

# St Comgalls Bangor Guide Unit - CGI

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107399

## Details

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2020-01-22

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

**Address** St Comgalls Parish Centre  
27 Brunswick Road  
Bangor  
Bt20 3ds  
BT20 3DS

**Phone** 07851144222

## Activities

**Purposes:** The purpose of the Unit is to provide the Guiding Programme of the Catholic Guides of Ireland, which promotes and fosters the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, social and physical development of its members, to girls and young women at a local level.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of education, The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

**How the charity works:** Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, Children (5-13 year olds), Ethnic minorities, Interface communities, Parents, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£4,676	£3,544	£0	0
2024-08-31	£4,676	£3,544	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Rebecca Connolly		
Miss Rebecca Marks		
Miss Sophie Davidson		
Miss Yvonne Murphy		
Mrs Marie Dunwoody		

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# Accounts

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# Accounts

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NAME & Number OF UNIT: St Comgall's Unit  
 REGION: Northern Region  
 SECTION (if applicable): \*\* Note (i)

**Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31st August 2024**

	Year ending 31st August 2024	Previous year ending 31st August 2023 - ** Note (ii)	Notes Current Year - can be used for Notes re Payments/ Receipts
<b>Receipts (In)</b>	£'s	£'s	
<b>Opening Balance 1 September 2023** Note (iii)</b>	<b>1,997.21</b>	<b>3,094.54</b>	
Subs	388.90	588.50	
Registration	685.00	790.00	
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	456.00	755.00	
Uniform	222.65	34.60	
Grants 1 23/24 EA	1,200.00	214.90	
Grants 2 Additional Grant	589.00	223.02	
Grants 3 24/25 EA	1,000.00	0.00	
Fundraising 1 Dancecathelon	134.50	0.00	
Fundraising 2	0.00	0.00	
Bank Interest	0.00	0.00	
Other Income 1	0.00	0.00	
Other Income 2	0.00	0.00	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>4,676.05</b>	<b>2,383.00</b>	<i>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</i>
<b>Payments (Out)</b>			
Registration - ** Note (v)	727.50	915.00	
Affiliation Fees	0.00	0.00	
Programme resources	804.95	436.75	
Camps & Events	1,017.32	1,466.34	
Transport	180.00	114.10	
Rent	300.00	222.00	
Uniform	242.00	110.55	
Training	0.00	102.60	
Equipment	57.00	63.00	
Fundraising 1	0.00	0.00	
Fundraising 2	0.00	0.00	
Bank Charges	54.54	0.00	
Other 1 Repay EA grant 22/23 Cheque 438	161.41	38.44	
Other 2	0.00	11.55	
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,544.72</b>	<b>3,480.33</b>	<i>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</i>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)</b>	<b>1,131.33</b>	<b>-1,097.33</b>	<i>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</i>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 August 2024</b>	<b>3,128.54</b>	<b>1,997.21</b>	<i>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</i>

Signature: Marie Dunwoody Yvonne Murphy  
 Treasurer Unit Leader  
 Date: 14/02/2025 14/02/2025

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 (iv) - Receipts IN - Camps & Events - this amount is to include TRANSPORT as per the ETB Income & Expenditure Format  
 (v) - Payments OUT - Registration this includes both amounts payable to National Office and Regional Executive for Registration for the current year.  
 (vi) - Net Receipts over Payments - This is the surplus / deficit for the year - deficit will be shown as a Minus figure.

