

Annual Review 2020



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Message from the County President

2020 was a difficult year for everyone, each of us facing our individual challenges that lockdown has put before us and having to juggle our lives to fit all the demands on us. As we slowly emerge from lockdown, we can look forward to a summer of easing of restrictions - and hopefully enjoying outdoor activities under the changing guidelines.

A huge thank you to everyone in the County from the County Commissioner, Commissioners, Guiders, helpers and all the girls for keeping the Spirit of Guiding alive. Meetings have adopted different ways of communication, some via Zoom, telephone or by delivering activities by hand to the girls - all you have done to keep in touch is much appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Denny Hurst, County President

County Commissioner's Report

When I was invited to Leaps and Bounds, an overnight event for Rangers and Young Leaders at Guideacres at the end of February 2020, little did I know that it would be my last official invitation for the entire year and that within a month the whole country would be in lockdown.

Guiding however did not come to a standstill. Leaders held meetings on-line via Zoom and/or made-up packs of activities for girls and dropped them off at doorsteps or posted them on social media. We know from parents' comments and thanks, that for a lot of girls this was the only bit of normality that they experienced during lockdown. We were of course very aware that for some leaders, continuing their guiding was something that they just could not do as they were busy home working, home schooling, looking after vulnerable relatives, or were



indeed, ill with Covid-19 themselves. Local commissioners did their best to keep in touch so that those leaders knew that they were welcome back whenever they were ready to do so.

In true guiding spirit, many leaders used their skills to make masks and scrubs, gave help to their local communities by shopping for neighbours, brightened up their neighbourhoods with plants left on doorsteps. Others joined a government scheme to help the vulnerable and isolated by regularly ringing them and making sure that they did not struggle to get medication, supplies and sometimes even clothes.

Not only did we have Covid-19 to contend with but we also had to ensure that every member of Girlguiding had the Safe Space training relevant to their role by the end of 2020. Whereas previously we were able to hold face-to-face trainings, now we had to go on-line, not always an easy option for those leaders that had no or poor wi-fi and no computer or smart phone facility to enable them to complete the trainings. Karen Palmer, our County Training Organiser, did a marvellous job of ensuring that everyone had the opportunity of accessing Safe Space trainings. Together with Division Commissioners helping those who were struggling, Elizabeth Greenaway, our paid administrator providing lists, and of course the Safe Space trainers who all went that extra mile to provide enough trainings, by New Year's Eve 2020, we had ensured that everyone was compliant. Quite an achievement considering the hurdles we had to jump, so my sincere thanks to all of those who contributed to this success.



2020 saw The Silver Fish, Girlguiding's highest award, being presented to our very own Carol Selwyn-Jones. Carol has given almost 53 years of service to Guiding, not only at County level but also at region, country and overseas. Her wisdom and gentle guidance are very much valued by all who know her, and many have benefited from her wide breadth of experience.

Bronia Trynka-Watson was awarded the Laurel award, the second highest award and again, very well deserved. Bronia has given 40 years of service to Guiding for both County and to NEE. Her musical ability has ensured that the choir at the biennial North East England carol service is highly acclaimed and she has run our own County choir for over 25 years. In County, she has also helped many girls achieve their DofE bronze, silver and gold awards and her wealth of Guiding knowledge is invaluable.



To top everything off, Katie Blanchard achieved her Queen's Guide Award so a big well done to Katie.

At the end of 2020 we said goodbye and a big thank you to Rachel McGarry, Boothferry's Division Commissioner and to Gillian Washbrook, Hull North's Division Commissioner, both of whom have given many years of service to Guiding in various roles.

Very sadly, we also lost two long standing Guiding members, Pat Forton, a Rainbow leader with Hull West and Stewart Smith, a unit helper in Snaith District. Both gave many years of service and will be very much missed. Our thoughts are with their families.

Despite Covid-19, it was still a busy year as a "zoom" round the Divisions show.

