjoyed all the rides and watching the animals although our County Senior Section Adviser had a much too close an encounter with a lemur that decided to leap on her back! The highlight of the day for many of the girls was the Lost River Ride, how wet can you get? No-one got quite as wet as our Division Commissioner who couldn't have got wetter if she'd stood under a shower fully clothed, although several other leaders were in danger of falling into the water by laughing so much at her. Fortunately there are giant blow dryer pods at the end of the ride and we may have broken a record by getting four leaders and 14 Guides into it at the same time.

How to tell when Brownies and Guides are having a good time? Apparently they burst into song en masse regardless of who is around or where they are – how lovely to see and hear them enjoying themselves.



This Meerkat couldn't wait to scamper over to meet the Guides Yes, we really survived this rollercoaster!

Bonfire/Halloween Theme Evening

1st Howden Guides held their own indoor bonfire party on 3 November. Activities included a science experiment making indoor volcanos with vinegar, baking soda and food colouring, edible bonfires and sparklers, a game of wrap the mummy and the girls wore fancy dress as did several of the leaders.



A homemade volcano!

Edible bonfires and sparklers



Is it bat? Is it a cat? No, it's a Leader!