

# Annual Review 2019



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## County Commissioner's Report

The whole County has had a very busy and exciting year. None of it would be possible without our dedicated Leaders and Commissioners, and of course our County Advisers, Coordinators and everyone else who works hard behind the scenes to put on events, trainings and to provide support. I would like to say a very big and well deserved thank you to all our volunteers.

Mandie Cross County Commissioner

The Divisions throughout the County have been active during this year, and some of the more prominent events that have taken place are as follows:

**Beverley Division** have been on PGL trips, camps and pack holidays. There have been treasure hunts, meetings on the Beverley barge, Syntan, and outdoor meetings at the archery field in Beverley as well as cookouts, grass sledging and games at Guideacres. Brownies took part in a sponsored walk over the Humber Bridge in April. The units are getting familiar with the new Guide programme with various degrees of success! It should get easier to run as we all get more used to it. We are delighted that we have had quite a lot of Brownies completing their Gold Awards under the transition scheme. Some units did the Future Girl Challenge from Girlguiding, making all sorts of creatures from recycled materials and individuals signed up to the Plastic Pledge too. One of the Guide Units did the Period Poverty badge and had someone come in from The Refill Shop in Beverley to talk about reusable period products with the girls. The Rainbows had a special showing of Frozen 2 at the Beverley Cinema. Cherry Burton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides took part in the Church Christmas Tree Festival and their tree was joint first. We are delighted that Evie Molloy completed her Queen's Guide Award in December. Very well done to her!

The highlight of the year for the three guide units from **Boothferry Division** was the Big Gig held in Sheffield. As it was fairly local we were able to attend the evening performance which is a first for us and as always, we weren't disappointed with the acts and the atmosphere. 1<sup>st</sup> Howden Guides and 19<sup>th</sup> Goole Guides held a sleepover at Guideacres and tried out the new Go-Carts, the girls thought that it was brilliant being able to race each other round the track. We said thank you to Hannah Deighton, the outgoing District Commissioner for Snaith and hello to her successor, Anna Davies. 1<sup>st</sup> Howden Guides made up toiletry parcels for a

homeless shelter in Goole. Gilbertyke and Goole Brownies attended the County Sleep Under the Stars at Guideacres, where unfortunately it didn't just rain, it bounced, and the girls had to take refuge in the Den, a night they won't forget in a hurry!

In **Haltemprice Division** Milly from 1<sup>st</sup> Cottingham Guides completed her Baden Powell (BP) Challenge award. Out of five that started Milly was the only one with the determination to see it through to the end. Milly is now a Young Leader at Brownies.

The girls in the division have enjoyed a very varied programme in Girlguiding as leaders have got to grips with the new scheme. Ideas have been shared between units and help has been offered to struggling units. 10 Brownies achieved their Gold award. In addition girls have played silly games, learnt new crafts including cross stitch and been entertained by magicians.

Residentials are an important part of Guiding. Guideacres has been used by all sections for sleepovers. 9<sup>th</sup> Cottingham Brownies enjoyed the county 'sleep under the stars' and were very reluctant to go into the den during the torrential rain on Saturday night. Wolfreton and South Ella district Brownies went on a sleepover at the William's Den for their 'Thinking Day' celebrations. Brownies enjoyed pack holidays at Paxwold and Guides and camped at Guideacres. Food and cooking are important at all residentials, but they became a real challenge when the Guides had to cook their evening meal from a random selection of tinned foods and then eat it!

There have been a lot of day events. W&SE District cleverly organised events to aid transition between sections with sailing and canoeing at Welton Waters for older Brownies and Guides in July and an event at Guideacres for older Rainbows and younger Brownies in September. In October, 1<sup>st</sup> Cottingham Guides went by train to the 'Big Gig' in Sheffield FlyDSA arena. Guides from both Districts signed up to 'I'm a Survivor' at Guideacres. In November W&SE District had an evening at Big Fun. Frozen 2 was enjoyed by many Rainbows and Brownies.

Cottingham Guides, Brownies and Rainbows took part in the Remembrance day parade. 1<sup>st</sup> Skidby Rainbows entered the Skidby scarecrow festival for a second time. Their scarecrows were girls on scooters "In training for the Tour de Yorkshire". They also made bunting for the Tour de Yorkshire. Working on the theme of 'Community Action',

1<sup>st</sup> Cottingham Guides fund-raised by doing extra jobs at home to buy items for Cottingham Food bank.

**Holderness Division's** new joint Division Commissioners, Laura King and Dianne Davies, have had quite a busy year getting to know their new Division, which although it only has 21 units in two Districts, covers approximately 525 sq km! Nevertheless, the new Commissioners have endeavoured to visit as many of the units as possible, including the ones which meet at the same time as their own units. The individual units have provided many interesting and exciting opportunities for their girls: Hedon Brownies held their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations before discovering that they were actually a year early - did Brown Owl have a premonition of what was to come?

