



**Girlguiding**  
Dumfries and Galloway

# **Trustee Report 2024**

**Registered Charity SC011629**





Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway County aims to give all girls throughout Dumfries and Galloway the space and opportunities they need to thrive, grow, and become confident young women through fun, friendship, challenge, and adventure.

Across Dumfries and Galloway, Girlguiding is delivered by our volunteers. The six themes of the Girlguiding programme; **Know Myself**, **Express Myself**, **Be Well**, **Have Adventures**, **Take Action**, and **Skills For My Future**, enable our members; **Rainbows**, ages 4-7, **Brownies** ages 7-10, **Guides** ages 10-14 to **Rangers** ages 14-18, to come together, be true to themselves, grow in confidence, and help their communities.

**WE HELP ALL GIRLS KNOW THEY CAN DO ANYTHING!**

## GIRLGUIDING D&G MEMBERSHIP 2024

Average County Membership Numbers 2024.

**595 x Young Members** (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers)

**157 x Adult Members** (Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders, Leaders in Training, Unit Helpers, and many more.



Our membership is across 6 x Districts; Lower Annandale, Upper Annandale, Dumfries, Nithsdale, Stewartry, and Wigtownshire.





# Thinking Day

Members across Dumfries and Galloway held Thinking Day events with a focus on 'Our Thriving Future.' Girls were encouraged to think about gender equality and how they can thrive, and use their voice to enact positive change for the future.

## Mabie Farm Park Takeover

In June, nearly 300 members from across the county gathered near Dumfries for our very first County Sleepover—and what a night it was! We took over the fantastic Mabie Farm Park, and with the weather on our side, the fun never stopped.

From meeting the animals and exploring the play areas to singing around the campfire and enjoying a delicious BBQ tea, there was something for everyone. The laughter, the excitement, and the sense of adventure made it a truly unforgettable experience.



Every participant proudly went home with their Mabie Sleepover badge and their Girlguiding Scotland 'Grow and Explore' badge, both well-earned through a day full of discovery and joy.





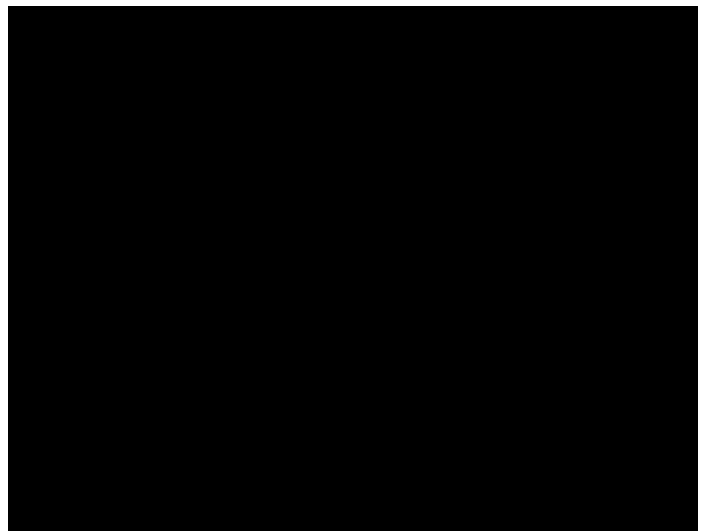
A heartfelt thank you to:

- Our county team for generously subsidizing the event, ensuring it was accessible to all.
- The incredible Mabie 'task and finish' group—your hard work and dedication made it all happen!
- Our wonderful hosts at Mabie Farm Park for welcoming us so warmly.

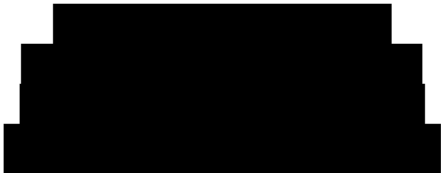
Here's to many more adventures together!