Mandie Cross, County Commissioner

Beverley Division

On Thinking Day 2020, over 150 Beverley Girlguiding members, from Rainbows through to Trefoil Guild, met at Toll Gavel Church to celebrate Guiding across the world. Activities were taken from the WAGGGS Thinking Day pack, Living Threads. The afternoon started with everyone together for a welcome and to explain the three parts of the Living Threads pack that we would be taking part in, - diversity, (celebrating all our differences), equity, (fairness and justice) and inclusion, (in Guiding, that everyone should feel that they belong in their Units and feel supported to be 'the best that they can be'). We then split into 3 groups,

named after some of the World Centres, and did the same activities in different parts of the building. The girls earned a ribbon for taking part in each part and then, when we all gathered together again, they made a bracelet by knotting or plaiting their ribbons, adding beads as they did so. Everybody was given a WAGGS Thinking Day badge and a donation was made to the Thinking Day Fund.



Two weeks later, we held our first Division Rainbow Day at Paxwold. The girls did activities from the new Guiding Programme. We were very lucky to have dry, sunny weather too. They made passports for their teddies, went

for a walk looking for landmarks and made tents from tables and blankets in the dining room and ate their packed lunches there. After lunch we played games and the Rainbow units could choose which activities they would like to do, including spotting objects hidden in the grounds, tracking and making birds' nests. We finished back in Paxwold making edible camp fires. It was a lovely day.

Congratulations to Katie Blanchard who completed her Queen's Guide Award.

Just after this promising start to the year the Covid 19 lockdown shut all our units down. Some managed to keep meeting by Zoom and several Brownies and Guides completed Bronze or Silver Awards. Some units sent out packs for their girls to do containing programme ideas or challenges from other areas. As soon as we were allowed to meet face to face outside again, some units restarted meetings on Beverley Westwood with great success. Others were just getting ready to restart when we were shut down again! A lot of time, effort and ingenuity went into keeping Guiding running in Beverley in a year full of difficulties and I thank all the Guiders and helpers involved.

Boothferry Division

The year started much like every other one, planning meetings galore, not knowing what was to come. At the planning meeting for Division Thinking Day organised by Goole and Howdenshire District, we chose to use the theme of Shrek as our link with diversity. A full day's workshop was to take place, each unit to select particular scenes from the original Shrek film for their allocated group of girls to create costumes and rehearse lines for a final presentation at the end of the day. The event on Sunday 23rd February was extremely successful.



Goole and Howdenshire District

Early in the year we had the Gilberdyke Memorial Hall 'approved' by the residential advisor as suitable for sleepovers etc. and we are awaiting a suitable occasion to do so.

During the initial lockdown in the spring many of our units bided their time hoping that it would be a short term situation however this proved not to be the case and so gradually units took to their social media. Between March and July 2020 Rainbows and Brownies units in **Gilberdyke** accessed the Adventures at Home resources, producing newsletters containing badge work and fun challenges for the girls to try. A virtual Animal Camp was organised for the summer break.

By the end of the year due to the effects of pandemic and the fact that leaders could not always attend meetings due to their jobs and to avoid the leaders having to spend time planning for small participation on Zoom the decision was made to combine all the **Goole and Gilberdyke** units, share resources and planning and to create suitably themed Zoom

meetings with activity packs delivered to all who wished to participate either on Zoom or at home. **Goole Rainbows, Brownies and Guides** maintained occasional contact and the Guides placed a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday

From August until the end of the year as it became apparent that the situation was to continue, planning meetings were held via Zoom and this then tended to be the best way to operate for some units too. **Gilberdyke Rainbows and Brownies** held a Zoom meeting every fortnight. Brownie Zoom packs were delivered to homes, which contained a programme booklet and some resources to help take part in all the activities each session. Sessions were followed up with information on the Facebook page.

1st Howden Brownies combined Zoom meetings and outdoor activities to keep in touch with the girls and regularly emailed challenges. **1st Howden Guides** celebrated their 100th birthday in August. A badge was made to commemorate this significant milestone and they held a virtual party and celebrated with a magician and biscuits.

