



## County Report 2021

### Beverley Division

Like everyone else, the Beverley Units started the year in lock down. Some of our units managed meetings on Zoom, some found that the girls had had enough of Zoom with school and for some it just wasn't an option. As things eased, units started to meet outside and then inside and by the end of the year most of our units were meeting weekly which is fantastic!

Throughout the year several girls managed to complete Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in their various sections.

As we were allowed to start outside meetings, The Division Commissioner visited one Guide unit playing rounders on Beverley Westwood and another making lemonade on a village sports field. A Brownie unit held a 'silly sports' evening on their village sports field and a Brownie enrolment was held on another, followed by chips from the mobile fish and chips van. We have been so very lucky with the availability of local public outside space. Guideacres was also used for games and cookouts and, later in the year, for grass sledging too. Two Guide units managed day camps there to help Guides new to camping gain skills. Both managed weekend camps too.

Our Rangers had a day trip to Scarborough by train and an adventure finding their way home when the train back was cancelled! One Brownie unit managed a trip to the pantomime too.

We finished the year in style with a private showing of Disney's Encanto at Beverley Parklands Cinema in December and filled 2 screens with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. Everyone got snacks and a badge and enjoyed it very much - leaders included! I am very grateful to all our leaders, helpers, young leaders and other volunteers who have put in such a lot of work to keep Guiding going for their girls. Thank you!

### Boothferry Division

#### GOOLE & HOWDENSHERE DISTRICT

Units began meeting face to face after months of Zoom meetings with 19<sup>th</sup> Goole Guides and 1<sup>st</sup> Howden Guides meeting alternative weeks at Goole Town H/Q due to Rachel



McGarry, Boothferry's Division Commissioner and 19<sup>th</sup> Goole Guides' leader retiring after 30 years of Guiding. Our sincere thanks for all her dedication over those years, most of which were spent in Goole. A couple of meetings were spent cooking over metal colanders which the Guides thoroughly enjoyed.



A return to Guiding evening was also held at Goole HQ for the various units with a BBQ.

Brownie units attended various pantomimes and 1<sup>st</sup> Howden Guides made miniature Christmas cakes for residents of a retirement complex in Howden and even spent an evening carol singing to the complex via Zoom.

## SNAITH DISTRICT

There was an increase in girl\leader numbers which allowed Brownies and Rainbows in Snaith to separate again and both units are thriving. There was a District pantomime trip in December 2021 to the Junction in Goole.

Snaith Guides and Pollington Brownies had a virtual visit from Sally Kettle, LaSER Ambassador and adventurer.

## Haltemprice Division

At the start of 2021 units were back on either Zoom or delivering packs to the girls. But by the summer all units were back meeting face to face. It was great to finally meet girls we had only met on Zoom.

Meetings outside of the normal meeting place included Zachary's ice cream parlour, evenings at Guideacres, painting at Tea & Bisque-it and a trip to the panto. There were a variety of activities including NEE's 50<sup>th</sup> year Challenge Badge, skill builders, Unit Meeting Activities, crafts and theme nights. Many of our leaders also gained Long Service Awards from 5 to 40 years. We also have leaders who finished their leadership qualification.

I would like to say a very big thankyou to all of the leaders who give up their time to run units, do the various trainings, take the units away and on trips.

## Holderness Division

### HEDON DISTRICT

Hedon Brownies and Guides had a special opportunity to re-launch face to face meetings after months of zoom meetings and activities at home. Girlguiding appealed for units who would be interested in publicising their return to face to face guiding. In April they arranged a special meeting which was broadcast on BBC look north from the local school Inmans Primary.



Girls and leaders enjoyed lots of games and challenges. As it was also Earth Day, we tried to be sustainable and promote greener guiding, we also tried some new unit meeting activities, which involved Andrea being immortalised on camera for wearing a plastic cone on her head!

Several girls and leaders had the opportunity to be interviewed by the

BBC. One Brownie was able to have her promise badge presented on camera (her promise had been made over zoom)



And the best bit, following the programme, we were lucky enough to gain a 2 new leaders to Brownies!

#### HORNSEA AND WITHERNSEA DISTRICT

2021 was mainly spent getting back to guiding, with units spending time reintroducing the programme and allowing girls to spend time together socially. The big achievement in the district was a return to face-to-face meetings for ALL units within the district.

1<sup>st</sup> Hornsea Brownies began meeting in June 2021 with some outdoor meetings, including a beach litter pick, before returning to indoor meetings in September 2021. The units at Keyingham began the year with some meetings on Zoom before commencing indoor meetings at a new meeting place in Ottringham due to the closure of their previous meeting space.