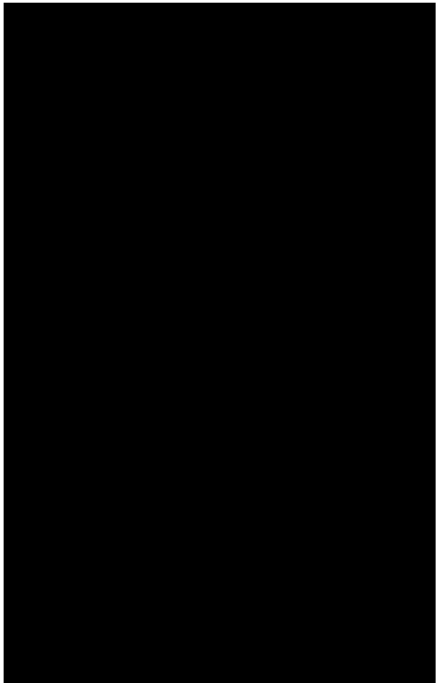
## Scottish Chief Commissioners Award

 Assistant County Commissioner, supported by Brownies, Guides and Rangers, was pleased to present our County Commissioner, , with a Scottish Chief Commissioners Award for 'Outstanding contribution to Guiding in Scotland.'



# Beltie Award Recipients 2024

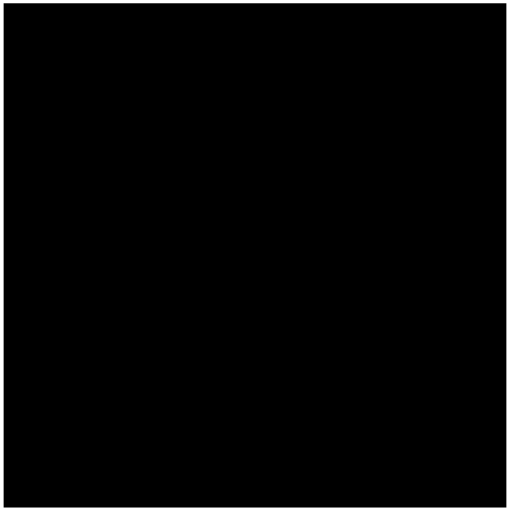
	1 <sup>st</sup> Stewartry Rangers and 'Berlin 2024' Contingent
	Middlebie Rainbows & Brownies
	International Volunteer from Singapore



# UNCRC

We're passionate about Children's Rights, so we were delighted to host Elaine who works with the Children and Young People's Commissioner For Scotland, ensuring rights are upheld inline with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

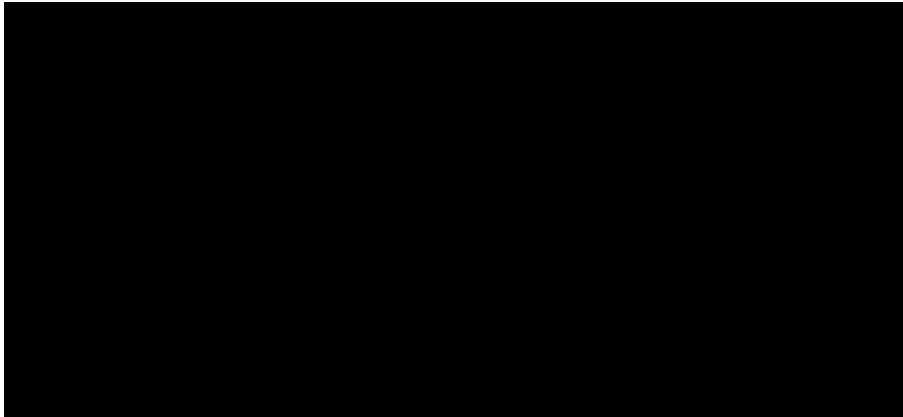
Brownies in Dumfries got to enjoy a workshop that helped them earn their 'my rights' badge.