Snaith District

2020 was an eventful year for Snaith even before the pandemic! The floods in February meant many units were cancelled whilst roads were impassable - although the Guiding spirit lived on with Snaith Guides spending their meeting helping to sort some of the many donations that had been received to support members of their community who were particularly affected by the floods. Guiding then rapidly switched online, with some units embracing Zoom to bring back a weekly meeting in the lockdown and others keeping in touch through Facebook groups with activities, and others merging to give girls the best experience possible. Many an activity pack was hand delivered with love - along with socially distanced Christmas presents and the all-important badges of course!

Haltemprice Division

Fun, games, UMAs, skill builders, interest badges, craft activities, baking, challenges, help in the community, imagination, reflection, and all the usual things that go on in units were not stopped by covid restrictions. Girls gained interest badges, skills builders, themed awards and Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Most especially, girls had fun with their families helping them as initially they worked through activity packs and challenges and then supporting them in meetings on Zoom. Leaders

showed extraordinary resilience and imagination to adapt games, UMAs and skill builders. Risk assessments came in, slowly at first, as outdoor meetings were allowed and then indoor meetings in October, though sadly for some units, by the time they had negotiated a meeting place and completed the risk assessment the November lockdown started.

The socially distanced meetings were a huge challenge for leaders and the girls. Not least for the Rangers who went cooking outdoors at Guideacres - no pressure to show your fire making skills as each Ranger was socially distanced at her own alter fire!

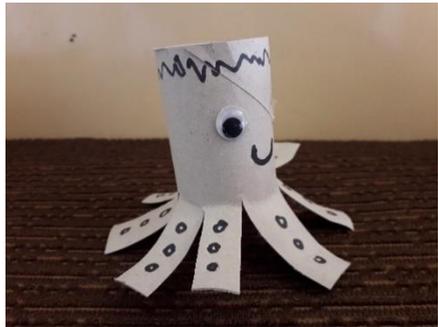
When will Wolfreton and South Ella District get together again? The last time all units met was for their Thinking Day celebration. **Cottingham Guides** celebrated Thinking Day with activities from WAGGS designed to inspire the Guides to reflect on how they could put equity and inclusion into practice and celebrate the diversity in their communities and beyond. Remembrance Sunday was not forgotten. Cottingham Guides completed the 'Poppy pin wheel' (UMA 'Know myself') in a Zoom meeting and were asked to place it, with their reflections on why they should remember written on the leaf, at the cenotaph in Cottingham in advance of Remembrance Sunday.

3rd Willerby Brownies were very lucky to be one of the last units to go on a residential as their Brownie Holiday at Paxwold was held the weekend before meetings were suspended. Little did they know that it would be a year before they would meet again!

The year ended with Zoom Christmas parties for many units featuring chocolate, decorating a curiosity from their home for Christmas, a Santa's Christmas delivery battleships game and building a snowman from items in their room. Girls have not been deterred by the events of 2020 with many moving up to the next section.

Wolfreton Rangers started the year with four Rangers and cake. The numbers changed over the year, but cake - food in general- became something of a *leitmotif*. Pancake-cooking followed in short order, along with a selection of programme activities, including testing a new one (we're part of the HQ testing pool). The county Ranger event Leaps and Bounds at the end of February saw the whole unit overnighing at Guideacres, although not all in tents. Some girls' camp skills still leave something to be desired, despite Stage 5 Camp under their belts!

Then came the end of face-to-face meetings, but by the first week of April we were up and running on Zoom. At first it was simply finding things we could do virtually - the cup-cake bake-off was popular - but gradually we became better at adapting programme activities. The girls' favourite activities - or at least the ones they still talk about - are those where things went wrong: the baking activity where one girl learned the hard way the difference between a teaspoonful and a tablespoonful, the octopus craft where the number of legs was completely random and trying to cook a cake on a gas burner.



Come the Autumn we gained three new members, and managed a day at Guideacres for fire and food - Ranger heaven. Then back to Zoom for the



rest of the year, finishing with a virtual Christmas party, complete with a visit from a goat. It's been a strange year, but the girls have shown remarkable resilience, good humour and a willingness to

make things work. We can be proud of them.