The units at Withernsea have also had a change in meeting place due to leaders work commitments and are now meeting at Hollym village hall. They began indoor meetings in May 2021. The units at Patrington are also meeting face to face again.

#### Hull East Division

##### ALEXANDRA DISTRICT

##### 65<sup>th</sup> Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

We reopened in September 2021 after being closed since March 2020. We currently have 10 rainbows, 11 brownies and 6 guides. All the girls are working hard towards their theme awards. The Rainbows are taking part in the 35th year of Rainbows card swap. One group from Canada sent a bumper parcel with 2 badges for each of the girls, several cards and

bookmarks.. When we send our card back to them we are going to ask if they would like to become Rainbow pen pals. Fingers crossed they say yes!

All 3 groups were lucky to have a visit from Lynne and her guide dog Quizzie. We were all intrigued at what Quizzie does to help Lynne. Lynne also brought in some of the gadgets she uses to help her.

### 85<sup>th</sup> Hull St Columba Brownies, Guides ... and now Rangers

Brownies and Guides zoomed through lockdown and then started meeting face to face in May 2021. A virtual sleepover was held during lockdown for Brownies and Guides and they completed the NEE Challenge Badge.

Guides and Rangers had a five-day camp at Guideacres in September and one Ranger got her Lead Away Permit. Both units are booked into Poacher in 2022.

Guides and Rangers went to Rock during the summer. The trip to Paris was cancelled but the girls are still keen to go so we are looking into dates so we can get it re-booked.

Brownie numbers dropped during the pandemic however they are now back up to 24. A number of activity days were held for Brownies and the girls are working on the Pawprint challenge badges which are very popular. Two Gold Awards and four Bronze Awards were awarded in 2021.

Guides numbers are reduced currently, there are around a dozen. Two Gold Awards and four Bronze were awarded during 2021.

The Ranger unit opened in September 2021, there are 8 members. Four Bronze Awards were awarded.

### 95th Hull (St Hilda's) Brownies and Guides

St Hilda's Brownies and Guides reopened in May 2021. Due to having less leaders, we decided to combine the sections and meet at the same time. We ran a recruitment campaign which did increase Brownie numbers. The first few months were spent trying to complete Gold Awards for our 6 returning Brownies. They achieved this in November and then transferred to Guides which boosted Guide numbers too. We had a Christmas night out at Rock Up which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Some Girls also attended Thinking Day.

Guide numbers are increasing, having several completely new to Guiding girls joining. Brownie numbers still a slight concern. We also need to recruit more adults as we are at half the leader numbers we were pre-covid. A new Young Leader is now helping at Brownies which has been a great bonus. We hope eventually to increase our meeting time and separate the two units when leader numbers permit this, or girl numbers enforce it.

## SOUHCOATES DISTRICT

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sutton Rainbows

The summer term of 2021 saw the Rainbows get involved in activities for the Oceans Challenge, those having completed all of the activities being awarded a badge for their efforts.

During the autumn term the theme from the programme the Rainbows started working towards was Know Myself. The skills builders chosen for this theme was Reflect stage 1. Several Rainbows also did one of the interest badges for the theme, with a large portion of the girls being awarded the theme award in early 2022.

The unit also celebrated Hull Fair in October, which fits in with a UMA from the Be Well theme which is planned for 2022. Other non-programme activities Sutton Rainbows have enjoyed include paper rockets for bonfire night, games for getting to know each other and the new Rainbows, and crafts for Christmas, and a Christmas party night.

Those who have turned 7 years old have moved up to Brownies when places have become available.

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Hull Rainbows

After Covid limited our meetings for the first half of the year, happily, we were able to use the church garden to restart our meetings in September, giving the girls plenty of sunshine and fresh air in which to run our activities. Towards the cooler months the restrictions eased and we were able to move indoors. Our little reds completed the 'Know Myself' stage 1 with several girls only needing to finish the final part of the Family Tree interest badge, to be able to gain their theme award.

We also managed to use the PawPrint challenge packs to complete the World Oceans Day badge, and learned a little of the Royal Family for the Queen's birthday.

We have had the help of three very useful young leaders, who I think we would struggle without. Their help has been invaluable.

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Hull (Wesley) Guides

As Covid lockdowns cancelled our meetings for the first half of the year, our first meeting wasn't until September. Happily we were able to use the church garden to meet outdoors, until restrictions eased.

