



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

# Girlguiding

## Ayrshire North County



# ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR 2019

## LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION

### ARRAN

Deborah Hendrie

### IRVINE & DREGHORN

Chloe Barclay  
Lesley Gourlay  
Susan Mowat

### KELBURN

Rona Campbell-Doughty  
Donna McNeill  
Johann Milliken

### KILMARNOCK

Jill Campbell  
Claire Dunsmuir  
Lee-Ann McIntosh  
Erin Mills  
Zoe Roy

### KILWINNING

Briony Carswell  
Rowan Carswell  
Eilidh Gibson  
Janey Gorman  
Gail McKelvie  
Bethan Rees

### STEWARTON

Lorna Blaikie  
Heather Newlands

### UPPER IRVINE VALLEY

Megan O'Hare  
Pauline Ringland  
Rachael Robertson

## GOING AWAY WITH

Rachel Crawford (Upper Irvine Valley)  
Lynn Kirkwood (Kilmarnock)  
Lou Moffat (Irvine & Dreghorn)  
Zoe Roy (Kilmarnock)

## TREFOIL GUILD VOYAGE AWARD

### BRONZE VOYAGE AWARD

Sandra McIntier (Kelburn)

Sheila Young (Kilmarnock)

### SILVER VOYAGE AWARD

Edith Shedden (Upper Irvine Valley)

## QUEEN'S GUIDE AWARD

Rowan Carswell (Kilwinning)

Louise Crichton (Upper Irvine Valley)

Eilidh Gibson (Kilwinning)

Lotti Winning (Upper Irvine Valley)

## SERVICE AWARDS

### GOOD SERVICE

Marion Ayre (Upper Irvine Valley)

Mary Dunlop (Kilmarnock)

Barbara Hastings (Kilmarnock)

Ailsa Morrison (Kelburn)

### 5 YEARS

Hannah Burns  
(2nd A Saltcoats (St Mary's Brownie Unit))

Gillian Cooper  
(2nd Girdle Toll Brownie Unit)

Louise Crichton  
(1st Hurlford Guide Unit)

Kaitlyn Elliott  
(1st Stewarton Brownie Unit)

Rachel Ennis  
(16th Irvine Brownie Unit)

Jenna Fee  
(1st Kilwinning Guide Unit)

Emma Haggarty  
(5th Kilmarnock Brownie Unit)

Jean Hardy  
(3rd Girdle Toll Brownie Unit)

Angela Hunter  
(1st Beith Brownie Unit)

Emma Johnstone

(15th Kilmarnock Guide Unit)

Louise Kearns

(2nd Bourtreehill Senior Section Unit)

Fiona Kelly

(2nd Beith Brownie Unit)

Lynn Kirkwood

(1st Northwest Brownie Unit)

Gayle Lucas

(5th Bourtreehill Brownie Unit)

Sarah McClune

(2nd Beith Brownie Unit)

Teresa McTaggart

(1st Shortlees Guide Unit)

Susan Mowat

(16th Irvine Brownie Unit)

Shannen Rodgers

(9th Irvine Brownie Unit)

Aimee Ronald

(2nd Stewarton Rainbow Unit)

Stephanie Sharp

(1st Bourtreehill Rainbow Unit)

Chloe Smart

(1st Kilwinning Guide Unit)

Lotti Winning

(1st Darvel Guide Unit)

### 10 YEARS

Shelley Elliott

(3rd Ardrossan Brownie Unit)

Kathryn Kennedy

(2nd Kilmarnock Brownie Unit)

Hazel McSorley

(3rd Dreghorn Brownie Unit)

Rachael Melrose

(1st Pennyburn Guide Unit)

Lisa Tait

(1st Dalry Brownie Unit)

Ruth Winning

(1st Darvel Guide Unit)

# AWARDS

### 20 YEARS

Sian Burton

(4th Largs Brownie Unit)

Margoann Heron

(2nd Dreghorn Guide Unit)

Elizabeth McGuffie

(1st Darvel Brownie Unit)

Katrona Templeton

(1st Howard Rainbow Unit)

Camilla Young

(Ayrshire North County)

### 30 YEARS

Caryn Gray

(Ayrshire North County)

Lorna Millar

(3rd Howard Rainbow Unit)

Eileen Welsh

(1st Largs Brownie Unit)

Joyce White

(Ayrshire North County)

### 40 YEARS

Rose Brown

(Ayrshire North County)

Elsbeth Bruce

(Ayrshire North County)

Marjorie Durie

(Ayrshire North County)

Ellen Hunter

(Ayrshire North County)

Ann Russell

(Ayrshire North County)

### 50 YEARS

Margaret Hamilton

(Ayrshire North County)

