



FIRST FRIDAY FLYER 4th June 2021

A message from our County Commissioner

I hope you have had a nice half term break and recharged your batteries.

Hopefully Guiding is beginning to feel a bit more normal for many of you if you are now in a position to meet face to face, either outdoors or inside. As I write this I am busy sorting risk assessments to enable me to meet with my units' outdoors. We have had some awful weather over the last few weeks so I hope those who have been meeting outside have managed to continue. Let's hope we have some more settled weather in the coming months.

I am keeping a close eye on our membership numbers and it is encouraging to see that young members have increased by almost 100 since the subscription payments were due in February which was our lowest point. Only one division has not seen an increase in numbers since then which is really encouraging. Hopefully you have all been keeping in touch with your units, even if you have not been able to meet in any form, if not then it is probably worth you catching up with your young members to let them know what is happening and when you hope to be able to meet back again.

If there are still units who would like to try zoom and have not yet done so, please let us know and we can support you in doing this, particularly if you cannot meet in person yet.

Our spotlight this month is Liz Laughton, Assistant Division Commissioner for Whitby. Liz will tell you that we have taken her out of her comfort zone a bit, but she is doing a great job and hopefully she can be an inspiration to other leaders who doubt they could be a commissioner. Like many Guiders, I always said I would never ever be a commissioner and look what happened to me!

Yours in Guiding
Rachel

Volunteers Week 1 - 7 June 2021

As we come to the end of volunteer's week, we just once again want to thank you all for the time you give to Girlguiding in NYNE and particularly over the last challenging 12 months. Without all our amazing volunteers, we would not have such a brilliant county offering our young members such wonderful experiences and let's hope by volunteer week next year, we are back to normal and seeing our numbers continue to increase.



THANK YOU

Dates for Your Diary: *County Leaders Day*

- a chance to meet with fellow leaders, discuss best practice, share successes and come away with new ideas.

2nd October 2021

Lady Lumley's School, Pickering

Strictly Come Guiding - county weekend

1-3 July 2022

There will be trainings for commissioners, advisors, leaders of many years and for those new to a leadership role. No matter what your experience, we will have sessions to inspire and enthuse your Guiding journey. If you would like to be part of this weekend, to meet up with old friends, make new ones and see how the county works, then this weekend could be for you. More details will be available in September.

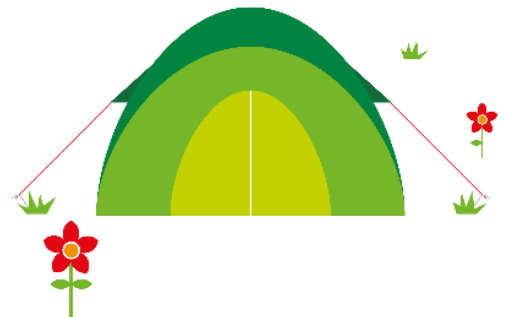
A Safe Space Level 3 Training - message from region

We've recently launched virtual L3 training dates up to the middle of September which you can book online. We're aware that there are a significant number of volunteers coming up for renewal in September, and we anticipate that September demand will be greater than the number of places we can offer in that month. What we need to prevent this becoming a problem and stopping units meeting in the new school year is for volunteers to plan and book their training now, checking out the course dates which are available from May all through the summer term and holidays.

Family Camping at Barneybeck

NYNE has a campsite at Redmire in lovely Wensleydale and as camping with our girls is not possible this year Barneybeck is available for family camps.

- ❖ Each family must belong to a NYNE leader who must be with the group.
- ❖ The fee will be £3.00 per person per night for use of a campsite, a toilet/shower block and access to the large barn for fridge/freezers and emergency dry shelter in case of really bad weather.
- ❖ You will need to bring all your own equipment.
- ❖ To comply with Covid-19 regulations only two family camps can be accommodated at a time.
- ❖ Thorough cleaning of the toilet/shower block must be carried out before leaving Barneybeck. Materials are provided.
- ❖ All rubbish must be taken home with you.



So if you and your family fancy a stay at Barneybeck in August or September then get in touch with Ann Edwards at barneybeck@girlguidingnyne.org.uk

Email Address on GO

Please can you ensure the email address you have on GO is an email that you check regularly or please ensure you check this email address on a regular basis. Email is the way Girlguiding contact leaders when their Safe Space training is due, DBS is due to be renewed etc so it is important to check this email so these important requirements are not overlooked.

Updating GO with “current offer”

Please can units look at their unit on GO and update the new current offer tab which you will find at the top of the page where you find the tabs for programme, individuals etc. This is giving you the opportunity to list what offers you are currently offering in your unit. You will just need to update it as and when things change.

Peer Education

If you're looking for something a bit different, how about inviting a Peer Educator to your unit, either face to face or virtually? Peer Educators are young members aged between 14 and 26 who are qualified to run sessions for Brownies, Guides and Rangers. These sessions are called Think Resilient (on mental wellbeing), Breaking Free (on gender stereotypes) and Free Being Me (on body confidence) and are tailored specifically for your unit. Each of these sessions come with a badge that can be bought from the Girlguiding website or can be found in the Girlguiding catalogue. If you'd like more information, have any questions or would like to request a session, please contact: peereducation@girlguidingnyne.org.uk.

North Yorkshire North East Virtual Escapades



Our Virtual Escapades badge is still available so why not consider completing it in your unit if you have not already done so. You can be as flexible as you like with the badge - run all the windows over a few weeks or as and when you can, why not have a residential event when you can and complete it all then?