# We're off to see the Wizard

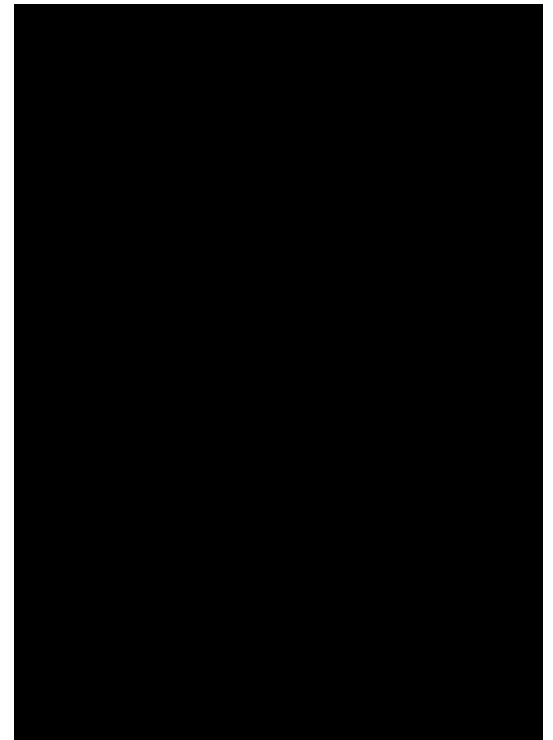
50 Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders went to see the Wizard of Oz in Edinburgh. We also visited Girlguiding Scotland Headquarters, where we had a tour, enjoyed a picnic lunch, and visited the shop. For many, this was their first theatre experience – and all had a wonderful time!



## County Banner Project

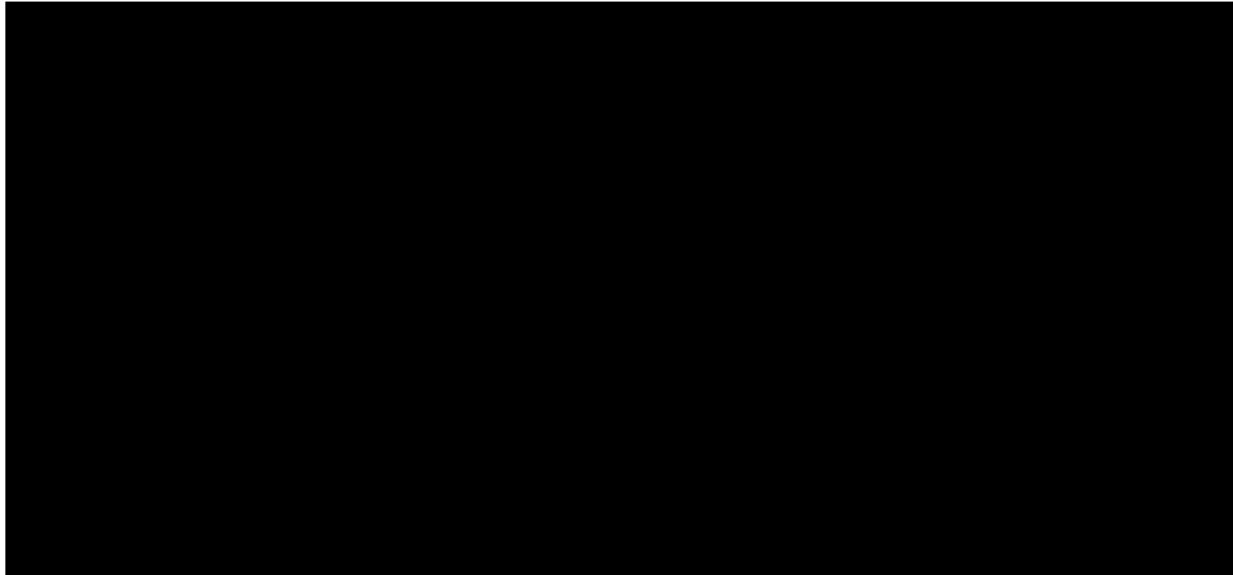
Our partnership with Creation Mill in Langholm has been very successful. [REDACTED] travelled around the county visiting units and giving all young people the chance to get involved with the creation of a new county banner. The young people designed the banner, and got to learn new skills including embroidery, applique, weaving, pom-pom making – which created a unique and beautiful county banner which was unveiled this summer. We are so pleased with it and will always show our banner with pride!