Withernsea Brownies and girls from all four levels of Girlguiding Keyingham visited PGL in Lincolnshire, several units from both Districts went to the Big Gig in Sheffield and Hedon and Thorngumbald joined in an excellent Kip On A Ship on HMS Belfast in London. Closer to home, some of our girls had some amazing opportunities: Charlotte Parrish, one of Keyingham's Guides, was surprised by her friends at her Monday Guide meeting with the news that she had been successful in gaining a place at the Royal Ballet School, and they helped her celebrate with a surprise party. Although she is a boarder now, she remains with her unit as a Lone Guide. Also on the dancing stage, Becky Liddle, who is now a Ranger but suffered a life-altering stroke when she was still a Brownie, took part in a local dance show, thanks to the constant support of some of her fellow Guides and Rangers.

The year ended on a high with a Division Carol Service in Keyingham Parish Church, to which all units in Holderness were invited, and Keyingham Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers put on an unforgettable nativity play in front of a packed church, singing and signing "Away In A Manger" in Makaton to support one of the Brownie friends, and the Commissioners enrolled a Brownie and a Ranger, and presented the Division's first Gold Award to Keyingham Rainbow Emily Clarkson.

A BIG THANK YOU to all leaders and volunteers who work tirelessly in **Hull East Division** to provide the very best Guiding experience for all our members. All units have embraced the changes to the Programme with enthusiasm and determination to learn and adapt as we progress it. Throughout the Division units have undertaken many activities, badges and events. Some of the highlights include the following:

40<sup>th</sup> Hull (Wesley) Guides took part in Thinking Day around the theme of Leadership. Three oldest Guides ran the entire meeting which was a good experience, giving an insight into how much goes into running a meeting! As part of their Take Action-Influence badge they wrote to Karl Turner MP. Paw Print badges were completed and they spent a few evenings working towards the Poppy Challenge for Remembrance Day and the Pantomime challenge in time for their visit to the Freedom Centre for Aladdin. They also held a Votes for Women evening.



During the year there were trips to Withernsea for a beach clean and BBQ, and Sewerby to join in an organised beach clean and litter survey with the Sea Champions North East. There was a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum where the Guides completed the Photography badge. A representative from NatWest bank visited the unit to run a joint money sense 'Fraud Scene Investigation' workshop with the 40<sup>th</sup> Hull (Wesley) Brownies, where they learned how to stay safe online.

During the summer the Guides stayed at Waddow Hall, participating in themed activities around the Pendle Witch trails. Highlights included making wool felt witches, saving Alice Nutters cat 'Smudge' from the swamp, and evenings around a camp fire telling tales, singing songs and cooking Nutella rollups puddings. They completed the Crate Challenge with two girls getting 19 crates high! They participated in the 'escape room' activity and went bouldering, as well as trying out the Waddow Warren. It was definitely the wettest camp they have ever been on but without doubt the most fun.

1<sup>st</sup> Sutton (Methodist) Guides did the Greener Guiding Challenge Badge which included making plant pots from old milk bottles, and bags from old T-shirts. 37<sup>th</sup> Hull (St Aidans) Brownies worked on a core theme 'Skills for the Future'. They completed a range of activities about life goals and working with money. The girls were encouraged to complete badges at home in order to earn their awards. The new programme was supplemented with a range of crafts, baking and games to ensure the girls had a varied experience.





65th Hull (St Hildas) Brownies joined with the Guides for some joint activities to increase their numbers. This included a sleepover at Williams Den. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the self-made pizzas for their supper. They got the chance to play on the equipment and met girls from other units.

In June Brownies and Guides spent a very muddy weekend at Hesley Wood Guide House near Sheffield. Despite the inclement conditions the girls participated in lots of outdoor activities including zipwire, obstacle course, pond dipping, grass sledges, crate stacking, raft building and a bouncy castle. The Guides made or remade their promise at the top of the crate stack. Thanks to lots of fund raising the girls also had a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park in September.



In early November, the 95<sup>th</sup> Hull (St Hildas) Guides held a 'Pink Party' for Kelly Shepherd just before she got married. They did several activities based around pink and weddings, with lots of cake. For their community project for 2019, the Guides made Christmas Gift bags of toiletries for the ladies in Holderness House. The Brownies practised very hard to sing some Christmas songs for them. At the end of November they went to Holderness House to sing and present the gifts. To finish the year off, they girls went to the pantomime at the Freedom Centre which was enjoyed by all.



In **Hull North Division** units enjoyed reaching new heights at Rock Up, learning a new dance routine with a visit from a local dance teacher, attending the Big

Gig at Sheffield Arena in October and participating in a Christingle service in support of The Children's Society.

Members in **Hull West Division** had another fun filled exciting year. There were visits to the theatre, Ten Pin Bowling, Ice Skating, Gravity and Rock Up. A substantial amount of money was raised for a Children's Cancer Charity through a sponsored event using 26 as the magic number. Following an exciting evening with a Labradoodle puppy and his trainer the Rainbows decided to hold a Princess party to raise funds for Assistance Dogs. They were delighted when they had a return visit so they could present a cheque and handover treats for both the dog and the trainer.