Holderness Division



2020 began quite normally with all Division units meeting regularly, and no idea of what was looming on the horizon, **Keyingham Guides** even had an evening of self-defence instruction as one of our Brownie dads is a martial arts instructor! So those units who met on Mondays were taken completely by surprise on March 16th to receive an urgent message from HQ instructing us to close down at 8.30pm that day, with no indication of when or even if we would be able to reopen. The first of several lockdowns had begun!

Individual units responded quickly and in a variety of ways, from setting up private Facebook groups so leaders could post activities and girls could share their ideas, to meeting on Zoom, who very generously gave us free time for virtual meetings, and our units used it for activities such as virtual sleepovers, scavenger hunts and cooking - all while safely shielding in their own homes.

In the brief breaks between lockdowns, **Hedon** managed to meet outdoors, and we all kept our Guiding Lights shining. Although parades and church services were banned, our leaders, as well as our Scouting colleagues, attended local war memorials as individuals, socially distanced and masked, and observed the two minutes silence to honour the fallen. 2020 ended in lockdown again, but hopefully 2021 will see us rising again, learning from our experiences of the past year and looking ever forward.



Hull East Division

2020 was certainly a challenging year, for all sorts of reasons. In particular during the pandemic, many members have had to deal with

personal loss, whether covid related or not, a severe drop in leader and girl numbers, together with unit closures.

Hull East have lost one Rainbow, Brownie and Guide unit, which was a great loss, but we are still here, carrying on and moving forward.

Some units have been unable to return to meeting venues, some units have returned with all the restrictions in place, some have continued throughout meeting virtually, everyone has continued to keep in touch with parents and girls where they can, sending out activity packs.

We would like to say thank you to the County for the financial support provided for the units in need, it has made a real difference.

Hull North Division

Hull North Rangers haven't been able to have our usual meetings since 3rd March and didn't get to help out at the Flamingo Fling, have summer camp or plan for an international trip in 2021. But, between us we have joined in with the madness and chilliness that was the County Leaps and Bounds sleepover for Rangers and Young Leaders, taken part in the Army Lead Away Day and completed the level 5 Lead Skills Builder, completed the Girlguiding Safe Space Level 1&2 training, embraced virtual Guiding, held 21 meetings by Zoom (yes, we know and understand this isn't for everyone) and taken part in the Adventures at Home, Wellies and Wristbands, and Toon Gig Festivals, completed the Greener Guiding and Olympia challenges, earned the first two interest badges (Animation and Festival Goer) and Theme Award (Have Adventures), completed a total of 60 hours of activities towards our next Theme Awards, managed two outdoor get-togethers at Guideacres both featuring food and fires, grown floriferous mini-meadows and hundreds of tomatoes, had fun together and supported each other through an unusual year.



Well done everyone and thank you for embracing the changes we've had to make and hanging on in there. Hopefully, we'll be back to something more like normal soon

Hull West Division

2020 was a year we will remember for so many reasons. Many of our leaders and members lost loved ones. We were all saddened by the death of Pat Forton, a popular and loved Rainbow leader for almost 30 years. In true guiding style we all did our best to support our girls and their families as well as each other whilst coping with our own personal lives. Leaders delivered activity packs, Easter and Christmas gifts. Some 'Zoomed' to keep in touch with their Rainbows and Brownies.

Families joined Rainbows in a Christingle service, taking the opportunity to sing along with old favourites whilst on mute. Father Christmas dropped by Sue's house with his 'good book' much to everyone's surprise. The Rainbows faces were a picture, they were amazed at the



things Santa knew about them and their siblings. No more doubts about Father Christmas and his reindeers existence!

Brownies earned lots

of badges and Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. They had a virtual camp building dens and cooking. They made beauty products and pampered their mums with a hand massage. They baked and cooked meals for their

families. They celebrated at Christmas with a visit from Jelly Kelly. The Guides were out at Guideacres briefly before they were closed again.

Hunsley Division

Leaders within Hunsley Division have been engaging with members young and old, and doing what they can, given the difficulties of the pandemic.

Some units started Zoom meetings with Brownies and this was popular for some time but then tailed off. Other leaders have been posting packs through doors for Rainbows and Brownies. Other units have been unable to get into their normal meeting buildings because of Covid restrictions and have not had access to materials, games etc so no real Guiding has happened. The schools and churches have been unable to support units because of the risks of spreading the virus.

