



**Trustee Annual Report Form – 93<sup>rd</sup> Belfast Brownie Unit**

**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**

93<sup>rd</sup> Belfast Brownie Unit or 93<sup>rd</sup> Belfast Brownie Pack

**NI Charity Commission Number**

104318

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

The Guide Association  
30 Station Road  
Holywood  
BT18 0BP

**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 Vicki Thompson  
Miss Roxy Thompson  
Miss Susan Forsythe

**The financial year the report relates to – for example, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022



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

Our programme is divided into different themes. 'Theme Awards' go towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards.

For 'Skills for My Future' theme - the girls designed robots, found the best route for a new road and learned about why rules are important when playing games. They completed an obstacle course, and taught each other dance moves.

For 'Take Action' - the girls retold stories from different views and adapted games to make them suitable for all. They practiced active listening and public speaking, and created newspaper headlines. They also completed the Speak Out Badge.

During the year we made pancakes with fruit, and baked chocolate chip cookies. We also tried food from around the world.

For 'Be Well' - the girls did First Aid, learning how to get help in an emergency, check the airway and breathing and put a casualty into the recovery position. We also got healthy with active games, including badminton.

The girls choose and ran activities. They made insect hotels, practiced First Aid 'in the field', and learnt how to behave around dogs. They also played Kabbadi, dressed Brownies as snowmen and played a Yes/No guessing game. For our Christmas party we decorated Gingerbread biscuits, made paper chains and completed word puzzles.

For spring we planted sunflowers and sweet pea. For St Patrick's Day we made shamrock wreaths. Other crafts have included making 'super symbols' from hama beads, scratch art keyrings and sewing. We took part in the Thinking Day Service and re-made our Brownie Promise in Makaton. We also attended the Remembrance Service, and a special service for the Guides' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Outings included W5, and a trip to the park with the Rainbows and Guides to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with games and activities. We also went to the cinema and Clip 'n Climb.

We had a sleepover with a Storytelling theme. Some activities came from the 'Express Myself' Theme, including making up excuses for being late (the more outrageous the better!) acting games, and having a 'Tent Theatre'. We also decorated pillow cases with favourite stories.

For our pack holiday to Lorne we stayed in 'Robinson Village', sleeping in cabins and cooking outdoors. Together we made a Space themed banner and our activities included the zip line, gladiator challenge and making aliens & rocket wands.

We invited the parents to see the girls receive their badges & awards. We awarded 6 Bronze and 3 Silver Awards this year, as well as our first ever Gold Award.

During all activities the needs of all the girls are taken into account, including those with special dietary requirements or additional needs. 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**

We understand that the Charity Trustees are legally obliged to have regard to this guidance.



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

Subscriptions are collected from members from September to January as payment of Girlguiding's subscription is due in February.

Balance at 31/12/2021	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31/12/2022
£3,069.23	£2,690.44	£3,486.53	£2,273.14

**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**

Not applicable.

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

*Nicole Thompson*

09/01/2023