There are no Assets or Liabilities

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<b>Receipts (In)</b>	£'s	£'s	
<b>Opening Balance 1 September 2022** Note (iii)</b>	<b>3,094.54</b>	<b>1,357.85</b>	
Subs	588.50	509.30	
Registration	790.00	890.00	
Camps & Events - ** Note (iv)	755.00	385.00	
Uniform	34.60	440.00	
Grants 1	214.90	1,600.00	EA Grant 21/22
Grants 2	223.02	1,400.00	EA Grant 22/23
Grants 3	0.00	184.00	CGI Grant
Fundraising 1	0.00		
Fundraising 2	0.00		
Bank Interest	0.00		
Other Income 1	0.00	118.00	CGI Grant
Other Income 2	0.00	180.00	DofE/Oisin/CCA
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,383.00</b>	<b>5,706.30</b>	<b>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</b>
<b>Payments (Out)</b>			
Registration - ** Note (v)	915.00	1,032.00	
Affiliation Fees	0.00	150.00	
Programme resources	436.75	647.85	
Camps & Events	1,466.34	661.80	
Transport	114.10	295.00	
Rent	222.00	200.00	Donation for use of Parish Centre
Uniform	110.55	553.34	
Training	102.60		
Equipment	63.00		
Fundraising 1	0.00	100.00	Donation to SVP
Fundraising 2	0.00		
Bank Charges	0.00	68.72	
Other 1	38.44		
Other 2	11.55	260.90	DofE/Oisin/CCA
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,480.33</b>	<b>3,969.61</b>	<b>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</b>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)</b>	<b>-1,097.33</b>	<b>1,736.69</b>	<b>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</b>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 August 2023</b>	<b>1,997.21</b>	<b>3,094.54</b>	<b>* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten</b>

Signature: Marie Dunwoody Yvonne Murphy  
 Treasurer Unit Leader  
 Date: 26/01/2024 26/01/2024

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# Annual report

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## Trustee Annual Report Form

The purpose of the Unit is to provide the Guiding Programme of the Catholic Guides of Ireland, which promotes and fosters the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, social and physical development of its members, to girls and young women at a local level.

**Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by**

St Comgall's Guide Unit

**NI Charity Commission Number**

NIC 107399

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

St Comgalls Parish Centre  
Brunswick Road  
Bangor  
BT19 4DS

**The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year**

Current Trustees  
Yvonne Murphy  
Marie Dunwoody  
Brona McNeill  
Mary Erwin  
Sophie Davidson

## **The financial year the report relates to**

Year ending 31 August 2023

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

We have had a very busy guiding year with some of our volunteers taking up roles in our regional association. We have taken part in section events for all age groups and are running the Choices Guiding Programme in our Unit. We have also made use of our outdoor space and organised programmes for outdoors.

There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and that there was no private benefit.

We began our new year to Guiding year with 7 Rangers completing their Bronze DofE Expedition. They took on the rain, wind and sunshine. Completed I'm a celebrity theme tasks to win a pillow for the night all along the North down coastal path.

In September we welcomed back 9 Brigins, 9 Guides and 7 Rangers and 4 leaders. We began our weekly meeting with our Chief Commission Award Guides planning activity night of Games and fundraising bake sale for the Air Ambulance. And finished off September with a craft night of Tote bag design to help reduce single use of plastic bags.

In October in the darker months we focused on badge work, with our Space Theme Night blasting off with some games the Brigins created two astronauts and the Guides created the solar system. In keeping with our Space theme, we went out for a night walk. We hoped on our walk to see some stars for our Space and star gazing badge, but it was cloudy, but we believe we did see a star from Ursa Major

Our Guides attended Northern Region Guide Day at Lorne. A full day of activities practicing some outdoor skills knots and building fires.

We also got craft with the Brigins made some lovely Hama beads designs while the Guides and Rangers made some lovely jewellery pieces. We finished up October with games and a Halloween Party before the midterm break.

In November we did some badge work. Working on our communication badge Sophie taught the Brigins and Guides some sign language and worked hard on cracking codes. The Guide began planning their secret mission. Also, with work on our fitness badge the importance of keeping active and warming up. Running, skipping, jumping and teamwork challenges.

We also had a sleep over in the parish hall last with team building card challenge, Christmas card making, baking, elf movie and continuing chats and fun into the wee hours of the morning and finish with mass in the church the following morning.

Our CCA Guides travelled to Dublin for the CCA interviews in the National Office meeting the Chief Commissioner and her team behind the award.

Also 1 of our Rangers took part in a bonding weekend to prepare for sailing around parts of Ireland.