More recently there has been a number of units attempting meetings outdoors in carparks, school fields and socially distancing , which isn't ideal but is a start. Water activities and cooking at Guideacres seem to be the most popular of activities which doesn't involve too much cleaning! Whilst the weather has been kind, very few units have met indoors.

In the Division we have a large number of ladies working in the Health and Social care sector or teaching so they have had to prioritise their lives around child care and jobs and haven't engaged with Guiding at all. Some have postponed returning until September 2021.

Older members have isolated, but over time have been meeting in small groups and are able to meet outdoors and go walking and with Guiding friends , now that they feel comfortable having been vaccinated.

North Wolds East

Overall it was a very challenging year due to the pandemic, however despite all the restrictions about half of the units have been holding meetings via Zoom, and some sent out challenges for their girls.

Bridlington Quay held a Thinking Day District event with all sections enjoying activities from world centres and visiting birds and animals. Girls and leaders experienced parrot handling and met a range of animals from around the world.



Rangers from Bridlington and Driffield went to Guideacres Senior Section Camp.

6th Driffield Rainbows decided not to move any Rainbows up to Brownies due to Covid 19. As they didn't meet for the first half of the year due to the pandemic and having to do home schooling the decision was made at District level that it was too hard for the girls, especially as parents had to be with them at Rainbow age. The girls worked on the programme via Zoom and

activities were delivered to them instead of face to face meetings.

North Wolds West Division

2020 was a challenging year for the Division with many Leaders having other things to concentrate on besides Guiding, but we had many positive moments.

Girls joined in thanking the NHS in uniform each week - which includes our own 2 doctors who are Guide Leaders and have worked in Emergency Care during 2020.

Some Units took part in weekly Zoom meetings, others met outdoors when they could, others sent activity packs and challenges and others maintained contact through Facebook groups.

Some Leaders have re-evaluated their lives and commitments and left Girlguiding during 2020. This means we have had to



shut several units, but the good in Guiding will rebuild our Units and we look forward to our future, when this horrible pandemic leaves us more free to lead our adventurous and challenging programme again.

Whatever people could, or could not do, we promise, like the girls, to do our best, that is what all our wonderful Leaders have done. Thank you, North Wolds West.

Extra Special Focus Section

In this section we'd like to highlight two extraordinary achievements that took place during the year.

The first focus is on **Xanthe Rowley, 2nd Molescroft Brownies**.

Xanthe decided at the start of 2020 to commit 50p of her weekly pocket money to a savings jar to be spent the week before Christmas to buy food supplies for her local food bank, which helps families in need over the holiday period. Xanthe's parents supported her throughout the year and doubled her weekly savings to £1, she also received support from her Grandmother. In total she saved £75 and was able to buy 7



shopping bags of food, drinks and supplies for the local community.

Xanthe's Dad posted a tweet on social media which was picked up by the footballer Marcus Rashford who personally thanked Xanthe. The response from Marcus's followers was phenomenally positive and attracted further donations to other charities including Macmillian Cancer Support.

The leader of 2nd Molescroft Brownies said Xanthe *“has gone above and beyond her Brownies Promise and is truly showing the local community (and beyond!) what Guiding is all about”*. To make this decision at the start of the year and stick with it throughout all the challenges 2020 presented is fantastic and something to be truly proud of - well done Xanthe!

The second spotlight feature is on **The Grinch** (aka Bronia Trynka-



Watson!), 7th Pocklington Guides and North Wolds West Rangers who spent many hours in the autumn litter picking within the NWW Division and managed to raise £1,635 (including Gift Aid) for BBC's Children in Need and Girlguiding. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in this fantastic endeavour.

News from the Trefoil Guild

Trefoil held their Thinking Day lunch at Burnby Hall. 80 ladies attended and enjoyed a meal together. Our speaker was Poppy Bell, who told us about her Gold Trip to Albania.

