



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

North Tyneside

# Annual Review 2018/2019



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Every year I think we can't be as successful as we were last year and every year I am wrong. This year has been no exception and we have gone from strength to strength. We have continued to provide exciting opportunities for our members so that they can create memories and learn new skills that will last forever.

As a county we focused a lot on technology and saw Guides take part in a region wide Robotics competition. One group in particular were very successful and ended up in the national finals in Birmingham competing against school groups from around the country. We also took part in 'Thinking Day on the air' - an opportunity for the members of Girlguiding to talk to other members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world via Amateur Radio. We also launched our county Twitter and Instagram pages to show the public what we are achieving.

In September 2018 we launched Girlguiding's new programme - a programme that delivers a fun and varied range of activities with new topics, skills and new ways for girls to broaden their horizons with of course, plenty of badges to earn. Leaders have attended training sessions and are embracing the changes and the girls are enjoying the range of new activities on offer.

April 2019 saw a group of adults travel to Mexico to visit a Girlguiding World Centre. They had an amazing experience and whilst there took part in a programme called 'Splash into spring' which gave them some extra water based activities alongside the sessions based on current WAGGGS themes around women's rights. They also visited a Rainbow group to see the activities they engage in.

County camp at Pigdon in Morpeth provided 200 Brownies and Guides with a fun packed weekend with lots of activities such as drumming, outdoor cooking and archery. Our new ambassador Mel Petheridge came along in the evening to carry out a Clubbercise session (dancing with glow sticks in the dark) which went down well with both the girls and leaders.

We continue to raise our profile throughout North Tyneside with events such as Out and About week and Glow week,

which have proved to be so popular they are now a calendar fixture. Following on from the success of the St. Oswald's Hospice Snow Dog project, with our own Snow puppy 'WAGGGS', we are now taking part in their 'Elmer's Parade' initiative. So look out for 'Trefoilump', our Girlguiding North Tyneside elephant decorated by our members.

I can't believe that it is now time for me to finish as County Commissioner. The last 5 years have been truly memorable and it has been an honour to lead Girlguiding North Tyneside. I am so lucky to have worked with such dedicated, enthusiastic and supportive volunteer leaders who always give their best and put the girls first. They make an important contribution to the lives of girls and young women in our community, making Girlguiding North Tyneside the thriving and exciting organisation it is today.

From September 2019, the County Commissioner role hands to Irene Johnson who has a passion for Guiding and will continue to provide exciting opportunities for all our members. I know that she will be an asset to the County; we wish her every success for the future. Thank you to everyone for a great year in guiding and making Girlguiding North Tyneside amazing.

### Joanne Hogg

County Commissioner.  
Girlguiding North Tyneside



## 2018 facts and figures:

- 17 Guides** took part in 'Thinking day on the air'
- 34 Guides** took part in Baden - Powell adventures - a snow sport weekend and archery camp
- 71 Guides** visited Beamish open air museum in County Durham
- 178 Rainbows and Brownies** visited 'Santa's Grotto at Trefoil House, our HQ
- 58 Leaders** attended an afternoon tea celebrating Girlguiding in North Tyneside
- 43 Leaders** updated their First Response first aid training
- 76 leaders** attended County Training day
- 49 adult members** attended 'A Safe Space' training as part of their continued development
- 31 adult members** took part in unit section training



**WE ENDED 2018 WITH 2129 MEMBERS!**

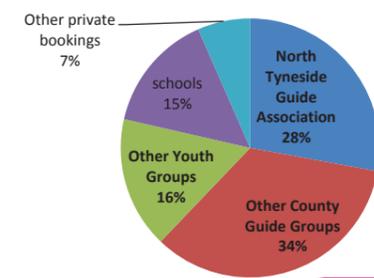
## Property 2018 Trefoil House

This year we have hosted lots of training events at Trefoil House for leaders as well as sleepovers for the girls. The winter wonderland grotto in December proved to be a huge success and leaders enjoyed bringing their units along to make Christmas crafts and of course to see Santa.

## Cheviot View

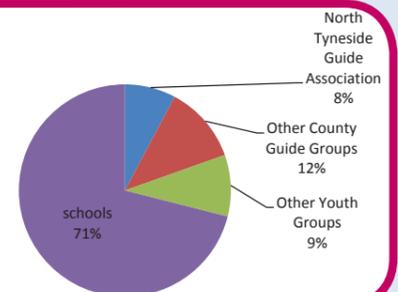
The property team continue to make sure the property is kept to a high standard and are always looking for more adults to help them. In Easter 2018 a new playground was installed which has provided endless hours of fun for both children and adults. A bothy has been added to the camping area to provide a dry area to chill out and relax in. We have lots of regular groups who visit us and word is certainly spreading about how lovely the site is. If you are interested in staying in the house or campsite please plan ahead and get your booking in early to avoid disappointment.

Hilary Cooper, Chair of Property Management Committee



## 2018 Cheviot View Lodge bookings

## 2018 Campsite bookings





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