Guides and Brownies have had fun and excitement at a pack holiday in Filey and camping at Guideacres with a day out at Flamingo Land. Rainbows had great fun at Honeysuckle Farm where they were able to feed the animals, have a ride on a horse and cart round the farm and play on the straw bales in the barns.

At Guideacres, Rainbows were able to take part in a range of activities from the Camp and Explore Themes. They were especially keen on building dens, following a trail and pretending to be birds hunting for materials to build a nest. Once the dens were completed, they couldn't wait to "play in the house" and the quote of the day was "I wish I could stay here forever!"

In **Hunsley Division** units engaged in numerous activities designed around the 5 essentials of Girlguiding. Units within the Division attended camps and sleepovers at Guideacres and Paxwold, also residential with PGL to complete badges and learn new skills. Brought units travelled to Manchester to attend the Big Gig - a girls only pop concert featuring well known pop artists - and had a super time.



A great many girls during the year went to the local Aquarium, The Deep, in Hull to sleep with the sharks and penguins, something that the younger



ones really enjoy. Older girls attended selection camps so they could join other Guides and Scouts at International camps around the world.

Community activities included bake sales to raise funds for the shower and toilet blocks at our County campsite which also involved parents taking an active interest in their own girls and meeting the guide leaders. The girls also attended Remembrance services around the districts.

In **North Wolds East** all the units in our 4 districts have been busy with the new programme. Girls went away on camps and holidays and had days out to old and new venues. There were a variety of events held throughout the districts for Thinking Day and the Remembrance Day parade was represented by all districts.

Several district specific events have been held in the division: Bridlington North had a day at the RSPB in Bempton. Around 80 girls explored the RSPB site, learning about local wildlife, how to protect and look after birds in their gardens, including making apple bird feeders to take home, and achieved a LASER Go Wild badge.

Around 40 girls slept overnight at Guideacres at a Women in STEM themed camp. The girls tried a variety of activities and crafts themed around science, technology, engineering and maths and had great fun in a wide game themed around famous women in STEM. They were given a Brid North created 'STEM Superheros' badge.

Around 50 girls spent the day together working on the Pawprint 'Too Cool for School - Beach' badge. They had a trip on the Yorkshire Belle pleasure boat, accompanied by a volunteer from RSPB Bempton. They played on the beach, learning about sea safety from a coastguard, and visited the lifeboat station. Bridlington North also attended the Armed Forces Day parade.

Driffield Rural District had another great year with even more adventures and activities as units embraced the new programme. At the beginning of the year some of the enthusiastic Young Leaders asked if they could meet regularly and as a result Driffield Rangers was formed. Since February they have taken part in everything from DIY and climbing to appearing as guests on the local radio station. They planned and organised their own summer camp which resulted in one Ranger, Rebecca Stabler, completing her Senior Section camp permit.

In March Driffield Rural joined forces with Driffield Wolds to take part in a sleepover at The Deep. After a whistle stop tour and fishy crafts 135 girls and leaders from all sections snuggled down by the light of the tanks.

Summer saw the District getting back together once more for the biggest ever District Fun Day. Nearly 150 members descended on Guideacres for a Survival themed day. There was a fantastic range of activities including archery, fire lighting and negotiating a zombie infected swamp. The autumn term brought more excitement as Rangers and Guides headed off to the Sheffield Arena for the Big Gig and danced the day away.

The District has been supporting members to explore wider guiding opportunities. Ranger and Young Leader Rebecca Meredith-Baker, was selected to attend the European Jamboree in 2020; Hutton Cranswick Guide, Talia Stocker, was selected for International Community Experience in Cork; and Leader and District Commissioner, Helen Jackson has been selected to go to Cambodia in the summer. These lucky members will be visiting other local units and hopefully inspiring others to see how far guiding can take them.

Christmas saw the end of an era as two of Driffield Rural's longest serving volunteers, Nikki Hutchinson and Belinda Railton stepped down. Nikki volunteered continuously for 32 years and Belinda had been a leader for nearly 16 years. They shared the adventure with their own children and helped others achieve some of the highest awards available in Guiding. They will be missed by many and we thank them for all their commitment to the organisation.

Driffield celebrated with Ann Knaggs as she was presented with a British Empire Medal from Dame Susan Cunliffe-Lister for all the fundraising she has done for Guiding and Scouting since 1980.

**Girlguiding in NWW Division** “grew” during 2019 with the welcome addition of Cliffe District. Many units enjoyed taking over Pocklington Arts Centre for a private viewing of Mary Poppins Returns at the beginning of the year.

These are the Unit main activities:

At 1<sup>st</sup> Pocklington the relatively new Leaders have gone from strength to strength and they held a very successful programme adventure themed day. They completed several UMAs for girls to gain theme awards and activities including a blindfold obstacle course and a hedgehog home. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pocklington Guides camped at Bradley Woods (where they did activities including the Backwoods Cooking badge) and the Big Gig.