Special shout out to [REDACTED] for making us a stand to hang our banner. A vital part of our project!



# Remembrance

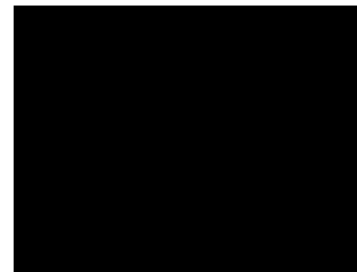
Remembrance Sunday in November saw units return to parading with their units in their local communities to pay respects to the fallen. Always a sombre affair, but the girls were smart, respectful, and did themselves and Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway proud.



## Our new home in Dumfries

We secured a new home for our County Archives at the Municipal Chambers. Thanks to Judy and Laura, our wonderful County Archivists, for their hard work packing up ahead of our premises move. Thanks to everyone who helped with boxes and furniture - it was very much a team effort!

Our new space is more visitor friendly with space for units to visit, explore and enjoy the archive materials.



It is also a great HQ and meeting space for Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway, with Executive meetings and First Response Trainings taking place there. Watch this space for new County Archive badges that will be available to all who visit, or who host a visit from the archive.



# Cinema Takeovers – Moana 2

Throughout December, lots of our members across D&G saw special screenings of Disney's 'Moana 2.' We had members from all sections; Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Leaders, and Trefoils join in. There was a lot of popcorn and ice-cream enjoyed, and all received a sparkly badge. What a brilliant movie!

Thanks to all our local independent cinemas for their wonderful hospitality.