In December we started with superhero night, games testing our superpowers speed, strength, and memory. Finding out our Superhero names, what superpowers we have, creating masks and writing about our Superhero.

For the months of December, the Guides applied for a small fund from the unit to complete a random act of kindness of their own choosing within the community. Some examples they choose to support food banks, support their neighbours, and give thanks to the NHS.

We finished up for Christmas with our Christmas party and saw our girls make their special Christmas Elf promise for their Christmas neckerchief and finished off painting their Christmas figures.

We returned in January with a games night and shared all our exciting plans for the year. We also began making Brigid Crosses for St Brigid's day. The Brigins used pipe cleaners and Guides and Rangers used freshly cut reeds from Crawfordsburn.

At the end of January our 3 CCA Guides travelled to Trinity College Dublin for the Chief Commissioner Awards. They all received Silver awards, an amazing achievement for them all.

In February we focused on mindfulness. The Brigins, Guides and Rangers relaxed by practicing some breathing exercises and some colouring in. Also, Love was in the air as we got crafty with Love bugs made by the Brigins and Celtic heart knots by the Guides and Rangers. We also got green-fingered planting some calendula marigolds or Nemesia Blue Gems. All planted in pots made from bamboo and rice... no plastic pots.

In March we looked at the amount of sugar in our foods and in our favourite treats. We looked at our eating habits and did some blind tasting of different foods. We also tried some delicious smoothies showing them how they can add more fruit to their eating habits. Strawberry, mango, peach and orange, apple and banana, kiwi and mango and kale.

For St Patrick's Day we got all green. We were céilí dancing, tried some shamrock shakes and green food and some craft.

March finished up with an EGGcellent night. A smaller group tonight due to spring concerts. Easter bonnet designing and chocolate Easter nest. Lots of goodies to take home, and our left over Easter are being donated to the Bangor Store House.

In April we began with our unit day. Very wet but that can't stop us from having fun. We began with our enrolment of our new Brigins, Guides and Ranger. Our Guides had fun flying high in the sky with the 3g swing then burrowing below in the caves. Brigins had fun on the traversing wall and creating climbing. We finished up with a mini hike up to Crawfordsburn waterfall for our CCA Guides.

Also, in April our Brigins and Guides pamper their Mums. A few games to get warmed up, followed by a relaxing hand and neck and head massage. Followed by a lovely cup of herbal tea, and a cake proved by our CCA Guides as part of her chief Commissioner Award.

In May we focused on some badge work, Animal/nature. The groups went hunting for bugs and create some stunning collages from natural items on the grounds. We were introduced to Timothy and Tabitha, Summer and potato the dog and Elsoise and cat (the dog!) And finished up with an animal theme Campfire. We also had a night full of smiles talking about their lovely pets. Lots of very cute doggies from the Mollies to Teddies.

Also, we had lots of wee visitors thanks to Wee Critters. Very informative and lots of questions from the Brigins. Some very brave Brigins and Guides tonight and some scared and leader.

Also, in May we went on coastal litter picking walk. From Carnalea Golf Club to Bangor. Lots of rubbish collected along the way. Finishing up with ice cream.

In June we were treated to a very competitive quiz night organised by our CCA guides. We venture out Crawfordsburn Scout Centre. Brigins were building Shelters for their fluffy friends. The Guides brushed up on their knot's skills building the outline of a table. Very secure as the brigins demo. Finishing with, off course outdoors with some smores.

We finished our weekly meetings for the summer. The Brigins and Guides enjoyed a mega slide provided by North Down VIP Entertainment. Bouncy castles and hot tub hire. lots of fun cooling off with water pistols. Finishing up with a cool bucket of water.

However, our Guides attended one more camp before we finished. An Amazing TOE camp. A jam-packed action weekend. Sun, Rain, Wind, smiles, Laughing, fun and games, friendship, memories, new friends, activities, BBQ, tuck shop, disco, colins Glen, Belfast Activity Centre, mass, Fete, hairdressing, getting out of our shell so much happening some photos from the weekend.

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

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

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

Receipts and Payments prepared and reviewed by our Independent Examiner.