7<sup>th</sup> Pocklington Guides & NWW Division Rangers enjoyed visits to Energi (Trampoline Park) and especially Switzerland. Highlights in Switzerland were a visit up the Jungfrau and very exciting white water rafting but they also loved swimming in an open air pool and an Adventure Park with amazingly high zip wires. They did lots of



walking, which most of the girls discovered they actually enjoyed plus a wonderful visit to Our Chalet, renewing their very important promise, plus visited Bern, the Trummelbach Falls, Thun, and much more. It was all totally brilliant. In addition, they just enjoy weekly meetings and the Rangers continue to enjoy DofE with a total of 18 DofE Awards approved last year including 4 golds. Well done girls!

1st Melbourne Brownies didn't have a pack holiday in 2019 so they splashed out on having an evening event within the Lush store in York in October. They enjoyed the first 15 minutes sniffing and trying out different lotions and potions and having a good look at all the products. The Brownies had an explanation of how Lush started and about how the products are made using natural ingredients. They then split into two groups and each group made a different colour towards a bath soap and once 'cured', made soaps into any shape the girls wanted. The Brownies played a couple of games within the shop in teams which was fun. All the girls went home with their soaps and a decent goodie bag. It was pricey to do, but well worth it as the girls had such a brilliant time. The staff were fab and the girls wrote a thank you letter at their subsequent meeting.

## Message from the County President

Since the last Annual Review the world we live in has changed and we are experiencing extraordinary times which have affected us all in our daily life and our ways of communication.

Thank you to everyone for all the input into keeping the spirit of Guiding alive by support of each other, keeping in touch and contact with your units. What the future holds - who knows? But it will bring with it change and many difficult decisions will have to be made.

My thoughts and thanks are to you all at this difficult time and I look forward to meeting you all again soon.

Denny Hurst County President

## News from the Trefoil Guild

Once again the county ladies have had a busy year. 85 met at Willerby for Thinking Day lunch. This is always an enjoyable day and friends renew their friendship, often only meeting once a year.

Many of our ladies joined the region on their trip to Amsterdam, meeting with friends from all over the region. The boat was alive with Trefoil ladies catching up! The group visited the Kinderdijk Windmills where many braved the very strong wind and walked to the mill. Time was spent exploring Amsterdam, and the Keukenhof gardens before traveling back to the ferry.

The Region Annual meeting was at Scarborough Spa and about 50 ladies attended. In fine seaside tradition everyone enjoyed a lunch of fish and chips and was given a souvenir stick of rock. During the afternoon Jackie Dickinson handed over the region reins to Dianne Bollam.

Trefoil's annual meeting was at Guideacres was well supported. Many ladies had made Dammit dolls and heart pillows to donate to speakers from Hull & East Riding Breast Friends. These were comforts for their many clients.

During the Trefoil summer camp members visited the country park and completed a trail around Cottingham, covering many of the Star challenges, both in and out of Guideacres. We were joined for a campfire by other members of Trefoil who were unable to camp.

The Trefoil Dabble Day was oversubscribed and everyone had fun learning new skills thanks to Helen Barley and her 'crafty' team. Other events included an International Day, A Taste of Mexico, which was well attended and new skills were learnt from Jane Hatfield and her team of willing helpers. Guild members also joined in their favourite start to the Christmas season at York Minster for the Girlguiding North East England region service.

All the Guilds have enjoyed speakers, trips and food. Some of the highlights include the following: Hull North hosted Claire Edwards on her life as a British Army Veteran and her work for HULL4HEROES. Hull West hosted Caroline Hawley, (from BBC antique programmes), who talked about ceramics then valued some items that members had taken in. Bridlington had the Yorkshire cine film archives who entertained with local Guiding and Scouting clips.

Trefoil Guilds meet in most divisions and we always welcome new members. Anyone over 18 can come and join in our fun!

Chris Ball East Yorkshire Trefoil Chairman

## Flying round the County





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## International News

We were pleased to see Jennifer Jacomb from Hull East Division gain her International module in 2019 so that another adult from East Yorkshire County can lead trips abroad. She took her Guides to Amsterdam and they had a great start to their international adventures. Other Units from the County went to Switzerland and Belgium.

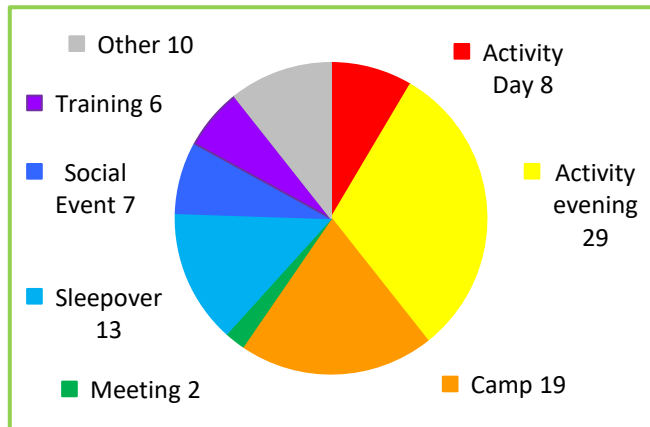
We held an international selection event for the European Jamboree planned for July 2020 in Gdansk, Poland. As well as enjoying a great weekend at our beautiful Guideacres, we were delighted to be able to send 6 wonderful Rangers/Young Leaders from 5 different Divisions to join the region group. It is brilliant that we have so many young people showing an aptitude for Guiding and the skills they need for camping, hiking and life in general!