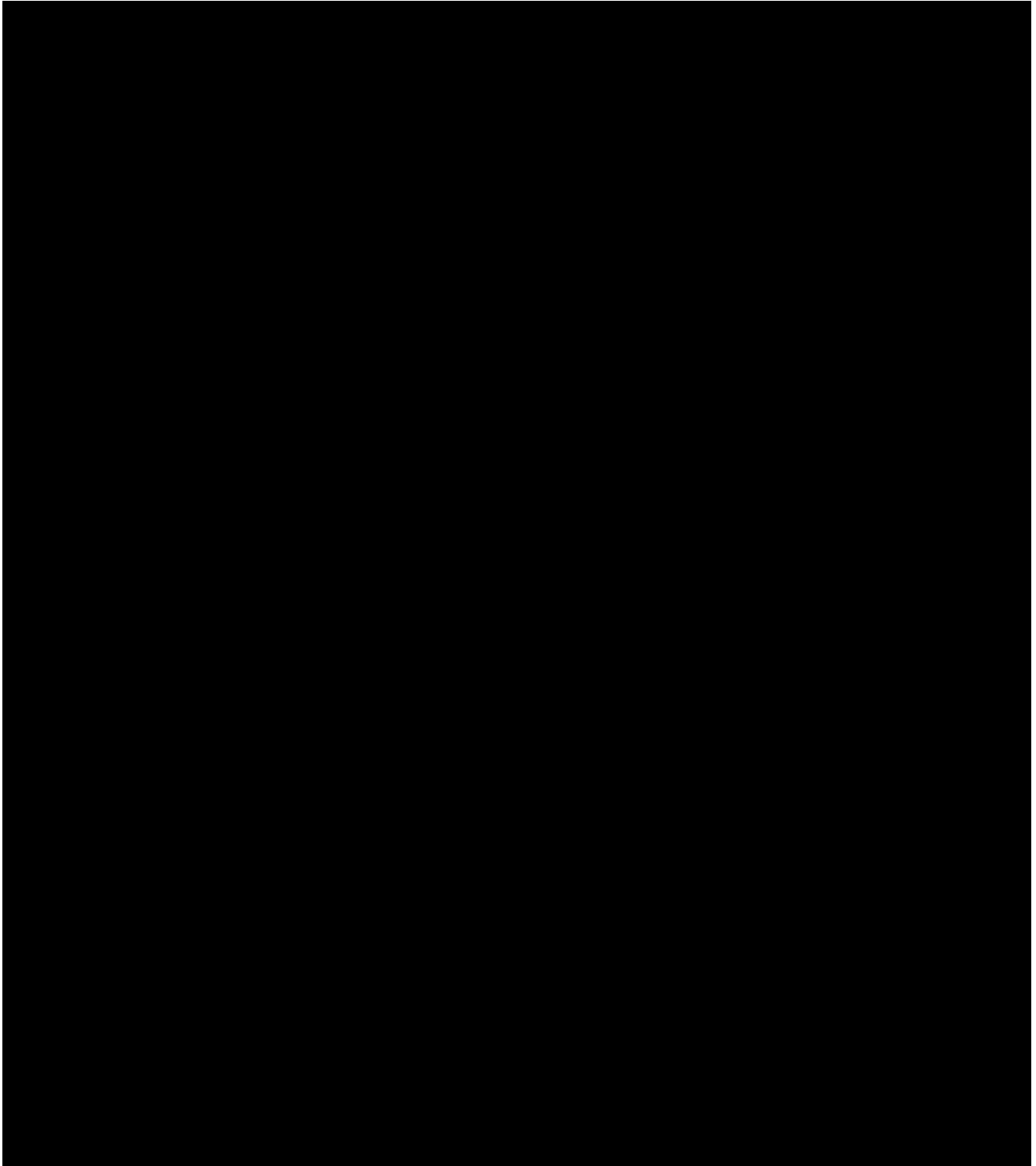
# Christmas 2024

We rounded off another fantastic year of Guiding across Dumfries and Galloway with Christmas celebrations. These were held in units and our local communities, and included parties, crafting sessions, Christmas fayres, and visits from Santa too. A good time was had by all, and commemorative Christmas 2024 badges were available to order for those who wanted one for their collection.





