

As this is my last Annual Review as county commissioner, I've been reflecting to when my term began. Zoom was merely a noise made when playing with a toy car, Pandemic was a newly released zombie film and Essex North East was embarking on the quality pilot scheme.

In the last five years we have seen an updated programme roll out, a revised safe space qualification and GDPR law changes to name a few. Our volunteers across the county have embraced change while continuing to offer diverse opportunities to the young members in our care.

In 2017 a second staff member was employed to help raise our profile and recruiting potential. In 2018 we held a county training day for 350 members keen to learn about "the new programme". 2019 saw many units across the county embrace the Future Girl initiative and then in 2020 our leaders and young members demonstrated that Girlguiding is more resilient and adaptable than we could ever have imagined!

Guiding Development offered virtual first response refresher courses while we could into late December 2020 and have enabled 105 volunteers attend first response courses since July when essential face to face training could resume, enabling more units to reopen. Opportunities to learn techniques to help anxiety were offered virtually.

During the last year we have taken part in the light trail STEAM project sponsored by Essex 2020, Snapping The Stiletto animation project, Chelmsford Heritage Weekend and carnival and have had an amazing number of units taking part in UK Parliament Week and the Children In Need joint fundraising. At the beginning of the year, having completed the County Commissioner's Challenge the term before, we sent a request out to members for their positive artwork and were wowed by their creativity. The GENE Team have adapted and continued to broadcast their monthly radio show throughout the pandemic and lockdowns.

Units began meeting again face to face late spring and embraced the outdoors. Girls from 7th Braintree Brownies displayed their care of community by collecting and donating 164 Easter eggs to a local home, to the delight of the elderly residents. Other units have litter picked, grown flowers, left random acts of kindness in all shapes and forms and made a difference, however small, to where they live.

This past term units and districts have been on residential trips and visits, SYNERGY an all section unit for girls with additional needs recently spent an enjoyable but wind swept weekend near Whipsnade Wildlife Park. Units, districts and divisions have held birthday parties and swapped birthday cards as part of the Anglia Region's 50th birthday.

We have a new website in development which should be launching in quarter 1 of 2022 and our membership numbers continue to recover post pandemic with 114 more adult members and 821 more young members than 10 months ago.

Long service awards in the last year amount to 35 five years, 25 ten years, 18 twenty years, 5 thirty years, an incredible 5 fifty years and our very first sixty year!

Thanks to the Awards Committee 1 Anglia Brooch, 1 Young Persons award, 7 County Commissioners Good Service and 6 County Thank you badges have been presented as well as Jack Petchey Awards to 5 leaders and 28 girls.

Whilst there is a lot that I wish I could change for everyone in the last five years. however, being county commissioner isn't one of them. I have learnt a lot about myself and guiding and I have met a vast array of interesting and amazing people.

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Income & Expenditure Account for year 01/04/2020-31/03/2021

Income	03/31/2021	03/31/2020	Expenditure	03/31/2021	03/31/2020
Membership Subscriptions	45,228	45,477	Grants to Committees:		
Bank Interest	106	241	Badge Account	849	0
Jack Petchey	13,837	14,187	Outdoor		0
Donations	0	600	International	0	0
			GENE	500	0
Challenge Badges	186	497	County Archives	200	0
County Scarves		28	Duke of Edinburgh	0	0
Senior Section Grant		0	Riffhams	0	0
From Badge Account		0	Senior Section	0	0
Covid Grant	5,000	0	Jack Petchey	9,987	14,809
Anglia Grant	11,322	6288	International Grants	0	1,870
Amazon funding	12	0	Census grants given out	2,505	0
International	6,721	40	Anglia Diversity Grant	0	2,357
Events:			Anglia training grant	500	0
Alton Water		0	Events: Alton Water	0	0
BP Weekends		950	BP Weekends	0	1,238
Pantomime		0	Future Girl	0	55
Gig 4 Girls		5,295	Gig 4 Girls	0	17,064
Afternoon Tea		0	County Training Day	0	7,313
County Traning Day & AGM		1,272	Afternoon Tea	0	
Supernova		1,500	Queens Garden Party	40	110
Jamboree	340	0	AGM	0	
			Supernova	0	1500
			Anglia Members Day	0	640
Equipment Hire		0	Jamboree 2020	6,840	0
Office Printing		24			
Photocopier	318	417	Bad Debt recovery	1,015	271
Bad Debt repaid	1,605	586	Census Payments	1,350	1,276
			County Executive Expenses	757	3,180
			18/30 Group	0	20
			Leader Uniform Grants	75	610
			Hardship Grants	0	100
			Challenge Badges	204	348
			Publicity	0	863
			Website	838	826
			Insurance	657	636
			Office Costs inc Salaries	21,024	23,854
			Photocopier	3,724	4,944
			Telephone	0	508
			Swiss trip repaid	6,112	0
			Audit	50	50
			ECVYS membership	65	80
			Sundry	0	0
			Thank you service gifts	196	1745
			Water	0	0
			Mentor costs	0	116
Total	£84,675	£77,402	Total	£57,488	£86,433
Income over expenditure	£27,187	-£9,031			

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Balance sheet for year 01/04/2020-31/03/2021

	<u>03/31/2021</u>	<u>03/31/2020</u>
Retained Surplus brought forward	£108,179	117,210
Excess/(Loss)for the year	£ 27,187	-9,031
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Represented by:		
CAF Account	70,886	70,787
HSBC Deposit Account	60,361	31,344
HSBC Current Account	4,022	5,990
Petty Cash not yet prep'd	58	58
Total	<u>135,327</u>	£ 108,179

Balances held by Advisors:

Archives	4
Badge Account	2101
Duke Of Edinburgh	218
Guiding Development	2756
Hospital	0
International	15678
Outdoor	1483
Publicity	0
Riffhams	6,187
Total	<u>28,427</u>

Total Held by County **136,606**

Of which £25,000 is reserved for Office Expenditure

Prepared by Julia Rome

County Treasurer

Date:

04/20/2021

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the General Fund Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 20
I have examined the books and records of GirlGuiding UK Essex North East County and I certify
accounting statements referred to above are in accordance therewith.

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