Margo Lindsay

(16th Irvine Brownie Unit)

Kim Main

(Ayrshire North County)

Eleanor McCallum

(Ayrshire North County)

Rosemary Reid

(Ayrshire North County)

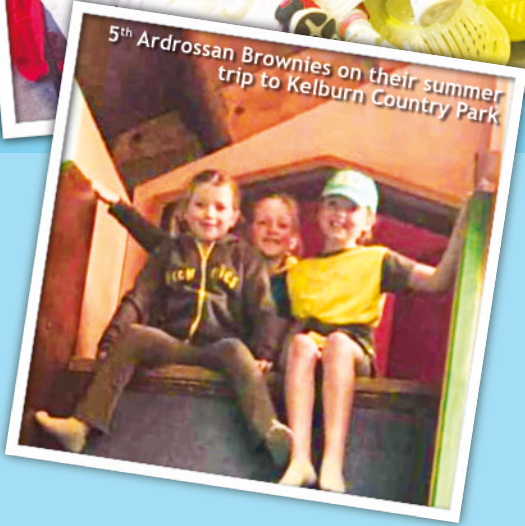


# OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						Annual Review
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Hallowe'en			
			31			

# KNOW MYSELF

1st Beith Rainbows enjoyed a visit from the Bunny Luv mobile petting zoo, they enjoyed it so much that they will have another visit again later in the year!



# NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				Gold Award - Final Submission Date	Scottish Roadshow	Scottish Roadshow
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Remembrance Sunday
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					St. Andrews Day	
25	26	27	28	29	30	





Rainbows from around the County receiving their Gold Awards at a ceremony at Blair Activity Centre



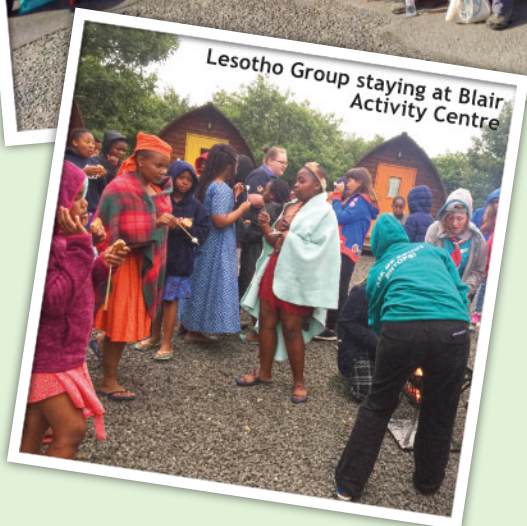
**42** Units in county      **450** Rainbow Members

# DECEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	Hogmanay					
30	31					1
County Gold Awards						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

# HAVE ADVENTURES

Girls and Leaders from the County took a trip to Our Chalet in June for the Swiss Challenge 2019



# JANUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		New Years Day				
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Coffee, Cake & Camp	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					Burns Night	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



# THINKING DAY

The Colours prepare for entrance during Thinking Day 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Parish Church, Irvine.



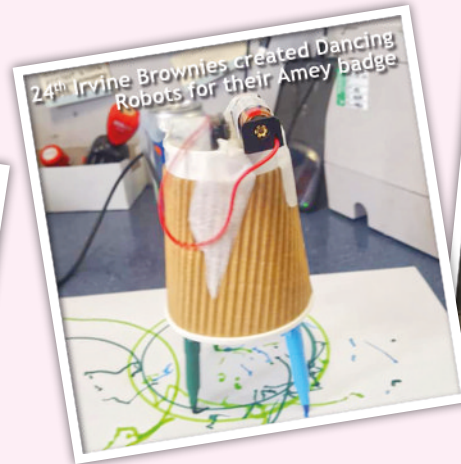
# FEBRUARY

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17	18	19	20	21	Thinking Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	Leap Day	
					29	

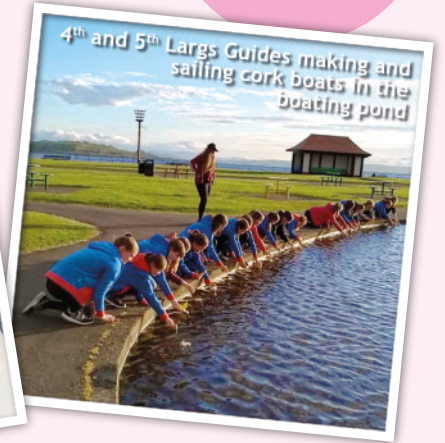
# SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilmarnock Guides working with Binary beads for their Communication Stage 4 Skill Builder



24<sup>th</sup> Irvine Brownies created Dancing Robots for their Arney badge



4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Largs Guides making and sailing cork boats in the boating pond



1<sup>st</sup> Beith Brownies learning about boat sails and wind power with the Innovate Stage 2 Skill Builder

# MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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					LQ Verification	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	Flights & Fancy	Flights & Fancy
					28	29





## COUNTY PRESIDENT MESSAGE

One of the lovely things in my role as President is to say thank you to all of you who make Girlguiding happen in Ayrshire North. When I see items on Facebook, I am overwhelmed by all the amazing things that are going on; from making things to going to concerts like the Tartan Gig.