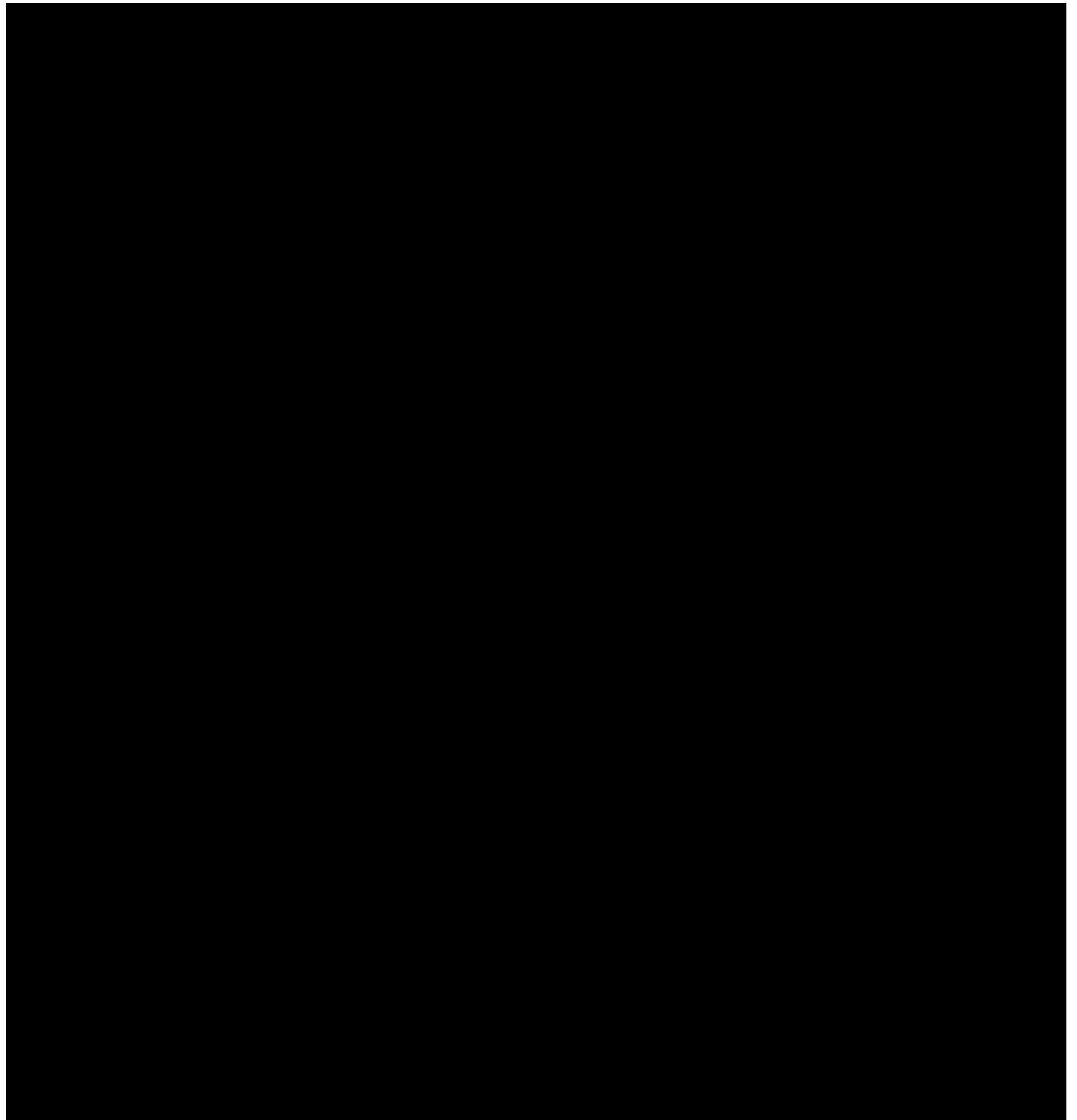
# 2024 Photo Album



Lots and lots of fundraising events!

Paddleboarding on Loch Ken





Brownies have been in the uniform archives.

Brownies have been out litterpicking - keeping their community clean.

Rangers and Young Leaders attended Dumfries Pride

Pax Lodge and Abba Voyage trip!