**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**

N/a

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

Signed: Marie Dunwoody	Date: 20/05/2024
Signed: Yvonne Murphy	Date: 20/05/2024

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners' Report to the Charity Trustees of St Comgall's Guide Unit**

We report on the accounts of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2023

### **Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiners' Report**

We have examined your Charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### **Independent Examiners' Statement**

We have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Patricia McDermott

Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

Address: C/o St Francis De Sales 55 Beechmount Drive, Belfast BT12 7LU

Date: 19 May 2024

**St Comgalls Bangor Guide Unit - CGI**

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# Accounts

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NAME & Number OF UNIT:  
 REGION:  
 SECTION (if applicable): **\*\* Note (i)**

St Comgall's Unit  
 Northern Region

### Receipts and Payments Account For Year Ending 31s

	Year ending 31st August 2022
<b>Receipts (In)</b>	<b>£'s</b>
<b>Opening Balance 1 September - ** Note (iii)</b>	<b>1,357.85</b>
Subs	509.30
Registration	890.00
Camps & Events - <b>** Note (iv)</b>	385.00
Uniform	440.00
Grants 1	1,600.00
Grants 2	1,400.00
Grants 3	184.00
Fundraising 1	
Fundraising 2	
Bank Interest	
Other Income 1	118.00
Other Income 2	180.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,706.30</b>
<b>Payments (Out)</b>	
Registration - <b>** Note (v)</b>	1,032.00
Affiliation Fees	150.00
Programme resources	647.85
Camps & Events	661.80
Transport	295.00
Rent	200.00
Uniform	553.34
Training	
Equipment	
Fundraising 1	100.00
Fundraising 2	
Bank Charges	68.72
Other 1	

Other 2	260.90
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>3,969.61</b>
<b>Net Receipts over Payments - ** Note (vi)</b>	<b>1,736.69</b>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 August 2022</b>	<b>3,094.54</b>

**Signature:**

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**Treasurer**

**Date:**

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**Notes:**

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**st August 2022**

<b>Previous year ending 31st August 2021 - ** Note (ii)</b>	
<b>£'s</b>	
	<b>1,039.50</b>
	90.00
	420.00
	140.00
	495.00
	1,000.00
	5,968.50
	148.00
	1,025.81
	26.06
	<b>9,313.37</b>
	510.00
	818.04
	6,423.74
	405.00
	115.50
	347.59
	171.46
	62.69
	141.00

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<b>1,357.85</b>

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**Unit Leader**

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**Notes Current Year** - can be used for Notes re Payments/ Receipts

*EA Grant 21/22*

*EA Grant 22/23*

*CGI Grant*

*CGI Grant*

*DofE/Oisin/CCA*

*\* Note these cells contain formula and should not be overwritten*

*Donation for use of Parish Centre*

*Donation to SVP*

DofE/Oisin/CCA

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# Annual report

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## St Comgalls Guide Unit

### ANNUAL REPORT CHARITY COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

<b>1. Charity Name as listed on the Charity Register</b>	St Comgalls Guide Unit Bangor
<b>2. Any other names the charity is known by</b>	N/a
<b>3. Financial year the report is for</b>	Year ended 31 August 2022
<b>4. CCNI Charity Registration Number</b>	107399
<b>5. The address from which the Charity Operates (usually your Meeting Place)</b>  <i>This should be the address that the charity used when registering unless it has changed.</i>	St Comgalls Parish Centre Brunswick Road Bangor BT19 3DS
<b>6. The names of all our Trustees at the date this report was approved plus any who stepped down as a trustee during the year</b>	<b>Current Trustees</b> Yvonne Murphy Marie Dunwoody Brona McNeill Mary Erwin Sophie Davidson  <hr/> <b>Trustees who stepped down</b>  Elizabeth Ferris

