



Annual Report 2023



Message from the County commissioner



In 2023 the county celebrated it's 50th birthday. We celebrated in style with a picnic at Wallington Hall and held a 70's themed camp in Swarland.

A challenge was thrown out to our divisions to collect 50 bags of rubbish from around their communities, the challenge was taken up and significantly exceeded! Some of our leaders enjoyed a walk around Holy Island and a training weekend at Waddow Hall.

In June 2023 we held an annual celebration at Gosforth Park Hotel. We celebrated the achievements of individuals and units in 2022 and looked back at 50 years of Girlguiding in Northumberland.

In our divisions units enjoyed a range of activities, days out, sleepovers and camps, lots of first time experiences for our young members. Many units held events to celebrate the Kings Coronation in May 2023.

Some of our young members continued to work towards the Queen's Guide award, the highest award in guiding, with Hannah Parker from Tynedale East completing hers and being presented with it a local event.

I am grateful for all the support that our volunteers receive from their family and friends in order that they can commit to their units and give the girls the amazing opportunities that they do, thank you.

We are grateful to the W A Handley Charity Trust for their continued support of Girlguiding Northumberland.

Gillian Teasdale
County Commissioner





Around the county



Makaton

Rainbows

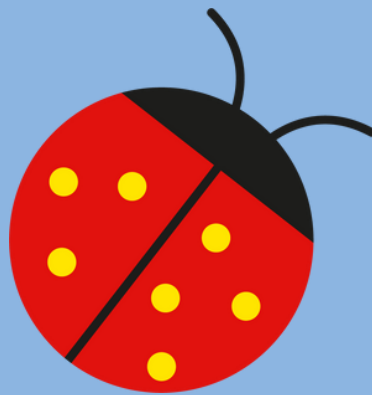
Skills builders

Litter picks

Mocktails

Baking

Carol services

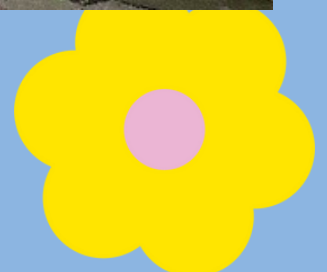


Gold awards

Wallington Hall



Gardening



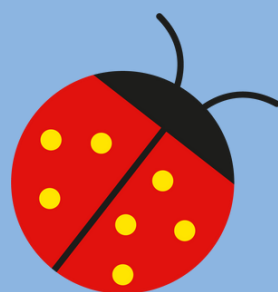
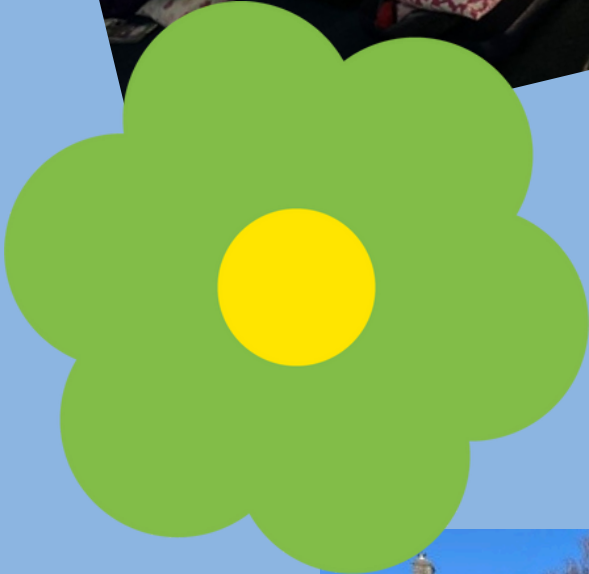
Sleepovers

Crafts

Airbox

Cinema

Carnivals



Remembrance
parades





Around the county



Brownies

Foodbank collections



Beach fun



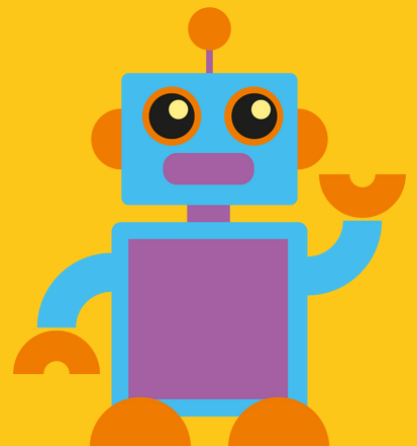
- Farm visits
- Panto
- Airbox
- Alpacas
- Mindfulness
- Kings coronation
- Thinking Day