Our girls voted to start our meetings off by completing the North East England 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary challenge badge, which did take quite a while but the girls all chose a different activity, including making savoury toad in the hole, windmills, learning Bollywood dancing, and making woolly sheep, all from different parts of our region. We took a short break from this to complete the Parliament Week activities, combined with the Hear Our Voice challenge. The girls all wrote to Karl Turner, our local MP, and held a vote on who should take over our unit for the following week. This turned out to be a good exercise for the girls taking responsibility for their own decisions. The girl who won the vote was given full rein of the next weeks activities, including collecting the subs, and leading the end of meeting horseshoe, as well as recording the girls progress in our program paperwork.

We had a small group of Brownies move up to us which gave our numbers a little boost, and we were able to hold a joint promise ceremony before breaking up for Christmas.

### **Hull North Division**

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Report for 14th Hull (St. John Newland) Brownies



We started 2021 alternating between fortnightly Zoom meetings and newsletters with activities for Brownies to complete at home. Our unit celebrated its 100th birthday on 18th January 2021 and we had an online party with party games and a cake in a mug. We returned to face to face meetings in the summer and included a meeting at Guideacres doing campfire cooking and a Harry Potter party for our last meeting of the term, we also completed the Blue Peter Climate Heroes challenge and all received a Blue Peter badge!

In the autumn term we worked towards our own 100th birthday challenge badge, designed by one of the Brownies, and the NEE 50th birthday badge. We held a celebration in church to which we invited past members. This included a Brownie bake-off competition, which we have introduced as an annual event to commemorate one of our leaders who sadly died of cancer in September 2020. She used to be our QM on Pack Holidays and would always bake us a cake. We finally had an in person 100th birthday party to finish off our birthday year in December.



### Hull West Division

The New Year started with us still unable to meet face to face. Several units were able to meet over Zoom, others sent out activities.

Rainbows had fun creating a mask of an ox for Chinese New Year. They made a bug hotel, bird feeder, a super fairy garden which grew cut and come again lettuce and beans. They also made a lovely pendant for their mums which involved cutting out three 8 point stars and tying a reef knot!

Brownies had two virtual camps - a day one and an overnight. Both were very successful. They spent time in the kitchen and one unit's Brownies were able to produce a three-course meal for their family.

Then the good news came and we could meet outdoors. Guides went up to Guideacres to make fires, cook hotdog sausage rolls (like dampers wrapped around hotdogs) and to show the girls how to also use a gas stove to make real hot choc. In May they did campfire cooking again (at the Guides' request) and this time they cooked calzone pizzas in tin foil - which were a huge success!

Rainbows had 3 visits to Guideacres in the summer term. They loved the freedom of Guideacres and the go-kart track proved a great attraction. They just enjoyed being able to run round and round it.

In June most units were able to meet back face to face. Many of them had a new set of girls so time was spent getting to know them and establishing unit guidelines and new routines. One Guide unit now recites the promise at the start of every meeting. At the end the girls pick a life affirming quick poem they recite before singing Taps (with actions).

In August the Guides had a day camp at Guideacres, with the girls coming from 10am to 9pm. They did festival style activities - headdresses, glitter tattoos, friendship bracelets etc. They also enjoyed using the Go-karts.

Rainbows were back at Guideacres in October. They loved tracking and building dens. They made fairies, snowy owls, ladybird and bee biscuits. They love making s'mores and felt very grown up toasting their own marshmallows. (We do have very long skewers!)

### **Hunsley Division**

No submission

### **North Wolds East**

During lockdown about 50% of units enjoyed zooming, getting up to all sorts including crafts and badgework, many gaining the Trefoil Air Ambulance badge and North East England's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Challenge. Leaders made up kits and managed to get them taken round, often on their daily walks!

Come May half-term many started meeting outside, girls being really excited at seeing many friends from other schools for a long time!

Nafferton Brownies were the only ones to carry out their postponed pack holiday at Kingswood, near Doncaster. There was a lot of paperwork to complete for both Girlguiding and Kingswood however Helen said it was well worth it to see the enjoyment the girls had.

Driffield Wolds units took up the opportunity to see Enchantia. Chloe who organised the trip at Beverley Parkway Cinema on 5th December 2021, said it was easy to organise by booking online as a party booking. This meant we got a screen to ourselves and this isolated us from the general public. I asked parents to bring and pick up the girls from outside the Cinema keeping away from the public.

Chloe from 1st Driffield Brownies invited 2nd Driffield Brownies and 6th Driffield Rainbows. The trip was enjoyed by everyone, who were all kept safe from the public and covid.

