



Taunton Division Girlguiding Report 2023

Guiding in Taunton seems to have settled more after a few strange years with the pandemic and the gradual returning to normal face to face meetings after that. A few units have merged due to a combination of leader availability and girls' memberships, hopefully this should mean more cost-effective units able to operate more effectively. That still does not mean that the running of the division and all the units is without its challenges, as due to costs of everything continuing to rise it is making running a fun and inspiring programme of activities quite a challenge for leaders, whilst trying to keep costs to parents as low as possible to be able to offer Guiding to all those girls who wish to be members, with it not being cost prohibitive.

It was great to see Taunton Gang Show again on the calendar in April, a continued partnership with Girlguiding and Scouting, another great show, well done to everyone involved. Also the annual joint St George's Day Parade with Guiding and Scouting in Taunton as a spectacular parade through the town culminating with a short celebration to renew our promises in Wilton Lands at Vivary Park, a great event showing we are well and truly active in Taunton.

May saw lots of opportunities to make memories for everyone with the Coronation, a lot of opportunities for girls with events and celebrations linked to the event. In July we held a division outdoor activity day, all sections coming together at Huish Woods, enjoying the outdoor space for some new and different opportunities, including drumming, circus skills, shelter building, crafting and archery.

September we launched a restructure in the division, running now as a whole division with a Division Commission and two Assistant Commissions. This seems to be settling in well as we move through getting the format established.

Some units are able to offer residential experiences, a lot of planning and organising but a great opportunity for girls to attend and build on their fun and friendships, learning skills for life. Any residential guiding opportunity is probably the single most exciting event on any units calendar.

As always, I really want to thank all our leaders for the time and commitment they give. In particular special thanks to my fellow Commissioners and members of the division exec, whose support I greatly value, I could not do it without you all.

Sandra Verrier
Taunton Division Commissioner

Taunton Division Guides

Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2023

Income

Expenditure

	2023	2022	2023	2022	
Interest Received	£342.44	£80.58	Census	£178.00	£150.00
Donation from Shop	£2,500.00	£1,500.00	Officers Expenses	£10.00	£18.50
Donations (Amazon Smile)	18.41	£205.00	Photocopier Ink/paper	£49.10	£40.00
Rent from Somerset County Guides	200.00	£212.00	Service Awards	£104.15	£82.20
Rent from Trefoil	84.00		Shelter Repairs		£341.23
WOW	1,590.00		Tangier Rent 22/23	£2,414.00	£1,207.00
Insurance Refund	176.60		Tanger Rent 23 - 31/12/23	£3,193.73	

Excess	£5,355.96	£610.50	Surplus	£10,267.41	£2,608.08
TOTAL	<u>£10,267.41</u>	<u>£2,608.08</u>			

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Opening balance 01/01/2023		Closing Balance 31/12/2023	
TSB	£1,444.72	TSB	£1,746.32
Skipton	£14,328.47	Skipton	£8,670.91
Excess			£5,355.96
Total	<u>£15,773.19</u>		<u>£15,773.19</u>

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Taunton Gang Show
Income and Expenditure

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Ticket Sales	8,496.00	7,839.00	Theatre Hire & Box Office	5,317.63	5,672.54
Donations	1,000.00	144.00	Costume Material & hire	943.78	380.50
Memberships	860.00	360.00	Scenery & Props	729.34	47.97
Cash float (2022 Adjustment)	- 8.11	100.00	Lighting & Sound	2,526.82	1,009.00
			Rehearsal Costs	1,213.00	742.00
			Insurance	295.55	600.55
			Subscriptions/NODA	135.00	72.00
			Scarves & Woggles	194.04	139.10
			Music	182.86	-
			Hospitality	13.43	125.42
			Gifts & Flowers	237.97	178.58
			Admin & Postage	274.58	202.74
			Storage rental	89.49	892.50
			Van Hire		88.35
			Coach Hire-Wells		500.00
Sponsorship & Adverts	650.00	545.00	Advertising & Promotion	709.44	217.66
Programme & Raffle	1,031.00	1,004.79	Programmes	285.00	168.00
DVD & Photographs	902.00	884.00	DVDs /Photos	517.18	390.64
Cast Clothing & Shoes	1,031.50	1,070.00	Cast Clothing	771.92	753.79
Bank Interest		64.98	Bank charges	90.16	67.80
Fundraising	860.55		Fundraising	711.26	
Merchandise	20.50		Merchandise	167.63	
Lion King	3,285.50		Lion King	3,260.00	
Aftershow party	395.00		Aftershow party	362.34	
Collections	374.98	150.86	Charity Collections	221.83	
Subtotal	<u>18,898.92</u>	<u>12,162.63</u>	Subtotal	<u>19,250.25</u>	<u>12,249.14</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year				- 351.33	- 86.51
Total	<u>18,898.92</u>	<u>12,162.63</u>		<u>18,898.92</u>	<u>12,162.63</u>

Balance Sheet

Represented by:-		Surplus B/fwd 01/01/2023	18,370.06	
Bank Balance at 16/07/23	17,968.73	Surplus/Deficit for the year	- 351.33	
Debtors	50.00			Refund of deposit for West Monkton Village hall
Less Creditors				
	<u>18,018.73</u>		<u>18,018.73</u>	

Accounts created by;

Signed  G. HAMMET
Date 17/7/23

Accounts reviewed and verified by; E. PRETTY

Signed 
Date 14/8/23