<p><b>7. A summary description of the purposes of the charity</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Unit is to provide the Guiding Programme of the Catholic Guides of Ireland, which promotes and fosters the spiritual, moral, cultural, intellectual, social and physical development of its members, to girls and young women at a local level.</p>	
<p><b>8. The name of any person, or body of persons, permitted by the trusts of the charity to appoint one or more new charity trustees and a description of the method used to make such appointments</b></p> <p><i>If there is any individual or organisation with the power to appoint charity trustees, such as another charity or a government department, provide their details, the relevant powers, and methods of appointment.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>9. Include details of any funds held by the charity as a custodian trustee</b></p> <p><i>This is mandatory for charities preparing accruals accounts.</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>

**10. Charity's Main Activities and Achievements during the year.**

The following is a copy of the report made to the Unit's AGM in **????** by the Unit Leader Yvonne Murphy

**Membership: 33 girls; 16 Brigins, 11 Guides, 6 Ranger**

**Leadership: 4 Leaders**

**Programme and Unit Activities:**

We began our year with Brigins and Guides/Ranges on alternating weeks inline with covid measures. Brigins had some fun and games and baking and Our Guides and Rangers worked on their communication skills and singing. Our AGM with all the plans for the year. We got preparing with our enrolment as we haven't had our members who moved up during the previous year.

Last year before lockdown we were participating in the Be Great programme with Todd's Leap. As part of the partnership we had a trip to Todd's Leap. An action pack day. Zip line, Big swing, Giant Slide, Archery, 4x4 mountain drive, and kick darts with bungee run.

**In October we had to adapt our enrolment celebrations for this year. And in the lead up to our enrolment a number of Guides and Rangers represented the unit at mass this morning were our badges and scarves were blessed by Father Gunn. Enrolment night. We welcome our 3 new Brigins into our Guiding family and welcome new Brigins Guides and Rangers into their new sections. An evening full of surprises...we had an ice-cream van deliver some yummy ice cream a disco they girls can dance and our CCA Rangers received their awards for all their hard work in the projects for the previous year.**

**We finished up for the Halloween half term with a Halloween party with all our members. Our Brigins, Guides and Rangers were transformed into witch's, vampires, ghosts, angels, Harry Potter and so much more. Full of games and fun.**

**November we wen out an about on our night walks. The Guides and Rangers were out and about tonight completing Bangor QR challenge set up by the Be Great Programme. They girls had great fun tiring to fine the codes and answers the questions about the historical buildings and churches. The Brigins enjoy their night walk in Bangor. Collecting some leaves and nature items for creating drawings for next week activities. Also the Guides and Rangers began with creating some Christmas Crafts.**

**Also in November we registered for the first time the 6 Rangers for Duke of Edinburgh and Oisin Award. They girls are volunteering with the Brigins, Learning crafts: Knitting, developing sailing, going to the gym, attending Netball. They will be completing their expedition in early September next year. The Oisin award works in tandem with the Duke of Edinburgh.**

**In December we had a surprise Christmas Outing to Dundonald for some bowling. The girls had a great night. As it was a funded trip we asked for a charity donation to Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas family appeal and raised £88.60 which was greatly appreciated. We finished up for the Christmas break with a party and presented Patricia from Saint Vincent de Paul with a cheque of £100.**

**January and February saw us join in with the Big Garden watch. Making bird feeders and getting to know different types of birds. Our Guides and Ranges also were introduce to the skill of CPR and basic first Aid. With our Brigins also learning basic first aid skills. We also had 3 Guides register to take part in the Chief Commissioner Award. We also held our popular International night. Italy, France, Japan, Greece and USA all represented tonight with some interesting facts and food. Great to see all the girls trying some of the foods.**

**In March Our Chief Commissioner Award Guides lead an informative session on the problems with plastic and single use plastic and how to improve our usage with the Guides. Great work girls leading the way for all section to earn their Plastic Tide Turners Badge. Reduce, Reuse Recycle our theme for our Brigins. A great chat on what can be recycled, what can we reduce and how can we reuse. They girls got to reuse some things to make some great item to play with and enjoy. We also held a P.J movie night, with lots and lots of attempts tried knitting a slow working progress.**

**Tying in with Bird Watch we headed to Castle Espie for a unit trip to learn about the water based birds in the reserve. We had a guided tour of the reserve showing the Brigins, Guides and Rangers the different animals within the area.**

**In April we began with Easter crafts – Bonnets. We continue to work with our CCA guides in helping them plan there activities for their award. Lucy took steps to make her outdoor space more wildlife friendly by set up homemade bird feeders, make an insect habitat, plant flowers**

to attract pollinators. Lucy had set up a Instagram account following her journey of her wee garden that she has create. The CCA guides went into St Comgalls Primary school to share the information they learnt with the Plastic Tide Turners Badge.

