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Essex South East Guide Association

Charity Registration Number: 1029086

Working title:

Girlguiding Essex South East

Annual Reports and Financial Statements

1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

Trustees:

Carole Davies – county commissioner
Amanda Gardner – assistant county commissioner
Susan Bishop – assistant county commissioner
Andrea Bray – division commissioner, Basildon
Vacant – division commissioner, Billericay
Sharon Lacey – division commissioner, Castle Point
Carol Roberts – division commissioner, Rayleigh
Sally Baskett – division commissioner, Southend East
Roselyn Jones – division commissioner, Southend West
Carol Crowhurst – outdoor activities adviser
Julie Nye – guiding development coordinator
Elizabeth Perry – County Treasurer

Executive Committee:

County president
County commissioner
Assistant county commissioner/s
Division commissioners
County secretary
County treasurer
County guiding development coordinator
County outdoor activities adviser
County Trefoil Guild chairman
Other advisers as appointed by the county commissioner

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Independent Examiner:

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Structure, governance and management

Girlguiding Essex South East (the county) is part of the Anglia region of Girlguiding. It has its own executive committee as set out in its constitution. The executive is chaired by the county commissioner and meets a minimum of four times a year. Girlguiding Essex South East operates in accordance with all policies adopted by Girlguiding.

Girlguiding is governed by Royal Charter.

Trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees. All new trustees are given a detailed introduction to the workings and activities of the organisation.

Aims and Objectives

As a member of Girlguiding, Girlguiding Essex South East aims to help girls and young women to develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

This is achieved through activities which are relevant to the age group and which encourage learning by doing, through working in small groups, making their own decisions, having a balanced and varied program, caring for each individual and sharing a commitment to a common standard.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees of Girlguiding Essex South East accept the need to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. They recognize that it is their responsibility to ensure that the benefits offered are realised in Essex South East by promoting all aspects of Guiding within the county, both within the membership and in the wider community.

County Commissioners Report

I am very pleased to report that as a Girlguiding county we are now fully back up and running after Covid. Leaders are back planning and running weekly Unit meeting, running Residential events and many more activities.

We currently have 6 Divisions and 23 districts within the county and the statistics are below:

As a whole the county shows each Division with the total number of girls in that Division and also county figures for the total number of units in each section, including the number of girls in that section and the overall number of girls and adults within the county.

Basildon division	320 girls
Billericay division	764 girls
Castle Point division	335 girls
Rayleigh division	489 girls
Southend East division	395 girls
Southend West division	658 girls

Totalling 2961 girls plus
710 Members & Recognised Volunteers

Breaking down the numbers of girls into section as follows:

52 Rainbow Units	669 girls
80 Brownie Units	1354 girls
45 Guide Units	774 girls
23 Ranger Units	164 girls

Totalling 2961 girls

Once again, we held our Annual County Day for adult leaders in March 2024. This was well attended with over 70 attending the day. It was run by our county Training Team who put on various sessions linked to each of the sections and also fun activities in the afternoon. Lunch was provided and a good time was had by all. Many leaders commenting they liked the fun activities in the afternoon!!.

There have been numerous event around the county during the year, some organised locally and some on a division level.

This culminated in a County PJ Party event, which had been organised initially by Anglia Region. They had put a pack of activities together to celebrate Thinking Day, 22nd February, this birthdays of our founder Lord Baden Powell and his wife.

Units had the option of working through the pack with activities based on countries around the world. Every division took part and some were just for the day and others were overnight.

As a county commissioner I set myself a challenge to visit each of the 15 different events taking place across our county, in one day!!!

Well after being out for 15 hours, I did it (with the help of my husband driving). We covered 92 miles and visited over 1200 girls and 150 leaders. It was a great day for everyone and one no-one will forget – least of all me!!!

We had several competitions across the county, including the Dawn Crampin challenge for Brownies, where as a Unit they had to make a Scrapbook which were then all judged in each division to find a winning unit, who then pout a team of 6 girls forward for the finals day. This was great fun with the teams having to complete 6 different challenges. Everyone had a great time.

Our county Outdoor Team arranged another amazingly successful Patrol Cook Out Day at Guideacres,, with over 100 girls and their leaders attending the day. Each grou0p had to cook a main meal and a dessert. They then could finally eat it!! Great fun was had by all and I am sure this will, once again, become an annual event!!

We were very pleased to return back to our face to face Awards evening for leaders. This has become an annual event with leaders being thanked and recognised for all their sterling work and support they do for the girls and for each other. It is a great atmosphere and a very popular event.

This year it took place at Wat Tyler Centre in Basildon, a new venue for the event. The layout was very different to that of a school hall, with everyone sitting at round tables!! Most said they preferred this layout as you got to talk to lots of different people.

We were very fortunate that one of our leaders excels at making cupcakes, which she did for 150 leaders!!! They were very delicious especially with a cup of tea or coffee.

Trainings for leaders in First Response and Safe Space, now renamed to Safer Guiding, continued to be delivered mainly by face-to-face trainings. We were also introduced to our new Leadership Training Platform, which we are all now getting to grips with.

Opportunities for our young members to take part in are now on the increase after a couple of very difficult years but I am pleased to be able to say I think we are now back to "normal".

Leaders are now busy planning and running residential events for their girls both camping and indoor events. The paperwork needed for these has a long lead-in time which commissioners were very lenient with initially but as we get back into the swing of things they are now getting back on track. Thanks must be given to all those involved in the paperwork as it is very time consuming.

