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Girlguiding

North Tyneside

# Annual Review 2016



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2016 has been a very busy year for Girlguiding North Tyneside. We may be a small county but we certainly make sure that the girls are given a variety of exciting opportunities at every age. We have held a range of county events for the girls such as sleepovers, out and about week and glow walks. As well as first aid training and section training the adults have taken part in a sing-along Mamma Mia, family picnic and celebration evening.

We were pleased to support St Oswald's hospice by purchasing our own Snow Puppy (WAGGGS). Units were challenged to design their own patch to show what they enjoyed most about guiding. The designs were fantastic and they were used to decorate WAGGGS. He went out on display with the other Snowdogs and Snow Puppies in the autumn and lots of units spent days and evenings out searching for them all on a trail round the North East of England.

Our residential building-Cheviot View in Kirknewton, Northumberland has gone from strength to strength. It is such an idyllic place to spend time away with the girls. Our Guide HQ in North Shields is always a hub of activity with sleepovers and trainings taking place. The County Depot is very popular with Judy and Val doing an amazing job in making sure stock is available. Our administrator, Julia, is super-efficient and is always able to offer help and advice as well as carrying out the essential day to day running of the office, vital administrative support and also ensures a smooth booking process for Cheviot View.

I am extremely lucky to have the most amazing group of volunteers in our county. It is lovely to see the activities they provide for the girls and how enthusiastic they all are about guiding. The girls in our county are fortunate to have leaders that are always prepared to go the extra mile to make sure that they have a fantastic experience during their time with us. They are creating memories and skills for them that will last forever.

We have such a dedicated county team that have continued to provide such an extensive programme of varied and interesting activities for both the girls and adults. They are always so willing and have endless



amounts of enthusiasm no matter what. Their time and hard work is hugely appreciated.

We are ever grateful for the support we receive from the Trefoil Guild who has supported us in all our initiatives and they proudly presented a starter pack to open a new unit, 1st West allotment Brownies.

During 2017 I am hoping that we can continue to raise the profile of Girlguiding North Tyneside and increase our adult volunteers so more girls can experience what guiding is all about.

A thank you to all for making Girlguiding North Tyneside a thriving, fun and interesting charity offering high quality opportunities which are affordable, inclusive and accessible to all.

**Joanne Hogg, County Commissioner**

## 2016 facts and figures:

**20 girls** completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

**3 girls** completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

**11 girls** took part in Baden Powell Adventures

**1 Trefoil Guild member** (Ann Elliot) completed the Gold Voyage Award

**7 Senior Section** took part in an inflatable fun run

**38 adults** took part in Safe Space trainings

**43 adults** took part in First Response first aid training

**60** units designed patches for WAGGGS snow puppy for St. Oswald's Hospice

**148 Brownies** slept over at Kirkley Hall

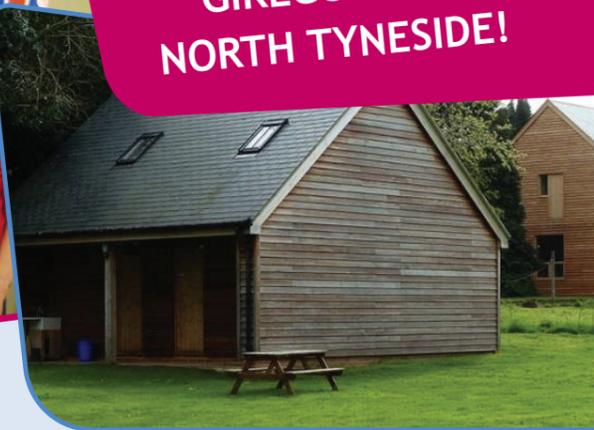
**150 Guides** Guides slept over at Round the Twist

**27 Rainbows** slept over at Splat Centre

**31 new adults** joined us



**WE HAVE 2270 MEMBERS IN GIRLGUIDING NORTH TYNESIDE!**



### Property 2016

This has been a very productive year for us in developing both of our properties and we can certainly say we are a very lucky county to have two fantastic resources. This makes us the envy of many other counties.

### Trefoil House

Our town house: the office, the shop, the meeting room, the possibility of a sleep over venue, Trefoil House is very well used and a terrific resource. As a property group it is our mission to make sure that this is a hub of Girlguiding North Tyneside.

### Cheviot View

Bookings were extremely good for Cheviot View in 2016, and it has attracted bookings from other members of the community as well as those from Girlguiding North Tyneside; they have come from as far afield as Lincolnshire and Scotland. There were 37 separate bookings for Cheviot View Lodge and 17 on the camp site. Everyone who visits says they have a great time. It is warm, comfortable and in a beautiful location, so if you haven't been why not go this year?

- Hilary Cooper, Chair of Property Management Committee





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