



## 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 2024 – 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**

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

We began 2024 by completing the Girlguiding Ulster 'Ulster Scots' badge. As well as learning some traditional songs, the girls researched the meanings of their names and made some delicious Fifteens. They got creative by designing rooms in shoe boxes. One of the highlights of the badge was having a former Brownie, come to teach us some Highland dancing.

The girls worked on activities from our Know Myself and Skills for My Future Themes. For Know Myself this included designing flags, finding out about the local area, discovering the importance of asking questions, and expressing how you feel and planning a celebration. For Skills for My Future we sewed pencil cases, had a taste challenge to see if paying more always meant you got better - it didn't, and we looked at the many jobs involved in making a book and what skills they might require, seeing which of these skills each of us might have. We also practiced using hammers, spanners, and screwdrivers. We learnt to say thank you in different languages - Merci Thank you Takk.

Some of our other crafts have included making Whizzers, bookmarks, friendship circles, Christmas decorations, building monsters and creating 'trash' fashion.

We started the Take Action Theme in September with the girls exploring ways to influence others and share ideas. The girls also found out about different ways charities can be supported, such as fund raising, giving time and raising awareness.

We had a visit from Wee Critters - Alan, the critter wrangler, and I were very impressed by the knowledge the Brownies had. We attended the Remembrance Day service and took part in the Thinking Day Service.

The Brownies love cooking and making sweet treats. At Easter we made Rice Krispie nests with mini eggs and at Halloween we made marshmallows ghosts. We've also made fruit salad. On our weekend away at Lorne for our Brownie Pack Holiday the girls had a go at the Gladiator Challenge, Zipline, & Lorne Walk Challenge, as well as baking some wonderful cupcakes. We also made woggles, with some of the older girls guiding the younger girls in making theirs.

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 31/12/2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31/12/2024
£2,538.70	£4,537.28	£3,867.84	£3,208.14

**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*

02/01/2025