



Taunton Division Girlguiding Report 2025

Girlguiding in Taunton seems to have slowly been on the increase in terms of young members in the last couple of years, with several units now full and operating a waiting list. This reflects the ongoing dedication of all our volunteers, as without them units would not exist, we of course always would like more volunteers to help and support our existing leaders.

Activities for all our young people encourage them to grow and flourish in a fun and safe environment. With girls nationally who took part in the Guiding Survey stating they feel safe in a girl only space, and that that Girlguiding helps them find a voice and achieve things they We are proud to be part of the largest girl only young organisation with strong values and that through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

We held an all Division Event to celebrate Thinking Day in February 2025, a great opportunity for all sections to take part together. A day of fun activities and a great opportunity for girls to see the older sections in action and what will come next on their Guiding journey. As usual in April we had Taunton Gang Show providing a fast and furious show at Tacchi Morris Centre over four days, a continued partnership with Girlguiding and Scouting, 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. We were pleased again to be present at Taunton Flower Show, helping with some activities for children. Also we helped at the Maidenbrook Park Family day in July and we were pleased to have a stand at Taunton Together in September to promote what our organisation has to offer.

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 GANG SHOW PROFIT/LOSS 2024/2025

INCOME	2025	2024	2023
Box Office	£13,123.00	£10,210.00	£14,125.00
Programme	£517.58	£576.08	£557.60
Raffle	£785.42	£665.81	£484.00
Collectors	£100.13	£182.00	£374.58
Sponsorship	£478.00	£645.00	£650.00
Cost Merchandise	£2,827.30	£1,338.00	£1,935.20
Cost Clothing	£1,746.30	£918.00	£1,091.50
Recording	£880.00	£860.00	£790.00
Woggles	£1.00	£0.00	£0.00
Photos	£280.00	£180.00	£112.00
Sound	£305.00	£0.00	£128.00
Maintenance	£1,596.00	£1,250.00	£960.00
Mini Membership	£330.00	£0.00	£0.00
Main Gang Membership	£1,280.00	£1,280.00	£880.00
Fundraising	£2,820.81	£1,520.00	£1,520.00
Supermarket Refunds	£149.46	£0.00	£0.00
Quiz (Box Entry and Raffle)	£920.89	£417.83	£945.79
Sale of Equipment	£30.00	£64.50	£0.00
Flower Show	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00
D Day	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00	£25.00
Card Singing	£248.98	£216.86	£189.85
Donations	£9.20	£1,115.00	£3,000.00
Cost Events (Entry, After Show, NODA, Trips)	£412.30	£4,372.85	£4,082.45
After Show	£373.80	£482.30	£395.00
Curry Night	£0.00	£420.45	£0.00
NODA Award Evening	£0.00	£460.00	£0.00
Pizza and Quiz Night	£0.00	£277.18	£0.00
Trips	£0.00	£0.00	£3,285.50
Show Merchandise	£0.00	£50.00	£20.50
Total	£19,977.74	£18,554.70	£11,997.00

EXPENDITURE	2025	2024	2023
Unsettled	£5,172.82	£5,555.70	£5,117.00
Grant Money	£1,486.46	£0.00	£0.00
Costume	£767.34	£700.66	£824.28
Make Up	£51.63	£140.45	£140.50
Solicitation	£205.00	£145.00	£135.00
Admin & postage	£243.42	£342.03	£81.30
Set	£600.00	£701.21	£888.00
Prop	£90.31	£134.01	£121.35
Cost Merchandise	£2,879.85	£1,354.33	£1,483.14
Cost Clothing	£1,509.45	£413.21	£771.92
Photos	£150.00	£125.00	£75.00
Recording	£765.39	£701.33	£440.18
Scarves/Woggles	£254.80	£124.79	£194.04
Show Merchandise	£0.00	£0.00	£157.85
Treasure	£2,310.75	£2,342.50	£2,566.95
Other venue hire	£2,593.74	£2,417.66	£1,552.40
Rehearsal/Meeting Space	£1,601.26	£1,417.25	£1,213.00
Storage	£362.50	£1,000.44	£89.49
Music	£220.00	£2,191.03	£182.86
Insurance	£300.56	£207.84	£245.50
Health & Safety	£15.36	£11.40	£17.42
Advertising/Marketing	£338.66	£342.99	£628.13
Marketing	£173.00	£54.00	£384.13
Banners	£85.39	£268.00	£264.00
Programme	£0.00	£250.00	£255.00
Hospitality	£0.00	£31.54	£15.45
Gifts	£482.23	£394.25	£637.97
Legislative	£186.00	£1.95	£0.00
Misc	£242.41	£128.50	£347.00
Bank Charge	£0.00	£15.80	£90.16
Mileage	£10.25	£0.00	£0.00
Sundry	£132.16	£112.70	£81.31
Lanyards	£0.00	£0.00	£175.56
Raffle	£4.00	£0.00	£0.00
Charity Collection	£205.67	£326.44	£221.53
Cost Events	£303.89	£1,270.10	£3,022.54
After Show	£93.89	£48.84	£52.94
NODA Awards	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Curry	£0.00	£15.75	£0.00
Trips	£0.00	£0.00	£286.00
Fundraising	£415.15	£1,343.53	£711.26
Total	£20,211.00	£17,842.81	£19,250.26
Surplus	£2,222.00	£1,211.00	£743.22

TAUNTON GANG SHOW BALANCE SHEET 2024/2025

Net Asset Account at 30.06.25	£18,980.21
Use receipts	
Debitors account	
Creditors account	
Use cheques	
Collectors	
Cash flow	
Total	£18,980.21

Prepared by: R SPURWAY

Signed:

Dated:

[Signature]
30/7/25.