Bronia Trynka-Watson, International Adviser

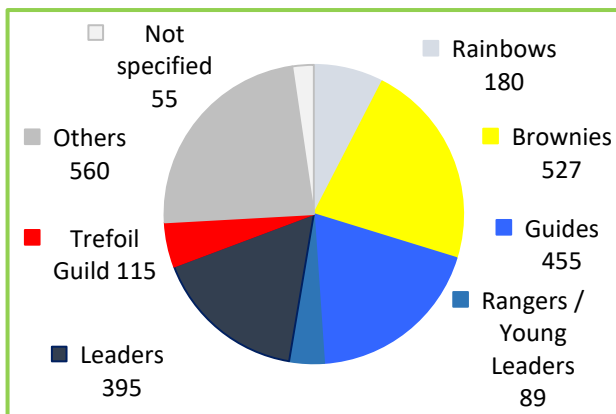
## Guideacres

During 2019 there were 2,376 visits to Guideacres by 180 Rainbows, 527 Brownies, 455

Guides, 89 Rangers and Young Leaders, 395 Leaders, 115 members of the Trefoil Guild and 560 other visitors. They took part in 19 camps, 13 sleepovers, 8 activity days, 29 activity / outdoor evenings, 7 social events and 6 trainings.



Our number of 'non-guiding visitors was considerably higher this year. In July the Ben Rhydding and De Mohicanen Scout and Guide Group (Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Explorers from Ilkley and Scouts / Girl Scouts from The Hague) held their week summer camp at Guideacres and Raywell.



They took part in activities on site, a full day incident hike in the local area and trips around the county. It was great to see the site full of tents, people and activity. A local primary school also held a whole school activity day on site making good use of the grass sledges,

garden games, and altar fire equipment as well joining archery sessions

### Brownies Sleep under the Stars

58 Brownies spent a day completing the Camp Stage 3 Skills Builder before a night sleeping under the stars in bivvy bags. On the second night we were unlucky with the weather and a heavy rain downpour shortly after bedtime necessitated a quick rush in to the Den with bivvy bags and sleeping bags - though one group at least were very reluctant to move indoors!

### I'm a Survivor!

Our annual sleepover for Guides was also weather affected with heavy rain making the field far too boggy for safe management of cars in the dark. So for the first time we cancelled the sleeping over part and held a day event instead. Fortunately this year's theme lent itself to a hot sunny day and we still managed to provide the full 'Survivor' experience - *Bush Tucker Trial* wide game, *Dingo Dollar* challenges, campfire, breakfast and lunch.



## Site improvements and maintenance

There's always a lot to do behind the scenes at Guideacres and we are very grateful to everyone who gives up their time to help the committee management committee. Particular thanks this year to all the divisions who sent out a group to take part in the Spring Clean - many hands make light work.

During the year, parking bays have been marked out on the car park to improve safety, the outside of the garage block has been refurbished, and LED lights have been fitted in half of The Den activity space. Committee members and friends undertook a mega clear-out of the middle store and garage, filling a skip with items that couldn't be re-purposed or rehomed.



During the County Annual Review held at Guideacres, two new go-karts purchased with a generous donation from the Masons were on display. We've created a racing track on the field and they can also be used for practising driving skills on the car park.

Fundraising for the proposed toilet and shower refurbishment has continued with profits from the County Greener Guiding challenge and mugs adding to the funds raised. The County President and Vice-Presidents also held a fundraising lunch for the cause. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in one way or another during the year.

We now have a Facebook Group *We Love Guideacres*. If you'd like to keep up with what's going on at Guideacres through the year, please search for it and sign up.

Gill Sumner Chair Guideacres Management Committee



## Paxwold

As usual we started the year with a spring clean followed by another one in September. All the divisions are allocated an area to clean and given a

jobs list. In the past support from the Divisions could be sporadic but suddenly what a difference and what a workforce! I think the message has finally reached everyone that cleaning at Paxwold is fun! It also provides an opportunity to meet people you have not met before or just to catch up on the gossip with others you have not seen for months. There is tea and chocolate biscuits and fish and chips for lunch. Everything is finished by 12.30, Paxwold looks amazing and it is wonderful to sit down to lunch knowing we are not faced with another 4 hours of cleaning to do after we have eaten. THANK YOU EVERYONE!! You are amazing!

As usual the quiz took place in March and it was nice to see some new faces. The Cherry Burton team won - again! Just to clarify the team have not bought me enough chocolate to have a preview of the answers! I cannot believe how popular this still is. We started it in 2009 to raise money for the new Den at Guideacres.

Now we have finished the major upgrades we have started to turn our attentions to the more routine work. Following our regular tree-survey we applied to the Council for permission to either remove or top several trees for safety reasons. The length of time it took to get the paperwork through and the extremely poor weather at the end of the year has meant this had to be deferred to next year. We have also started a two-year programme of re-decoration. Apart from re-varnishing the doors most of the front of the house was completed by Christmas. The rest will be finished next year.