A group of 3 ladies went to Waddow for a North East England Region break and were fortunate to be able to follow this up with discussions with teams from each Guild on the way forward. Sadly after a successful day with everyone full of enthusiasm we were not able to carry these plans out due to the pandemic. However, ladies from all over the county took to making scrubs, wash bags and masks for their local hospitals. As members had more time they were able to enjoy craft activities and catch up with sewing badges onto blankets and gardening. Several members attempted the Trefoil Stars badges.

During the last few months Hull North ventured onto Zoom meetings which they began to enjoy. Other Guilds kept in touch by newsletters, Thinking Day cards, and some challenges.

Chris Ball, East Yorkshire Trefoil Chairman

International News

International events in 2020 consisted of many Leaders having to re-organise and/or cancel journeys and expeditions abroad and the message to them all would be to congratulate them for their perseverance and patience and to thank them for the time they spent in trying to make things possible for the girls and young women to travel. Sadly all overseas visits were postponed in 2020 and the European Jamboree, planned for July 2020 in Gdansk, Poland has been cancelled altogether.

However, we are Guides, we move forward and look ahead to a future where we can travel overseas, and in the meantime we will offer our girls international and cultural activities to whet their appetites!

Bronia Trynka-Watson, International Adviser

Flying round the County



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Guideacres

Well, 2020 wasn't the 50th Anniversary year we were expecting. The first lockdown started very shortly after our first, and last, residential booking of the year - Leaps and Bounds - and the site remained closed for most of the year.



We did manage to celebrate virtually with our first foray into YouTube for a campfire hosted at Guideacres and in various gardens around the county. Thank you to everyone who contributed items and to Tilly Trynka-Watson for stitching all the videos together into the final production. The planned afternoon tea party was postponed to be a 50 years +1, or maybe even +2, celebration. We do have many

of our sparkly anniversary badges left if you haven't yet got one for your campfire blanket.

A few groups did manage to fit in a visit during the summer and enjoyed socially distanced cookouts with the smell of wood smoke, creating clay art works amongst the trees and, perhaps most of all, just being able to meet together again.



The site looked particularly lush and green through the year and was enjoyed by the wildlife. A pheasant and pair of ducks took up residence for a while and there were more frequent sightings of deer on the field as well as the usual rabbits, squirrels, hedgehogs, moles, and rooks.

The committee and gardeners worked hard to keep the site secure and tidy during lockdown. Work started on new fencing, an additional shed has been installed to hold the increasing amounts of activity equipment, and we have new chimney pot and sleeper benches in the campfire circle to replace the decaying log seats.



We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back as soon as is possible.

Gill Sumner, Chair Guideacres Management Committee

Paxwold

We have only managed a few residential this year. Since March we have held just one 1st Aid practical training and that ended up being outside! We have made the most of the closure to finish off decorating everywhere. All the bathrooms were grouted, the fire doors were re-stained so now they all match, more dado rails were put up to protect doors and walls from damage. The boot boxes look brand new - our decorator decided to give these a coat of paint which was a nice surprise. I was always chuntering about their shabby appearance, but it was cosmetic not essential, so I always saved the money. Thank you, Tony!

Outside Lady Baden Powell's gift of door iron work frames were given a well needed coat of paint. These are outside the kitchen window. The wood beneath the staff room window also got a well-needed coat of paint.

We have made Paxwold as Covid safe as we can. We have our Covid box full of cleaning and 1st Aid requirements, we have put paper towel and soap dispensers up throughout the building. Thanks go to Malcolm and Eileen Sutton for doing this. We have notices up with our Q.R. code on as well as other reminders about hand washing etc.

We are grateful to East Riding Council who gave us a grant of £10,000 in 2020 and a further £17,000 at the beginning of 2021.

The hedgehogs/caterpillars in the guttering have been replaced thanks to 3 Christmas elves from the Sawyer family. Christine Sawyer has also checked Paxwold weekly for us when I was shielding. Our neighbours, the Stephensons along with the Sawyers have helped keep the garden in order when we have not been able to go and sort it ourselves. We are so lucky to have them all as neighbours. They care about Paxwold as much as we do!

Ralph and Maureen Robinson have continued to do all the small maintenance jobs which save us a fortune. Thank you for your skills and dedication.

We hope Paxwold will soon be filled with noise and laughter from our girls.