Last year I briefly touched on the new programme that was going to come in this September. I know many of you have enjoyed getting to know the programme, with others finding change not so easy to adapt to. Please persevere, as there are so many interesting and different things for the girls to do. It was wonderful to be at the first presentation to girls receiving their Gold Awards - well done to everyone involved. No doubt we will all learn how to work the scheme and hopefully get to enjoy it. Good luck!

There have been several members of the County who have been on overseas adventures, and I know you will read about them in other reports. It is truly a wonderful organisation that can send girls and young women to various parts of the world to meet other like-minded people. I was privileged to go on a trip to Ghana with Guiders from North Lanarkshire to build "loos" in a really remote village, and was very touched by their kindness and generosity, even though they have nothing. No electricity, no running water, therefore, no mobile phones. I wonder how our young people would cope with spending two weeks without their phones??

There have been several fun activities for girls to take part in, including camps, overnight stays in "flip out" and lots of bar-b-q's. I know the weather hasn't been spectacular, but we have managed to cope with what has been sent to us!

A huge thank you must go to Betty Wilson and her committee for all the work carried out to get Blair Activity Centre up and running. The new committee has taken over the running of the Centre and we wish them well.

I hope that everyone has a successful year this year, and many, many thanks for everything that is carried out in the name of Ayrshire North Girlguiding. Also, we must carry on supporting Helen and Shiona as they enter their last year being responsible for the County.

**Kim Main**  
County President

## COUNTY COMMISSIONER MESSAGE

### "Time and tide wait for no man"

This is my fifth and final annual report as County Commissioner. It has been such a privilege to write each year sharing what's been achieved within and by members in county. I hope you like the new format for this year's report. With social media advances it is easier to share news in real time so it was decided a photo calendar would be a quirky idea for a change.

Our young members continue to inspire us all with their achievements. Most recently, at the beginning of June, we celebrated the first of our Gold Award recipients with an evening ceremony at Blair. Young members came along with their family and leaders to be presented with their badge and certificate. Girls spoke very eloquently about what activities and challenges they undertook to achieve their award. The evening also gave a chance to thank leaders and volunteers who support our young members to achieve.

We hosted our last Baden Powell Adventure at Blair at the end of June as Girlguiding retire the Baden Powell Challenge Award. The young women who attended demonstrated their various skills and enjoyed friendships old and new. We look forward to what they achieve in the future. Thank you to Moira Hodge who steps down from her Guide Advisor and Baden Powell Coordinator role.

County continue to offer support for any member looking to work towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Well done to all those who have received an award throughout the year and a special mention to Eilidh Browning who recently completed her Gold Expedition.

Congratulations to Eilidh Gibson, Louise Crichton, Rowan Carswell and Charlotte Winning who have all gained their Queen's Guide Award in the last year. It was an honour to be part of local presentations for Louise at last year's annual review then I joined Eilidh and Rowan at a special evening with their unit, family and friends. I look forward to celebrating Charlotte's success in the near future. Each recipient now awaits their invite to London for the Girlguiding reception. Each of these women are our future not just in Ayrshire North but wider Girlguiding.

Well done to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dreghorn Guides who braved the elements in January for their Wee Sleep Out at Troon Scout Hall to raise awareness and funds for the homeless. It was cold but a few braved it to stay out all night whilst others crept into the hall as the temperature kept dropping.

Various groups took part in Girlguiding Scotland's Wander the World day in Edinburgh for Thinking Day. The day offered trying African drumming, balloon art, Bollywood dancing and girls got to sit within the Scottish Parliament chambers. It was very special to renew our promises in a short ceremony in the University of Edinburgh's McEwan Halls with other members.

Kelburn Division took over the town of Millport for a treasure hunt and evening of fun. Great way for the girls and adults to get together. A human size penguin was spotted amongst the crowd!