Audited by: E PRETTY

Signed:

Dated:

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30/7/25.

Surplus B/Fwd 09.07.2024	£19,185.20
Surplus 2025	£212.99
Total	£19,398.19

Taunton Division Girlguiding
Income & Expenditure for the year ended 31 August 2025

Income		Expenditure	
	2025	2024	
Interest Received		288.34	Annual Subscriptions
Donation from Shop	£1,500.00	2500.00	£357.00
Somerset County Guiding - towards use of Tangier	£72.00	240.00	Officers Expenses
Trefoil Guild towards use of Tangier	£72.00	156.00	£9.60
Closed District Accounts		5526.47	Photocopier Ink/paper
Taunton Town Grant	£1,500.00	1500.00	Service Awards/Leadership qual
Repayment of unit loan		489.50	£61.10
Annual Subscriptions contributions	£51.00	72.75	Tangier Rent
Closure of unit 2nd Rowbarton Brownies		304.16	£2,692.35
Sale of Badges		13.50	Insurance
Annual Subscription Division Levy	£235.00	479.00	£287.73
Thinking Day Event	£775.00		Poppy Appeal
Closure of unit Blackbrook Rainbows	£186.03		St George's Day expenses
Thanks and Recognition Minibus costs donations	£100.00		£275.00
Somerset Play Forum Grant	£2,500.00		Taunton Town Grant to units
Flower Show Badge Making	£25.00		£1,142.41
			Bunting and Splash Sail
			Thinking Day Event 2025
			£1,073.45
			Thanks and Recognition Minibus
			£100.00
			Late payment to unit Tn Town Grant
			£68.44
Excess			£6,067.08
TOTAL	£7,016.03	£11,569.72	£948.95
			£7,016.03
			£,976.18

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025

Opening balance 01/01/2025			Closing Balance 31/08/2025	
TSB	4051.52		TSB	5000.47
Skipton	11959.25		Skipton	11959.25
Total	£16,010.77			£16,959.72

Prepared by Sandra Verrier *SVerrier*
Checked by *QPa*

Date 20/09/2025
Date 4-12-25

Note - due to changing the accounting year from 31 Dec to 1 August - this covers an eighth month year as a one off

Taunton Gulde shop accounts 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Income

Card payments SumUp	£4,768.08
Cash and cheques	£714.95
Bank transfers	£1,848.33
Interest	£15.23

£7,346.59

Expenditure

Trading Services	£5,563.13
County Badge	£52.89
Donation to Division	£1,500.00
Bags	£0.00
Postage	£42.31
Uniform Rebate	£20.00

£7,178.33

Excess Income over Expenditure £168.26

Opening balance 01/09/2024

TSB (1)	£2,132.70
TSB (2)	£1,124.35
Total	<u>£3,257.05</u>

Closing balance 31/08/2025

TSB (1)	£2,285.73
TSB (2)	£1,139.58
Total	<u>£3,425.31</u>



Independent reviewer's checklist and confirmation form

Unit or level to complete this section

Name of unit or level	Taunton Guide Ship
Name of local commissioner	Sandra Vernon
Contact details for local commissioner*	01823 282882

*Email address or phone number

Independent reviewer to complete the following sections

Name of independent reviewer	GILLIAN LEE
Contact details for independent reviewer*	01823 331474

☒ I confirm that I am not a member of the unit or level leadership team, a signatory of the unit or level's bank account, or related to anyone in the unit or level

☒ I confirm that I understand the checks required and that I am responsible and financially confident to complete these checks

☒ I confirm that I will hold any personal and/or financial data given to me securely, only share it with people that need to see it for the purpose of this review, and will securely destroy or return the data when it is no longer needed for review purposes

*Email address or phone number

I confirm that I've carried out the following checks on the accounts for the above unit or level:

- ☒ A bank account exists in the name of the unit or level, and most income is recorded here
- ☒ Spending and income are accurately recorded across financial records, based on the information I have reviewed, including:
- Bank statements -
 - Paying in books Not Seen
 - Cheque books Not Seen
 - Invoices -
 - Receipts -
- ☐ If any information was missing, this has now been provided
- ☐ Payments have been dual authorised
- ☐ Where online banking is used, the users have confirmed there is no sharing of passwords
- ☐ Grant money has been used for the right purpose
- ☒ Cash held is minimal
- ☐ Money collected for another charity has been passed on appropriately
- ☒ Any errors noted have been adjusted for

Please tick one

- ☒ During my review, there have been no concerns about how the unit or level named above keeps accounts or spends money
- ☐ During my review, there have been concerns which have been raised with the commissioner or HQ

Please give a summary of your findings:

Income & Expenditure matched bank statements
Cash was banked appropriately.
Advised to show evidence paid to Division - Purpose, fany

Advised to -

- add statement from on-line users stating passwords were not shared.
- add screen print from on-line account showing set up of dual authorisation is set up.

You can find more information about this process in our end of year review of accounts procedure.

Signature	Cfhee
Date	4/12/25



Independent reviewer's checklist and confirmation form

Unit or level to complete this section

Name of unit or level	TAUNTON DIVISON
Name of local commissioner	SANDRA WERRIER
Contact details for local commissioner*	0823 288882

*Email address or phone number

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Name of independent reviewer	GILLIAN LEE
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Please give a summary of your findings:

Errors were corrected.

Advised for future evidence

- Statement stating password are not shared.
- screen print of dual authorisation set up.
- evidence of grant income & purpose.

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Signature	<i>A. Hee</i>
Date	4/12/25