

**Trustee Annual Report Form:
1st Ballinderry Guide 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

1st Ballinderry Guide Unit

NI Charity Commission Number

105460

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

Joanne Lang
Suzanne McCartney
Karen Dunn
Claire McMillen
Laura Campbell

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

1st January 2024 to 31st 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

All activities undertaken during the reporting period were in full alignment with the charitable purposes of Girlguiding. There was no private benefit or harm resulting from operations. The unit continues to uphold the values and mission of Girlguiding UK, providing a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for girls and young women.

We welcomed 18 members this year. New Guides participated in our traditional *Flying Up* ceremony with the Brownies, marking their transition into the unit. Each new member completed the required pre-enrolment activities and made their Guide Promise, formally joining the organisation.

The unit delivered a robust programme in line with Girlguiding's thematic structure:

Theme Awards: Skills for My Future All members successfully completed this award, which included: 5 Skill Builder activities, 4 hours of unit meeting activities and Completion of a related badge. **Be Well Theme:** Members began working on this theme, focusing on physical and emotional wellbeing through structured activities and discussions.

World Thinking Day: The unit participated in global celebrations, engaging in activities focused on climate change and sustainability. This marked the final stage of the three-year international initiative to empower Girl Guides and Girl Scouts as environmentally conscious leaders.

Unit Activities: A diverse range of activities was offered to support personal development, creativity, and team building:

Yoga night with a qualified instructor, "Ready Steady Cook" challenge, Craft night, Indoor board games, Beauty night / Bring a creative hobby, baking chocolate brownies, Outdoor sports night and friendship bracelet making.

These activities were designed to foster confidence, collaboration, and fun in a safe and inclusive setting.

External Trips: Two outings were organised to broaden members' experiences:

Airtastic Lisburn: Participation in the new challenge rooms, encouraging problem-solving and teamwork.

High Rise: A physical activity-based trip promoting resilience and adventure

Our **annual camp** was held outdoors at **Lorne** in June 2024. The theme was inspired by the **Paris 2024 Olympics**, promoting global awareness and active participation. Camp activities included: Completion of the *Have Adventures* theme, Skill Builder: Camp Stage 4, Interest Badges: Backwoods Cooking and Geocaching and a traditional campfire and s'mores night

The camp provided opportunities for outdoor learning, leadership development, and community building.

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

Charity Trustees are legally obliged to have regard to this guidance. Please confirm in this box that all Trustees are aware of this. Please see section 4 of the Trustees' Annual Report and Public Benefit reporting document this can be downloaded from the Girlguiding Ulster website.

All Trustees are 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 and made an increase in overall funds.

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.

K. Dunn 21-09-25