

**Trustee Annual Report Form**

All Girlguiding Ulster Charities are governed by the Royal Charter and Bye-laws.

The Purpose of each of these Charities is to educate girls and young women to help them develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their Community and the wider world.

**Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by**

St Patrick's (Broughshane) Guide Unit

**NI Charity Commission Number**

104054

**The principal address of the Charity- this should be the address that was used at the time of registration with the Charity Commission**

Mrs Hannah Elizabeth Aldridge  
98 Longmore Road  
Broughshane  
BT43 7HP

**The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year**

Mrs Hannah Elizabeth Aldridge  
Mrs Geraldine Price Linford MBE  
Mrs Emma St Clair Taggart

**The financial year the report relates to**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**A summary of the Charity's main activities to  
further its purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements in the year**

We congratulated Geraldine on receiving the Laurel Award, the second-highest honour in Girlguiding awarded for an outstanding contribution to Guiding. She was presented with the award by the Chief Guide, Tracy Foster, at a surprise reception. Geraldine has dedicated her life to Girlguiding, and we thank her for everything she has done to nurture Guiding in Broughshane and beyond.

We learnt new skills; how to make butter from cream and repairing items instead of sending them to landfill. We did some design and camp layout planning, attempted to make bionic hands and conducted a science experiment with vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. We took a trip to McNeill's grocery store to plan meals with dietary requirements on a budget, and attempted to filter very dirty water using charcoal, moss, socks and tights. The PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team visited to talk about online safety and vaping, which affect our age group. They let us sit in the police car and even put the sirens and lights on, it was a very educational and enjoyable visit.

We had the annual Residential at Breckenhill Activity Centre in September. We tried archery, used our building & problem-solving skills to make a raft (nobody fell in)! We navigated the obstacle course on our hands and knees and built fires and shelters during a bushcraft session. We had a visit from our County Commissioner who enjoyed fruit kebab wands and Cinderella's coaches as a sweet treat. Well done to our leader Emma on completing her Going Away With Licence.

Our main themes in the Autumn Term have been First Aid and Take Action. We explored hidden illnesses such as diabetes and allergies, how to recognise the signs and what to do. We learnt how to treat different types of burns - using cling film & water and when to seek medical attention. We considered what everyday items we could use to replace items in a first aid kit, and we practised what to do in an emergency. We also practised recognising different emotions. It was quite tricky telling the difference between some of them.

For 'Take Action' we designed and made badges to spread the message about things that concern us. We chose to save turtles and came up with some catchy straplines. We did some campaigning - demonstrate, gather support, represent, rally and inform were the steps we followed. We completed some Remembrance-themed crafts and learnt about some of the sacrifices that were made for our freedom. Some of us took part in the parade in the village and in the church service at St Patrick's church. Two new Guides joined and we have plenty of space for more girls & adults if you would like to join us.

We ended the year by joining Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from all over the UK with a cinema trip to see Moana 2 and by making Christmas gifts and cards.

Twelve girls participated in the activities this year. One guide achieved her Guide Gold Award.

**There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and there was no private benefit.**

**A statement that the Trustees have had regard to  
the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance**

The Trustees are fully aware of this guidance and have adhered to it

**A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year**


The Unit is in a healthy position financially.

**Details of any fund held by the Charity that was materially in deficit at the end of  
the year and steps taken by the Charity Trustees to eliminate the deficit**

None

**One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the box below.**

  
17 April 2025

  
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