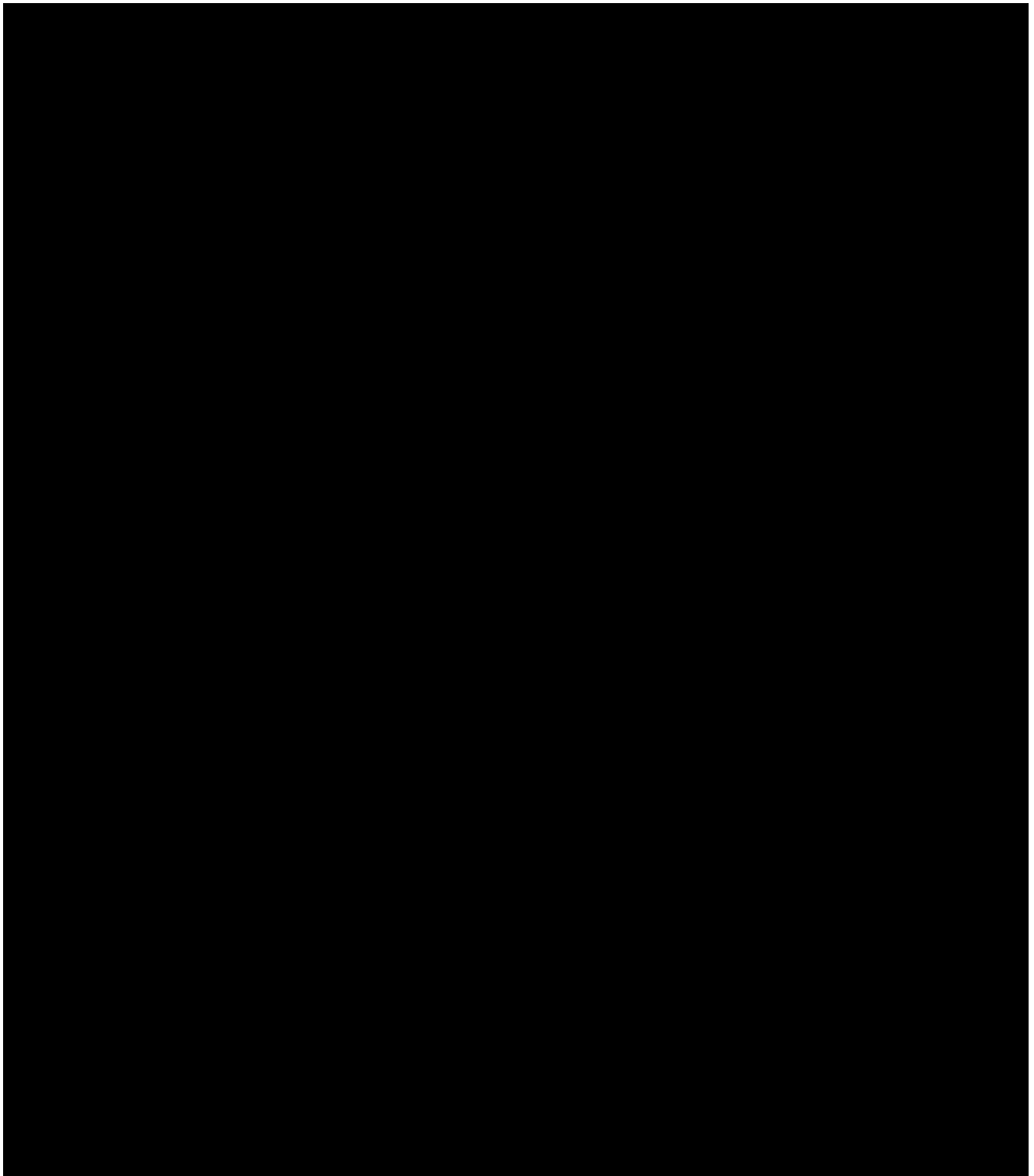




County Team attended Girlguiding Scotland's 'One Team' event in Glasgow.

Guides and Rangers attended Red Rose International Camp in the Lake District.





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Bike rides with new bikes, funded by She Cycles.

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International adventures to Berlin.

Christmas city fun in Newcastle

Music at the Multiverse Festival Fun!



# TRUSTEES

<b>County Commissioner</b>	
<b>Assistant County Commissioner</b>	
<b>County Treasurer</b>	
<b>Volunteer Support Lead</b>	
<b>Finance &amp; Property Lead</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Events &amp; Activities Lead</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Growing Guiding Lead</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>
<b>Communications Lead</b>	
<b>District Commissioner</b>	
<b>Young Trustee</b>	
<b>External Trustee</b>	





Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway is administered in accordance with the terms of the constitution of Girlguiding UK.

Our Trustees are members of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway's County Executive, recruited and appointed by the County Commissioner.

The Aim of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway as a charity is to help girls and young women develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world according to the principles of the Association, and to facilitate Guiding for girls and young women.