Numbers of residentials from Guiding has continued to fall. The Trefoil Guild continues to support us with their Fellowship Day. We are grateful to the schools and council for their continued support with residentials and local elections. Please remember Paxwold can be an ideal place for holding District and unit day events. There is so much space inside and you are allowed to move the furniture, however please put it back where you found it at the end of your visit.

I would like to pay tribute to Eileen Sutton our treasurer, Maureen Burnell our booking secretary and to Maureen and Ralph Robinson who save us so much money with their willingness to tackle all kinds of maintenance work and the whole committee for their support and hard work. Over the years I have worked with numerous committee members and all of them including all the present committee members have enriched my life and left their love in the fabric of Paxwold. It is so easy to love Paxwold, it gets into your soul so please if you can find a little bit of time volunteer to come on the committee. It is not a chore it is a pleasure.

Sue Marris Paxwold Committee

## Baden-Powell Challenge Award

Have you read the 'First and Last for 2<sup>nd</sup> Anlaby Guides' on the Girlguiding East Yorkshire website? The Baden-Powell Challenge award was the highest award for Guides and came to an end in August 2019. For some Guides the adventure was a real challenge as they were the only one attending from their unit.

On the evening of 13th April, 9 Guides walked across country, from Guideacres to Melton Scout camp site carrying all the equipment they needed to build bivouacs and sleep the night. At Melton they cooked their supper and reminisced about their time in Guiding and the BP challenges they had completed. The night was cold, -1°C, yet those who had followed the instructions from Gill Sumner, who had demonstrated bivouacs a few years ago at a Guide 'try its' event at Guideacres, were warm enough. In the morning, the Guides cooked breakfast and found out about opportunities in Guiding after Guides before going home, tired out. Thanks to Alex Hendon and Evie Jarvis for accompanying me and enabling this adventure to happen.

Guides unable to attend, or too freaked out at the idea of bivouacking, joined me on adventures run by Region or other counties. Some joined an overnight event for 84 Guides at the Snozone at the beginning of April enjoying sledging, learning polar survival skills and reviewing their environmental impact with an 'eco bottle' challenge. In May, others had a weekend at Holme House, Grosmont, in an event called 'Steaming Ahead'. They spent Saturday doing 'service' tasks for the North Yorkshire Moors Railway which included engine cleaning and paint stripping and for a very few, in the right place at the right time, a ride on the foot plate and stoking an engine. Sunday was a trip on a steam train to Whitby for a look round, fish, chips and ice cream. The climax event for NEE was a sleepover for more than 100 Guides in Durham Cathedral. Lights were out at 11pm and then a green glow could be seen in the stone around some of the windows, fortunately the bells could not be heard from the nave.

The Cathedral staff put on activities for the Guides including special conducted tours of the cathedral, a 'St Cuthbert's Challenge' and workshops on calligraphy. They allowed sparklers with a celebration cake and campfire singing in the cloister. Guides explored Durham following



city trails before the Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon, ended the event with a talk to the girls and awarded them their certificates. The number of Guides who turned up to the Region's events not knowing anyone or in small unaccompanied groups by train to Durham was impressive.

Helen Halkon BP Adviser

## Guiding Development Report

The Training Calendar for 2019 in East Yorkshire County was a varied and well attended programme. We continue to support our county venues, Guideacres and Paxwold as much as possible. A very successful County Day was held at Cottingham High School in April where the Greener Guiding Challenge was launched and a reusable Thermal Mug given to all participants. The First Response Full Courses and Renewals are very well supported, please remember to renew every three years. The Safe Space trainings/e-learning will continue to be a main focus of training leading into 2020, with the 2020 end of year deadline, everyone must complete the required level of Safe Space training/e-learning for their role in Girlguiding.

A full, varied and challenging programme is planned for 2020, if you have any suggestions for future trainings please email your ideas to [trainingey@outlook.com](mailto:trainingey@outlook.com)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our trainers, Carol, Gill, Bronia, Gillian, Carol, and Sarah who put so much work into keeping us up to date, informed and enthused in our guiding, and to thank all of you who have attended a training during 2019.

Karen Palmer Training Coordinator

## Milton Singers Report

5 things you (probably) didn't know about singing

1. It's good for your health - physical and mental
2. Singing in a group creates a sense of community and purpose
3. Singing connects us with our history - people have sung and played instruments for as long as we have historical records.
4. Singing in a group gives us greater friendship than a group in which we don't sing

5. It makes us happy!

**What more could you want?** If everyone started the day singing, imagine how happy we would all be.

The Milton Singers have had their Silver Jubilee and we carry on enjoying singing everything from campfire songs to classical music. In 2019 we have performed at Sewerby Hall plus a concert at Warter Heritage Centre.

So, thank you for the music, Milton Singers.

Bronia Trinko-Watson Guide and Ranger Leader

## Duke of Edinburgh Report

The Duke of Edinburgh Award fits in well with Guiding - it's a non-competitive programme designed to encourage young people to develop positive skills and habits. It is about personal challenge and development and is adaptable according to each participant's interests and abilities.