May we got out and about Swimming and cycling earning our swimming and cyclist badge. After 3 long years we got to go camping again. Only the Guides came camping to build their skills. An action pack weekend of camp craft, raft building, sea paddling, coastal walking, icecream, outdoor cooking, smores, lots and lots of chat (especially into the wee hours of Saturday morning). On the 7th May Bláthaid took park in the Darkness into light walk to fundraise for Pieta House. This is one for her elements for her Chief Commissioner Award. We were due to go paddleboarding however this was cancelled due to weather.

Also in May saw the return of the No sleep sleepover for the Brigins. Organised by Blathnaid and Sofia as part of their Chief Commissioner Award. They planned a fun filled evening of rock painting, origami, campfire, s'mores, games and story telling tell. Great fun had by all they best part from the Brigins all the stories in morning of how they didn't sleep and all the funny things they did throughout the night.

In June we went litter picking Blathnaid, Lucy and Sofia organising and taking part in a beach clean up at Ballyholme last Sunday. All in aid of a cleaner better environment which they have be learning in their Plastic Tide Turners Challenge. The Brigins, Guides and Rangers litter picked along the coastal path from Carnalea to Bangor (City) centre. Seeing who could pick up the most litter also got lots of praises and well done from people walking along the coast path.

We finished the Guiding year in June with a surprise bouncy castle summer party for all the Brigins, Guides and Ranger. We finished up for the summer planning our return in September 22 with the Rangers completing their expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh.

**Equipment:** No new equipment

**Trustees:** 5 Trustees Yvonne M, Marie D, Brona McN, Sophie D, Mary E

**Conclusion:**

Yvonne Murphy  
Unit Leader

### **11. How is the Group doing financially?**

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:  
In the financial year ended 31 August 2022 the Charity had an income of £5706.30 and an expenditure of £3969.61

### **12. How has the Unit ensured members have not come to harm?**

All leaders and parent helpers receive training in Safeguarding, which is renewed every 2 years and are Access NI every 3 years. Leaders are required to attend Step One Guiders Course. Other training is available to leaders such as Step 2 and Advanced Leaders training. A valid Camp Warrant must be held by at least one leader who wishes to take the young people away either indoors or outdoors, this includes

doing First Aid which needs to be updated every 3 years. Parents are regularly updated with planned activities. All activities are carefully planned and the appropriate equipment used.

**13. How has your Unit ensured that any private benefit to your volunteers has been incidental to the public benefit of your work?**

Volunteers gain additional transferrable skills but this is incidental to the work that they do and are the skills that they require to undertake that work.

**14. A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the CCNI's guidance on Public Benefit.**

We the Trustees of St Comgalls Guide Unit can confirm that in setting our objectives and planning for the year that we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

**15. This report was approved by the Trustees at Unit Council on 6th October 2022**

**16. Signature of Trustees**

**Trustee 1: Yvonne Murphy**

**Date: 18/03/2024**

**Trustee 2: Marie Dunwoody**

**Date: 18/03/2024**

**St Comgalls Bangor Guide Unit - CGI**

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiners' Report to the Charity Trustees of St Comgalls Bangor Guide**

**Unit** We report on the accounts of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

### **Respective Responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Examiner**

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent Examiners' Report**

We have examined your Charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Charity Trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### **Independent Examiners' Statement**

We have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Philomena Dawson*

Name: Philomena Dawson

Relevant professional qualification or body: N/A

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7LU Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022