Our annual subscriptions payments were due to be paid to Girlguiding at the end of February 2025. Several units face financial difficulties, but I am pleased to report all annual subscriptions were paid on time. It has been very difficult for some areas, particularly where there is a large level of social deprivation and the general cost of living. Leaders are having to think long and hard about next year's unit budgets, as we know the annual subscriptions are going to increase yet again.

I am pleased to be able to report we are now back to normal in all areas of guiding within the county and girls are working hard to achieve badges and awards while enjoying attending their weekly meetings.

Thanks must go to all the leaders who have worked hard to keep their units running over the difficult times we have had and for all the help and support they give the girls and to each other.

Carole Davies – County Commissioner for Girlguiding Essex South East

Financial Review

The loan paid to Essex International Jamboree in 2023-2024 was received back in full and with interest. The full amount has been added to the amount that remained in the designated funds for EIJ.

Safety works on the trees at Riffhams campsite, jointly owned with Essex North East, were required. No future works are anticipated.

A grant was given to a new Rainbow unit to assist with start-up costs. A request for financial assistance was received, and was agreed by the Executive, to assist with the costs of a new driveway at a local Guiding property.

The County continues to hold funds in the CCLA COIF Investment Fund as a long-term investment. The value at year-end is higher than the initial investment and also higher than at the start of the year.

County Executive agreed to continue to hold £50,000 in reserve in give strength and viability to Girlguiding Essex South East as an organisation.

All investments continue to be approved by the trustees and are made as securely as possible.

A full risk assessment is available from the County Commissioner.

Liz Perry - county treasurer for Girlguiding Essex South East.

Annual report and financial statement approved at County Executive:

Trustees:

Name: *ANDREA BRY*

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: *24-5-25*

Name: *[Signature]*

Signature: *SHARON LACEY*



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Girlguiding Essex South East

1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

Income			Expenditure		
	This year £	Last year £		This year £	Last year £
Subs	£23,562.00	£23,731.50	Subs	£1,819.00	£895.00
Interest	£3,133.81	£4,907.64	Storage	£2,196.10	£3,389.04
Anglia CoL	£957.90		Anglia CoL Grants	£250.00	£2,561.35
EIJ2024	£37,166.67		EIJ2024	£0.00	£33,333.33
EIJ Loan to Unit	£1,045.00		EIJ Loan to Unit	£1,045.00	
Jack Petchey	£0.00	£1,000.00	Jack Petchey	£0.00	£2,000.00
County Badge Sales	£1,564.78	£3,543.95	County Badge Sales	£3,378.98	£2,179.22
Training Team	£1,545.00	£101.25	Training Team	£2,065.88	
Events	£1,207.00	£1,559.00	Events	£3,209.27	£2,789.24
Archery	£331.00		Archery	£333.20	
Miscellaneous	£190.55	£1,100.02	Miscellaneous	£624.00	£1,100.02
Archive Badge Sales	£1,098.65	£1,562.37	Insurance	£669.83	£574.32
CCLA Reinvestment	£2,731.15		PR	£324.00	£1,100.68
Donations	£0.00	£200.00	Expenses	£1,010.29	£1,004.47
			Mobile Phone	£501.76	£467.88
CCLA Inv Valuation	£197.94		Archive	£100.19	£517.15
			Grants	£5,242.67	
			Riffhams	£417.00	£2,079.00
			Fees	£0.10	
			Awards		£2,600.29
			Financial Assistance		£4,014.99
			Zoom		£66.00
			Venue Hire		£315.00
			County Equipment		£1,529.24
Totals	£74,731.45	£37,705.73	Totals	£23,187.27	£62,516.22

Surplus (or deficit) £51,544.18 -£24,810.49

Prepared by Liz PERRY
 Date 28/3/25
 Signed [Signature]

Examined by LORRAINE HARRIS
 Date 25/04/25
 Signed [Signature]

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Bank Accounts	This year	Last year
Lloyds Treasurers Account	£53,198.56	£6,510.52
Lloyds 32 Day Notice Deposit	11,037.14	£10,768.65
Santander	£48,714.19	£47,055.63
CCLA Deposit Account	£56,037.31	£53,306.16
Total Cash Held	£168,987.20	£117,640.96

CCLA Investment Account	£14,925.26	£14,727.32
Total	£183,912.46	£132,368.28

£51,544.18

Funds	This year	Last year
General	£81,080.52	£65,286.58
Anglia Sustainability	£522.15	£772.15
Dawn Crampin Fund	-£356.88	£809.55
Reserve	£50,000.00	£50,000.00
EIJ	£52,666.67	£15,500.00
Total	£183,912.46	£132,368.28

Additional Assets

Badge Stock £3,420.96

Equipment Purchases over £250 per item, depreciation 20% per annum.

	New	Value at 28/02/2025
Lifepal Defib Trainer	2021/22 £378	£191.52
Laptop, mouse and keyboard	2023/24 793.99	£508.15

EIJ

Girlguiding Essex South East have a one sixth share of the funds held in Essex Scouts EIJ Account

Riffhams Campsite

Site equally owned by Girlguiding Essex South East and Girlguiding Essex North East

Girlguiding Essex South East entitled to half the funds up to a maximum of £1894

Liabilities

None

Prepared by Liz Perry

Date 28/3/25

Signed [Signature]

Examined by

LORRAINE HARRIS

Date 24/04/25

Signed [Signature]

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

GIRL GUIDING ESSEX SOUTH EAST

On accounts for the year
ended

28/02/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1029086

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28/02/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25/04/25

Name:

LORRAINE HARRIS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NO ITEMS TO DISCLOSE