Archaeology



STEM





Residential fun



Hampers for care homes

Interest badges



Football fun with the Lionesses



Crafts



Wallington Hall



Silent disco



Litter picking



Around the county



Guides



Litter picking



Campfires



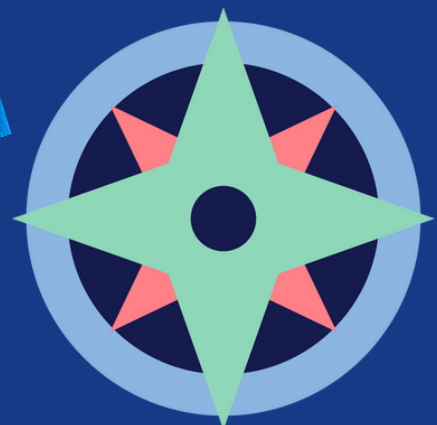


Residentials

- Upcycling
- Charity collections
- Mixology
- Cooking
- Kite making
- RNLI
- Unit meeting activities
- Crazy golf
- Orienteering
- Flamingo Land & fire station visits



Festival fun





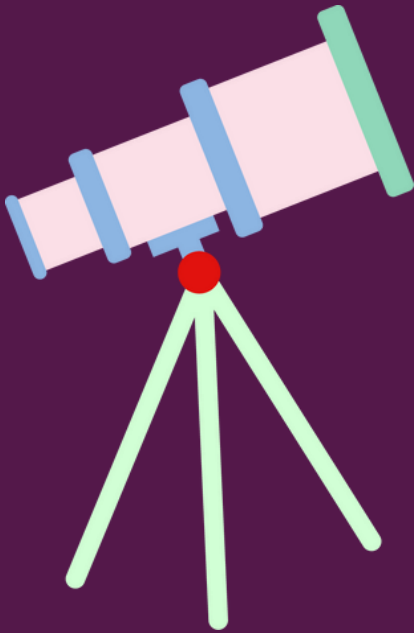
Senior Section



- Winter camps
- Musical movie nights
- 50th Birthday challenge



- Adventure



- Environment



- Friendship



Around the county



Volunteers

Training at Waddow Hall



County walks



Invites to the Duchess of Northumberlands garden party for volunteers



Region Thinking Day service at York Minster



County camp



Cross border meetings



Awards



Hannah Parker
Queens Guide



Julie Dennis
County Commissioner
Award



Jill Thompson
County Commissioner
Award

Long service awards



Susan King 30 years



Helen Gold 30 years



Margaret Lester
50 years



Anne Gould 50 years

Many congratulations
to all of our volunteers
who have received
long service awards
in 2023



Whittonstall



Our house and campsite
continue to provide fun and adventure for all!

Visit girlguidingnorthumberland.org.uk for more
information on availability and how to book.





2023 was the 80th [Oak] Anniversary of Trefoil Guild. Northumberland Trefoil members took part in an Oak Challenge, choosing activities in which to engage from a varied selection.

In June members enjoyed a celebration lunch at Alnwick Castle Golf Club. Our Annual Meeting was held in September with an interactive session about the past 50 Years of Girlguiding in Northumberland County, led by The County Archivist.

We were well represented at the regional Annual Meeting in May, held at the Discovery Museum in Newcastle with a speaker from the Victoria Tunnel. Members have also enjoyed a day out to Newby Hall, near Ripon, which concluded with a mass afternoon tea. The concluding event for the year was a reflective Service of Thanksgiving at Central Methodist Church, York.

Members also participated in the National Annual Meeting held in Glasgow, the walking week in Devon and The Gathering in Swanwick and reported their enjoyment of these events. At Guild level there were also Coronation Celebrations and a wide variety of activities forming the rest of their annual programmes.

My thanks to members of the Executive who have contributed to the planning and delivery of events and to all our members who have supported their guilds.

Margaret Millar
County Chair





Thank you to all our amazing
volunteers, members and
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