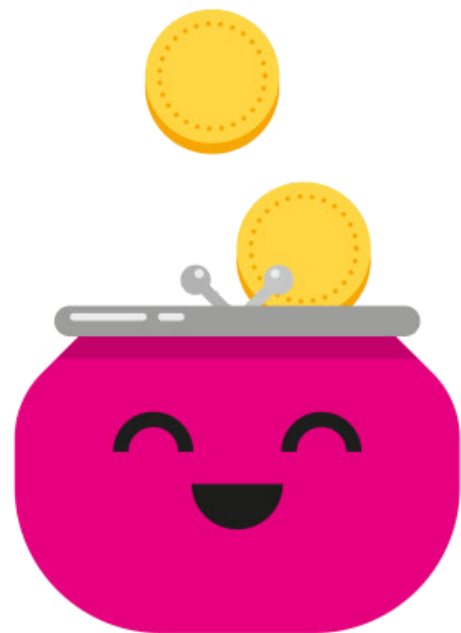


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# COUNTY ACCOUNTS 2024

## Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway

Scottish Charity Number SC011629

### Receipts and Payments Account to 31st December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
<u>Charitable activities:</u>		
Subscriptions	1,245	0
Units in abeyance	8541	4,844
Loan-repaid	3301	0
HQ	0	17,289
Other county events	3070	2,154
Depot income	3,335	3,943
Sundry	216	4,643
	19,708	32,873
<u>Other:</u>		
Bank interest	1360	95
Grants	2000	0
Kirkcudbright Guides	3564	0
Donations	70	3,735
	6,994	3,830
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>26,701</b>	<b>36,702</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
<u>Charitable activities:</u>		
Membership subscriptions to HQ	576	1,457
Training fees	400	461
Commissioners and advisors expenses	1,688	57
Admin expenses	300	100
Printing, photocopying & stationery	0	161
Postage & telephone	0	58
Insurance	209	205
Hall hire and zoom costs	0	376
County events	8,367	9,610
Badges	390	0
Equipment	539	0
Solway Fund	9,141	1,268
Travel expenses	110	322
Website and IT	1,009	173
Depot expenditure	1,076	4,845
Kirkcudbright Guides	2,060	0
Loan	3,301	0
Sundry	0	6,266
	29,166	25,357
<u>Other:</u>		
Donations	0	0
	0	0
<u>Governance:</u>		
Preparation of accounts and IE	160	160
	160	160
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,326</b>	<b>25,516</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit for year</b>	<b>-2,626</b>	<b>11,186</b>

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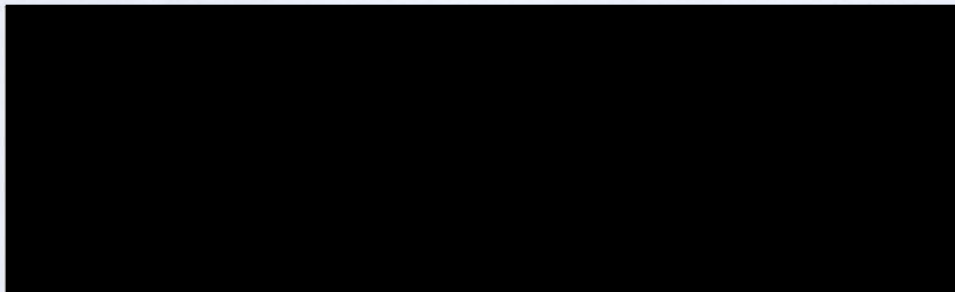
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#### Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Bank and cash in hand</b>		
Opening balances	150,475	139,289
Surplus/(deficit) for year	-2,626	11,186
Closing balances	147,850	150,475
<b>Reserves</b>		
Unrestricted funds	146,332	150,475
Restricted funds	1,518	0
Closing balances	147,850	150,475
<b>Assets</b>		
Depot stock of uniforms, resources and badges	0	4,721
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Share of remaining legacy funds to districts	70,695	70,695

All funds remaining after payment of liabilities will be unrestricted



## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway Scottish Charity Number SC011629**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 which are set out on the following pages.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