Sue Marris, Paxwold Committee

Guiding Development Report

2020 was certainly a year of upheaval, changes and adaptations. With face to face trainings impossible, the virtual training came into its own and provided the way forward for the continued compliance for Safe Space along with the e-learning. As a County we had a very good level of compliance by the deadline in January 2020. I must record my thanks to all our trainers who continued throughout 2020 to train virtually to allow this to happen. My thanks also go to all volunteers, who completed the level of Safe Space required for your roles in Girlguiding.

First Response courses have continued too, virtually and with a CPR demonstration session, once we were allowed to meet outside.

Finally my thanks go to all the support received from County and Commissioners in ensuring we were ready to continue with what we do best, providing a safe and fun environment for all our girls and volunteers.

Karen Palmer, Training Coordinator



Milton Singers Report

We sang for the first couple of months of 2020 until COVID struck and singing was deemed high risk, and that was that - group singing over Zoom doesn't work because of the time delay.

How sad - we all know how good singing is for you!

I'm not brilliant at jokes, but I believe in challenging myself so ... Why did the choir cross the road? To reach the professional sporting venue so they could all sing together. 😊

Bronia Trynka-Watson, Milton Singers Leader

Duke of Edinburgh Report

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is about challenging yourself and 2020 provided that challenge. A lot of DofE activity took place over Zoom, hoping that expeditions would be able to take place at some point but sadly it wasn't to be.

However many girls completed their skills and physical activities and adapted well. Some litter picked in rural areas, others planted and tended flower beds, some sewed scrubs, and others did more "usual"

volunteering and prepared activities for Guiding Zoom meetings. Physical activities were mainly based outdoors, and one family all did 20,000 steps on a daily walk during lockdown to help their daughter achieve her aim!

We were very pleased that four girls from our County used Lockdown to complete their gold - a real achievement. Well done Alice Boyce, Emily Bryce, Emily Hogben and Megan Price.

Bronia Trynka-Watson, DofE Adviser

Depot Annual Report

The Depot sadly remained closed for most of 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and the regulations on opening shops. A click and collect service was offered at times when allowed and a big thank you must go to the volunteers who organised this. During the Depot closure, the opportunity was taken to do a full stocktake, clean and a revamp. All obsolete uniform was sorted out and is now on sale in the shop for £1 per garment - ideal for camp or for gardening etc!!

The shop is now fully reopen on Saturdays, 9am - 1pm or by prior arrangement by emailing eydepot@googlemail.com

Debbie Goodwin, Guide Depot Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS

40-Year Service Award

Susan Ward, 95th Hull St Hildas
Brownies

30-Year Service Award

Angela Wing, 92nd Hull Bilton Grange
Brownies
Ann Charlton, 78th Hull Brownies
Rachel Cooper, 2nd Anlaby Guides

20-Year Service Award

Christine Hotchkin, 13th Hull Rainbows
Rachel Pearson, 7th Anlaby Brownies

10-Year Service Award

Lisa Moore, 92nd Hull Bilton Grange
Brownies

5-Year Service Award

Claudia Nicolini, 2nd Anlaby Rainbows
Joanne Noble, 92nd Hull Bilton Grange
Brownies
Louise Hammond-Wray, 2nd Anlaby
Brownies

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



North Wolds West Division Rangers

Silver Award

Alicia Reed
Elisha Smith

Gold Award

Alice Boyce
Emily Bryce
Emily Hogben
Megan Price Megan Price

CONGRATULATIONS

Silver Fish Award

Girlguiding's highest award is given to active adult members in recognition of distinguished service. There are only a few given each year to members who have made an exceptional contribution to Guiding and shown they have a substantial impact through a variety of roles within the organisation.

Congratulations go to Carol Selwyn Jones on being given this prestigious award.

Laurel Award

This is an award for an active member of Girlguiding who has made an outstanding contribution or service to guiding. This is Girlguiding's second-highest honour and as such there are relatively few awards given each year.

Congratulations go to Bronia Trynka-Watson on being given this fantastic award.

Queen's Guide Award



Katie Blanchard, 4th Beverley Brownies and Guides

