



Trustee Annual Report Form – 93rd 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

93rd Belfast Brownie Unit or 93rd 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, 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023



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.

Brownies started the year with activities to mark Girlguiding Ulster's Centenary year. We completed the *Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow Badge*, as well as celebrating our own unit's 90th year. We completed a Promise Owl craft and created a time capsule to open in 10 years' time. The girls completed 100 *Good Turns* and found out about Brownies around the world. We tried *Animal Yoga* and the YLs led an activity from their old Brownie Books.

We completed an *Explore Skills Builder* - exploring how we might travel by road, rail, sea or air, found out about OS map symbols, how to stay safe in the sun, and how we would explore a new city while keeping safe. We made sextants and used them to find treasure. We also completed the *Communicate Skills Builder* - exploring the meanings of emojis, settling our nerves to prepare for public speaking, practiced BSL finger spelling and using the NATO phonetic alphabet to pass messages through paper cup 'telephones'.

We completed other activities from the different themes. These included trying out different sports and creating our own rules, working as a team to find solutions to deal with some sticky situations and showing we could remember instructions to pass on. We learned about fire safety, decorated cupcakes with constellations and tried out ballet moves, making up our own routines. We got outside to blow giant bubbles and see who could make the best paper airplane. Some girls made sunspot viewers for the *Space badge*. The girls choose which badges they want to do themselves. Just some of the badges completed were *Mindfulness*, *Baking*, *Inventor* and *Aviation*.

We took part in the Thinking Day Service and a Division Carol Service. We enjoyed a visit from a Magician. Outings throughout the year included Bowling and Clip 'n Climb and a trip to the zoo with Rainbows and Brownies from all over Northern Ireland.

During our pack Holiday we took part in Archery and the Gladiator Challenge. We had animal crafts and activities. We also took part in a Campfire with other groups. We even got to lead the other groups singing a couple of our favourite songs. The Brownies' families joined us at the end of the weekend as our Awards were given out. Our newest girls made their Promise and all the girls received badges for Archery & the Gladiator Challenge, as well as the badges they had been working on. We were very proud as 10 Bronze and 6 Silver Awards were presented. We also had two girls receive the Gold Award, the highest award for Brownies. In November, we enjoyed an international themed sleepover in the Brownie Hall. We made pizza from Italy, created clay tiles, some with Aztec designs and some with animals from around the world.

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 31/12/2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31/12/2023
£2,273.14	£4,624.90	£4,359.34	£2,538.70

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

02/01/2024