Sadly we had to close 2 Rainbow units, but 4 girls from Nafferton Rainbows managed to work hard at home and on zoom to complete their Gold Awards.

### **North Wolds West Division**

2021 was quite a challenging year for the Division but we had many positive moments:

- ❖ Girls and Leaders did many things to help the Community, including thanking the NHS in uniform each week - which includes our own 2 doctors who are Guide Leaders and have worked in Emergency Care during 2021. Many of the Rangers have helped Community projects throughout lockdown.
- ❖ Some Units took part in weekly zoom meetings in early 2021, others met outdoors when they could, others sent activity packs and challenges and others maintained contact through Facebook groups. Units reopened in September, many with smaller numbers but are working hard to give their girls a full programme.

We have recruited some wonderful new Leaders and they are doing a brilliant job. Thank you to them and all our Leaders for everything they do to keep guiding afloat in North Wolds West.

## International News

Most “International” interaction in 2021 consisted in sending reports of rescheduled events but we had a highlight of an International Selection Day in October. Eight lovely girls applied and demonstrated how wonderful our young people are. It is brave to put yourself forward and every one of them, and their Leaders, should be proud of themselves.

Let’s look forward to the future when we can plan overseas visits without restrictions, and tests, and ....

**Bronia Trynka-Watson, International Adviser**

## Milton Singers Report

The Milton Singers did not meet during 2021.

**Bronia Trynka-Watson, Leader**

## Duke of Edinburgh Report

Whilst 2020 provided opportunities to finish DofE Awards, 2021 provided an opportunity to start again. It was difficult for girls to return to life “as we know it” but one intrepid gold group managed to undertake an incredible feat - they did both their practice AND assessed gold expeditions during October half term. This is something that wouldn’t have usually been undertaken for many reasons - it was out of season, very cold and very strenuous (they just had two days between expeditions to recover, dry out their kit, and set off again) BUT they did it, and came home smiling. They have true Guiding spirit.

2022 promises to be busy as we try and catch up with two years of missed expeditions, but we enjoy the challenge!

**Bronia Trynka-Watson, DofE Adviser**

### **Awards in 2021 - both NWW Division Rangers**

Hannah Williams      Silver

Georgie Taylor        Silver

### **Long service awards**

#### **5 Years**

Georgia Coates

Megan Thomson

Grace Chapman

Melissa Bone

Kate Whittaker

Emma Jackson

Sally George

Bryoni Millward

Rebecca Gibson

Elizabeth Coates

Georgia Carmichael

Diane Holden

Danielle Moody

Debbie Goodwin

Amy Johns

Charlotte Stephens

Theresa Martin

Katrina Lord

Laura-Beth Dawson

Gemma Holden

Lianne Darbinson

Chloe Whitehead

Emily Dixon

Phillippa Holden

Nicola Watson

Charlotte Henderson

Kirsty Ward

Josie Metcalfe  
Katie Milburn  
Lucy Wylde  
Katie Blanchard

### **10 Years**

Adele Hinch  
Victoria Kirkwood  
Samantha MacFarlane  
Jackie Pieper  
Hannah Griffith  
Victoria Smith  
Claire Rawson  
Janet Burnitt  
Vicki-Ann Thornton  
Caroline Maclachlan  
Alison Walker  
Dani Jamieson  
Rose Walker  
Kellie Ringham  
Heather Grimley  
Robyn McKay  
Rachel Worrell  
Ellen Wormersley  
Grace Gorski  
Cathryn Lord  
Fiona Sharples  
Stacy Lister  
Karen Worsnop

### **20 Years**

Kathryn Cooper  
Amy Lyon  
Jeanne Wright  
Janet Wardale  
Fiona Stephenson

Joyce Gillyon  
Heather Patchett  
Kathryn Blackburn  
Laura Harrison  
Kate Phipps  
Andrea Vickers  
Michelle Brumfield

### **30 Years**

Jenny Hawkes  
Elaine Houlston  
Nicola Wallis  
Jennifer Jacomb  
Sue Evans  
Michelle Keyes  
Sally Ann Mowatt

### **40 Years**

Diane Moffatt  
Alison Thornham  
Elaine Hayes  
Jackie Page  
Maureen Burnell  
Mandie Cross  
Lesley Brazendale  
Bronia Trynka-Watson  
Sue Marris  
Sue Dughan

### **50 Years**

Pauline Fulcher  
Christine Scott  
Sue Whittles

### **60 Years**

Doreen Skiven