We have a limited number of badges and will not be ordering any more, so plan ahead and get your badges ordered!

Coming soon - International Virtual Escapades

Look out for our new badge which we hope will be ready in July for launch in September.

NEE Inspire Update

Save the date - Mental health event on 4 September 2021

We are running a virtual event on the theme of mental health in September. Key points to note:

- The event is called Take a Breath and will include a range of discussion, training, craft and active sessions
- The event will be open to all adult members and volunteers, though the programme has been developed particularly to appeal to Inspire
- There will be a cost to attend and all attendees will receive a badge
- Bookings to open in June

Inspire Toolkit updates

We have retired the region Inspire toolkit developed in 2019 from the region website as we have been sent some updated resources from HQ. Key points to note:

There are now 2 separate toolkits:

- ***Supporting and Promoting Girlguiding Inspire***
 - this is intended to be a key document for commissioners and chiefs, with constructive actions that they can take, support or implement. It can also be a resource for coordinators, Ranger leaders, county or division teams, or other members who are looking for further information on how to plan to include and support the Inspire community.
 - The toolkit covers:
 - Getting Inspire off the ground, member engagement, growth & retention, promoting Inspire, and statistics on our 18-30 members. As well as the content in the 'An Introduction to...' toolkit.
 - ***An Introduction to Girlguiding Inspire***
 - this is aimed at anyone who wants to find out more - including Inspire members, Ranger leaders, people outside of or new to Girlguiding. It is also a resource to answer FAQs.
 - The toolkit covers:
 - Formation of Inspire and development of the name, introduction to Inspire themes and pathways, transition from Rangers to Inspire, starting local Inspire groups, Event ideas and suggestions of badges to do with a group of adults, National monthly themes for 2021

- Both toolkits are on the website <https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/inspire>

18-30 members survey (2020)

After sharing a summary of the results on the region website earlier in the year, we have now shared

the full results analysis for all region members to read/view. This can be found on the region website

here <https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/inspire/> We will be promoting this update on the region Inspire social media.

Poacher 2022



As Units start to return to some form of face-to-face Guiding or Scouting, whether that be indoors or outdoors, I am sure you are excited to start embracing the activities and events that we have missed over the past twelve months. It therefore seems perfect timing to introduce Poacher International Jamboree 2022.

Poacher International Jamboree is scheduled to take place at the Lincolnshire Showground from Saturday 30th July to Saturday 6th August 2022.

As you may know it is a week-long Jamboree providing a fantastic experience for young members aged 11 to 17 - an experience that will live with them for a lifetime.

We really want to see as many people attending this event as possible. It has been a challenging twelve months but to have something like Poacher 2022 on the horizon is a great target to aim for, and it is not too far for you to travel so an ideal opportunity.

Bookings are now open for the event.

The Senior Management Team and their teams are planning a great week for those that attend. However, it is important that groups like yours start to [register your interest here](#) - so that the Team can start to see the numbers we can expect and then for those bookings to be firmed up by the paying of deposits by 31st October 2021. Registering your interest also means you will be kept up to date with important updates about the event.

Poacher really is an amazing event and an International Jamboree on our doorstep. I really hope to see you, and your unit there. Please see the website for more details:

www.poacher.org.uk

Yours in Guiding and Scouting
Lizzie - Chair of Poacher 2022

NEE Region 50th Birthday Challenge

Check out the NEE region website for details of the 50th birthday challenge and the opportunity to have one of the chief team visit your unit

<https://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/50th-Birthday-Challenge-Badge-1.pdf>



NEE Trefoil Guild Air Ambulance Challenge



If you are looking for something else to do with your girls, check out the Trefoil Guild Air Ambulance challenge - some fantastic activities with a wonderful badge and the opportunity to raise some funds for this great charity.

<https://www.trefoilguild.co.uk/AirAmbulanceChallenge>

SPOTLIGHT ON ... Liz Laughton

Assistant Division Commissioner for Whitby

I joined Rainbows on my 5th birthday with my party organised by my new rainbow leader. I stayed on to Brownies but moved to Whitby aged 9 and joined 7th Whitby Brownies. Guides gave me my love for camping and being outdoors, my first camp was 2K. I couldn't wait to go international after meeting so many people from abroad. I moved Guide units and experienced my first trip oversea to Austria! It was brilliant even though I fell off a toboggan.

I became a Young Leader helping out at Rainbows but then I started my apprenticeship to be a plumber and had to swap to Brownies, with no local Ranger unit back then I became an Explorer Scout. I took over 1st Sleights Brownies at 18 (to cover maternity, but Brown Owl never returned) but had to move the unit to Whitby and reopened as 7th Whitby Brownies. A few years ago, I became unit helper with Whitby rangers.

As a leader I've been lucky to go on Region trips to Sangam, Switzerland, Holland, and lastly Bermuda. I also volunteer as site services for jamborees, going to centenary camp as staff I caught the bug for long days, hard work with lots of laughs.

Last year I was asked to take on a challenge of a whole new level, by becoming Assistant Division Commissioner for Whitby with the aim of taking over from Ruth. I've got a lot to learn but hope I can do the role justice, Zoom trainings have made it so much easier to fit them in around work and saved a lot of driving. Although I am looking forward to some form of normality returning!



**Look out for the next edition of the
First Friday Flyer on
Friday 2nd July 2021**