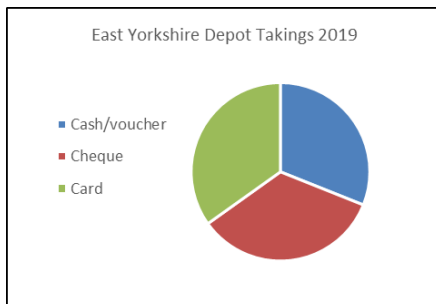
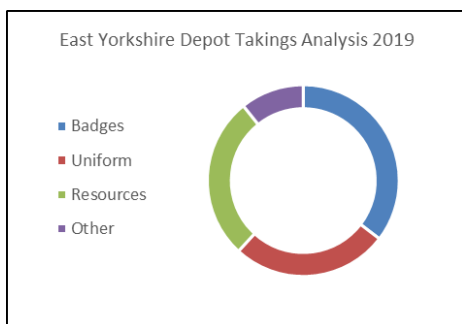
The Award is about challenging yourself. It gives girls a balanced, non-competitive programme of activities they can choose which encourages discovery and growth, self-reliance and responsibility, and service to their community - often for us within guiding. We often smile to ourselves when girls discover they cannot cook during the expedition and talking together leads to them thinking about developing their cookery for the next level of the award - in a few years' time they will be living away from home, and having to cook. It's just one important life skill that is often neglected.

We have had 18 awards this year, and 76 over the last 5 years. WOW! What is really pleasing is that not only are several of the "girls" who achieved awards Leaders within the County or elsewhere, but I heard recently that one whole gold expedition group still go walking together whenever they can - 4 years after finishing. Guiding and DofE developed their teamwork and friendship and it has lasted. That is real guiding.

Bronia Trynka-Watson DofE Adviser

## Depot Annual Report

East Yorkshire Guide Depot took just over £38,000 during 2019. There was a fairly even split across the three payment methods available, but credit/debit cards were just ahead, accounting for 35% of the takings.



Over £13,000 worth of badges were sold during 2019, which just goes to show how busy the girls across East Yorkshire County have been embracing the new programme. Leaders spent over £10,000 of unit funds on resources (handbooks, badge books, skills builder packs, Unit Meeting Activity cards etc). to

support the delivery of Girlguiding's programme.

During 2019 East Yorkshire Guide Depot was able to make a donation of £10,000 to Girlguiding East Yorkshire. Thanks to your continued support of your local Depot, we continue to be able to provide the County with donations from our profits. This is made possible by June Kay, the Depot's Manager and the team of volunteers who help in the shop. We are always looking for additional volunteers, so if you can spare a little time to help, please let June know. The depot's email address for orders, to volunteer or for any queries is <mailto:eydepot@googlemail.com>

Thanks again for your continued support of East Yorkshire Guide Depot.

Lesley Hill Guide Depot Treasurer

# CONGRATULATIONS

## 60-Year Service Award

Betty Foster Vice President  
Sheila Simpkin Vice President  
Shirley Clark Vice President

## 50-Year Service Award

Eileen Bowsley Division Administrator  
Judith Benson County Archivist

## 40-Year Service Award

Jackie Bennett 91<sup>st</sup> Hull Brownies  
Janet Robinson 14<sup>th</sup> Bridlington  
Rainbows

## 30-Year Service Award

Elaine Hayes 2<sup>nd</sup> Kirkella Guides  
Fiona Holt 1<sup>st</sup> Flamborough Guides  
Judi Pierson 1<sup>st</sup> Cherry Burton Guide  
Sarah van Heavden 1<sup>st</sup> Bridlington  
Brownies  
Sue Pritchard 3<sup>rd</sup> Brough Brownies

## 20-Year Service Award

Carol Bielby 9<sup>th</sup> Bridlington Rainbows  
Carol Simpson 1<sup>st</sup> Kilham & Rudston  
Guides  
Deborah Yorke 14<sup>th</sup> Bridlington Guides  
Francesa Oxbury 4<sup>th</sup> Hull Guides  
Helen Nightingale 1<sup>st</sup> Swanland Guides  
Melanie Metcalfe-Thompson 1<sup>st</sup>  
Leconfield Brownies

## 10-Year Service Award

Beth Greenwood 1<sup>st</sup> Melbourne Guides  
Casey Whitehead 8<sup>th</sup> Beverley  
Brownies  
Charlotte Littler Beverley Rangers  
Debbie Cone Howden Guides  
Diane Pickering North Wolds West  
Rangers  
Emma Green Swanland Brownies  
Hannah Burnitt 8<sup>th</sup> Beverley Rainbows  
Hannah Harrison 3<sup>rd</sup> Brough Brownies  
Helen Jackson Nafferton Brownies  
Jayne Morgan 1<sup>st</sup> Cherry Burton  
Brownies  
Jo Bell 1<sup>st</sup> Stamford Bridge Guides  
Karen Baker 1<sup>st</sup> Driffild Parish Church  
Guides  
Kirsty Wilkinson 37<sup>th</sup> Hull Brownies  
Laura Chandler 37<sup>th</sup> Hull Brownies  
Margaret Lidster 1<sup>st</sup> Brough Rainbows  
Rowena Turnbull Howden Brownies  
Sharon Smith Howden Guides

