

Trustee Annual Report Form – 156th 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

156th Belfast Brownie Unit

NI Charity Commission Number

104420

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
Co. Down, 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

Lynne Barr
Elizabeth Noelle Gault

The financial year the report relates to – for example, 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

1st January 2023 to 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

In the year from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 our unit had 11 girls and 3 leaders. In June 2023 we were concerned about the viability of our group as 4 out of our 8 girls were leaving as they were too old. We encouraged the remaining girls to invite friends and did some advertising locally and were delighted when a new group of girls joined our group.

In our regular meetings we played lots of games, did craft, drama and cookery. Cookery was very popular. For example, we made Valentines buns as well as bunny pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Some of the crafts we made were cards, fairy doors and easter egg trees. We also worked on Girlguiding Skill Builders and Unit Meeting Activities. We completed our First Aid Skill Builder learning vital new skills and grew plants and learned about caring for them with the Grow Your Own Badge.

We celebrated World Thinking Day by making a video to be shown in church and completed our Thinking Day badge activities.

We had a great night learning about different sorts of reptiles and insects with a visit from the Amazon Jungle roadshow,

We enjoyed several trips including a night walk around the local area followed by hot chocolate, an enjoyable Christmas trip to see the pantomime at the Waterfront and a trip to the cinema to see Wish.

It was a successful year and the girls developed numerous skills and grew in confidence. It was also encouraging to see friendships developing amongst the girls who come from different schools.

There was no harm flowing from the purposes of Girlguiding Ulster and there was no private benefit flowing from the purposes.

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

We confirm that the Charity Trustees of 156th Belfast Brownies have had regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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

At the end 31st December 2022, 156th Belfast Brownie Unit had £1765.20 in the bank and £33.81 in cash. During the period from 1st January 2023- 31st December 2023, 156th Belfast Brownies had an income of £1426.48 and an expenditure of £1171.07. On 31st December 2023 156th Belfast Brownie Unit had £2020.61 in the bank and £33.81 in cash.

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.

Lynne Barr 30/10/24