

Annual Report – Milton Keynes Division – Year ending 31st March 2023

We currently have 31 units and over 560 active girl members. Although numbers have jumped up by 160 over the last year, due to more units becoming active again after Covid, there are several hundred girls waiting for spaces in units. We are actively recruiting for new volunteers to support existing units and to open new ones.

In October 2022, after a years trial, it was decided to permanently disband geographical districts and work in section districts instead.

Oxley Park Rainbows, Brownies and Guides sadly closed during the year due to the lack of leaders, but Beanhill Brownies did reopen in November 2022. We adopted Shenley Brook End Rainbows and Brownies who moved from Bletchley Division.

In the Division, Rainbows had a Craft Afternoon in December and Brownies held a UV Disco. Guides went to Wellies and Wristbands and had a Guides on Air Camp in February. Milton Keynes Trefoil Guild reopened.

Heron's Lodge Guide Centre has continued to be booked out most weekends by both Girlguiding and Community groups, and most weekdays have a good number of regular bookings too. There was a tree planting in Spring 2022 as part of The Queen's green canopy, attended by Lady Howe the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. The centre was host to a number of Jubilee events and the May Fete and Christmas Fayre went ahead as planned raising much needed funds for the centre. Sound absorption materials were added to ceiling and walls in both halls during the winter, which has made a considerable difference. As the year came to an end, the front doors were replaced, to solve a reoccurring issue with warping.

Milton Keynes Guide shop has continued to open throughout the year and sales are creeping back up, as hopefully, customers remember the benefits of shopping in person rather than online. In March there was a major rebrand for Girlguiding including a new logo. The new brand will be rolled out over the next few years, culminating in a change in the uniform for all section in late 2026.

Karyn Evans

Division Commissioner

Girlguiding Milton Keynes

MILTON KEYNES DIVISION GUIDE ASSOCIATION

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2023

RECEIPTS	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Heron's Lodge</i>		
Bookings & events	39,992	21,934
Advance bookings 2023/24	1,385	7,230
Fundraising	1,437	483
Depot Profit share	4,046	2,153
Bank interest	128	4
Covid Grants	-	12,000
Census Levy	252	668
Miscellaneous	-	60
<i>Guide Shop</i>		
Sales	48,138	39,857
Other income	78	43
<i>Girlguiding</i>		
Funds from closed units & District	8,083	-
Depot Profit share	3,312	397
Subscriptions	53	451
Camps, outings, events etc	2,947	578
TOTAL RECEIPTS	109,850	85,858
PAYMENTS	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Heron's Lodge</i>		
Building Running costs & maintenance	26,406	22,765
Administration costs	1,099	755
Equipment		-
Camps, outings & events	10,727	2,491
Insurance & Licences	4,741	2,379
Independent examination	158	150
Fixtures & fittings & refurbishment	7,741	13,634
Bank charges	87	22
<i>Guide Shop</i>		
Purchases	34,271	30,721
General expenses	565	484
Independent examination	158	150
Funds transferred to Districts	-	284
General Fund	1,660	1,111
Heron's Lodge	4,505	3,786
<i>Girlguiding</i>		
Independent examination	159	150
Subscriptions	636	820
Camps, Outings, Events	2,541	343
Other expenses	3,574	304
Bank charges	19	13
TOTAL PAYMENTS	99,045	80,362
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	10,806	5,496

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	2023	2022
Opening Bank Balances 1st April 2022		
Heron's Lodge	45,420	43,084
Guide Shop	14,789	11,427
Girlguiding	3,476	3,678
	<u>63,684</u>	<u>58,189</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	10,806	5,496
	<u>£74,490</u>	<u>£63,685</u>
 Closing Bank Balances 31st March 2023		
Heron's Lodge	41,700	45,420
Guide Shop	21,847	14,789
Girlguiding	10,942	3,476
	<u>£74,490</u>	<u>£63,685</u>

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Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2023

	2023	2022
Assets	£	£
<i>Heron's Lodge</i>		
Freehold Property	600,000	600,000
Fixtures and Fittings - estimated value	15,000	15,000
Cash and Bank balances	41,700	45,420
 <i>Guide Depot</i>		
Stock	24,003	27,175
Cash and Bank balances	21,847	14,789
Debtors	189	192
 <i>Girlguiding</i>		
Bank balances	10,942	3,476
	<u>713,681</u>	<u>706,052</u>
Deduct: Liabilities		
<i>Heron's Lodge</i>		
Bookings received in advance	1,385	7,230
 <i>Guide Shop</i>		
Creditors	5,730	2,924
	<u>7,115</u>	<u>10,154</u>
 Total Net Assets	<u><u>706,566</u></u>	<u><u>695,898</u></u>

Signed by:

Date:

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
MILTON KEYNES DIVISION GUIDE ASSOCIATION**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Trevor T Dimmock FCA
Chartered Accountant

28th July 2023

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