## 5-Year Service Award

Amy Thornham 1<sup>st</sup> South Cave Guides  
Beth Jenkinson Gilberdyke Rainbows  
Claire Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Beverley Guides  
Dani Jamieson Goole & Howden  
Rainbows  
Emma Thompson Goole Rainbows  
Gabiella Calvert 1<sup>st</sup> Walkington  
Guides

## CONGRATULATIONS

### 5-Year Service Award continued

Georgina Davies 3<sup>rd</sup> Brough Brownies  
Grace Watson 5<sup>th</sup> Pocklington  
Jade Tandy 13<sup>th</sup> Goole Brownies  
Jerry Heseltine 5<sup>th</sup> Pocklington  
Julie Austin 1<sup>st</sup> Sutton Brownies  
Laura Davis 3<sup>rd</sup> Kirkella Brownies  
Natasha Birch 3<sup>rd</sup> Pocklington  
Pat Collis 1<sup>st</sup> Ferriby Rainbows  
Sheila Pitts 2<sup>nd</sup> Brough Brownies  
Sue Vessey-Baitson 1<sup>st</sup> Ferriby Rainbows

### Good Service Award

Jennie Brigham  
Helen Halkon  
Melanie Metcalf-Thompson

### Thanks Badge

Vic Walsh on completion as Division Commissioner for Holderness Division

### Queen's Guide Award



Evie Molloy 4<sup>th</sup> Beverley (St Mary's) Guides

# Duke of Edinburgh's Award



## North Wolds West Division Rangers

### Bronze Award

Ailie Bryce  
Molly Cook  
Daisy Cree  
Matilda Moorse

### Silver Award

Laura Cartledge  
Ellie Cooper  
Ella Fry  
Alexa Morley  
Alicia Reed  
Elisha Smith  
Hannah Williams

### Silver Award

Sonja Bottomer  
Sarah France  
Matilda Mitchell  
Libbie Rothwell-Inch  
Naomi Sampson  
Holly Steel

### Gold Award

Bethany Anderson  
Maisie Blackmore  
Isobel Hine  
Martha Watkin



# Baden-Powell Awards



## 1<sup>st</sup> Beverley

Ruby Hearson  
Elizabeth Jukes

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cottingham

Milly Hatfield

## 1<sup>st</sup> Driffield

Chloe Dixon

## 1<sup>st</sup> Hutton Cranswick

Jessica Annall  
Holly Dawson  
Ellie Johnson  
Isobelle Sedman

## 1<sup>st</sup> Swanland

Millie Bisby

## 1<sup>st</sup> Walkington

Nina Evison  
Lucy Weldon

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Anlaby

Rebekah Pearson  
Chloe Verity  
Aimee Goodfellow  
Eliza Cooper

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hedon

Elizabeth Clayton  
Maisie Everingham

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hessle

Emily Dean  
Amy Parker  
Madison Prest

## Howden

Erin Davis  
Grace Levitt

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Pocklington

Emily Hare  
Lucy Hare  
Evie Brooks  
Eloise Curran  
Gabriella Lawton  
Olivia Sowden

## 4<sup>th</sup> Beverley

Emilia Dillon  
Amy Goodwin  
Ellie Brierley  
Georgina Oliver

## 7<sup>th</sup> Pocklington

Emily Heseltine  
Rosie Kennedy  
Emma Warne  
Holly Armitage  
Lucy Chapman  
Jade Hoop  
Meghan Grey  
Carys Haeney  
Charlie Rose Linder  
Emily Macey  
Tallulah Melemendjian  
Eve O'Brien  
Rowan Smithson

## 85<sup>th</sup> Hull

Emily Farmery  
Laura Boynton



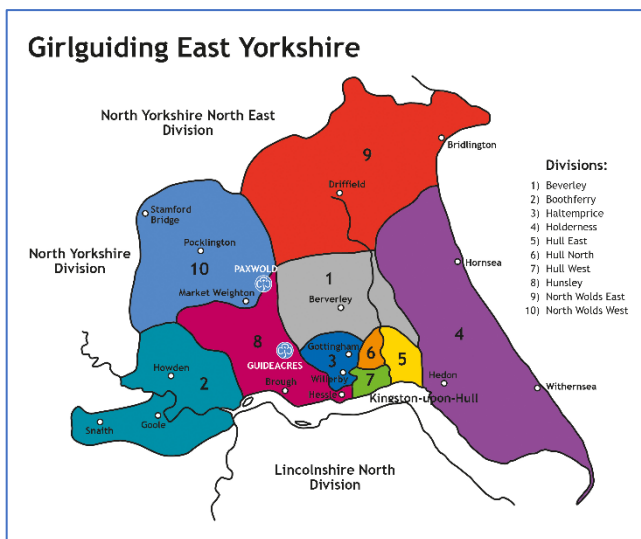
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