A first for me this year was being part of a county group which travelled to Switzerland and stayed at Our Chalet, one of our world centres. What a great bunch of young women and leaders who made an international experience so special and memorable. Three of our group did a night hike to the summit of Bunderspitz to see the sunrise. Great achievement for them and very rewarding. Thank you to Louise Crichton for leading the trip and for coordinating all of our INTOPS girls. Megan McCafferty and Amy Mullen travelled separately with a Girlguiding Scotland group to Switzerland whilst Abbie Franklin and Victoria McDowall travelled to Finland, and Amy Bilham was washed home from a wet Charnwood but still loved the experience. Bethan Rees experienced Arctic Trek. We are a great county for getting Ayrshire North members around the globe! Even our county president experienced Ghana with a group of adults on a community project to build loos and spread the good work of girlguiding.

Worth mentioning that Alison Murdoch is currently away on a GOLD project to Oman which I hope gets recognised in next year's report.

We were honoured to host a group from Lesotho Girl Guides Association at Blair in July during their trip to Scotland. They enjoyed a couple of days of outdoor activities and invited guests shared an evening of ceilidh dancing and singing. Thank you to Elizabeth Howie for bringing your dance group friends to lead the ceilidh.

I want to acknowledge three of our county vice presidents who have died in the past year and recognise their unfailing contribution to Girlguiding Ayrshire North and in some cases wider. Grace Macgregor of Kilbirnie was a modest lady and she will be a very sad loss to the town and county. Janet Mitchell of Galston dedicated much time to the local area and was a sounding board to many. And, Oor Elsie Brown of Irvine died suddenly leaving a great hole in many people's lives. Her vibrance, smile and hair colours will stay memorable for those who knew her. We thank these ladies for all they did for the county.

Back in November we had a visit from Moira McKenna, Scottish Chief Commissioner, when she facilitated an evening of consultation with county members. Invited leaders and trustees shared their thoughts on positives and areas for improvement. This gave Shiona and I thoughts for county development and progression.

To all division commissioners, advisers and coordinators a big thank you for your continued work to offer girls and volunteers events and support. Ashley McDonald (nee McGaw) has coordinated our recent and upcoming county Flipout sleepovers. Lorna Millar and the LQ team have seen 23 volunteers through their LQ modules in the past year offering blitz the book evenings and one-to-one support. Great Success! Division Commissioners continue to work closely with local volunteers and be the link between county and units. Joanne Fulton, Ruth Winning, Jen McGlashan and Mandy White continue to provide local trainings in First Response and Safe Space for leaders as part of our mandatory unit requirements target.

Girlguiding Scotland's Tartan Gig was yet another successful event with many units attending. Thank you to Janey Gorman who organised buses for units in county to use.

In June, Irvine and Dreghorn division made the tough decision to 'let go' Muir Drive Guide Hall. With changes to property governance and regulations it seemed the best option to hand the land back to North Ayrshire Council and they have been 'gifted' the building. Thanks goes to the hall committee who have given their time tirelessly over the years to keep the hall maintained.

Irene McIlwain stepped down as county secretary after 9 years service. She has been a faithful trustee and member of the executive so I thank her for all she has given.

I hope you are all very proud of what your unit, division and county has accomplished in the last 12 months. We are so fortunate to have the county that we do and hopefully we support each other to the best of our ability. Keep pushing our young members as much as you can offer, to give them a widened experience to prepare them for an ever-changing world as adults. And, when things feel overwhelming remember to take time out for self care remembering to look out for others who might be feeling the same.

Best wishes for this coming year and I hope to see you at an event soon.

**Helen Shedden**  
County Commissioner







5<sup>th</sup> Ardrossan Brownies took a trip to the CocoaFactory to make their own chocolate!



6<sup>th</sup> Kilwinning Brownies taking part in Wander the World in Edinburgh.



Brownies receiving their Gold Awards in June 2019



1st Beith Brownies enjoying a climbing session during a pack holiday at South Newton.



5<sup>th</sup> Pennyburn Brownies making their Promise on top of Kilwinning Abbey Tower

**56** Units in county      **815** Brownie Members

# APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
				Good Friday		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Easter Monday						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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# TAKE ACTION



1<sup>st</sup> Stewarton Brownies picking up litter in their local park



Guides from County taking part in the World's Big Sleep Out



2<sup>nd</sup> Darvel Rainbows and Brownies organised 'A Big Lunch' for their community for free



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilwinning Guides fundraising, budgeting and buying food for the local Foodbank

# MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				Gold Awards - Final Submission		
				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	Gold Trefoil Awards		
				29	30	31



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilmarnock Guides took on Netherurd for their Unit Camp



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilbirnie Guides creating Poppies for Remembrance Sunday



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilwinning Guides taking part in Wander the World in Edinburgh.



Dreghorn Guides going Polar Plunging



5<sup>th</sup> Largs Guides hunting for treasure with the Kelburn division on Millport

**37** Units in county      **423** Guide Members

# JUNE

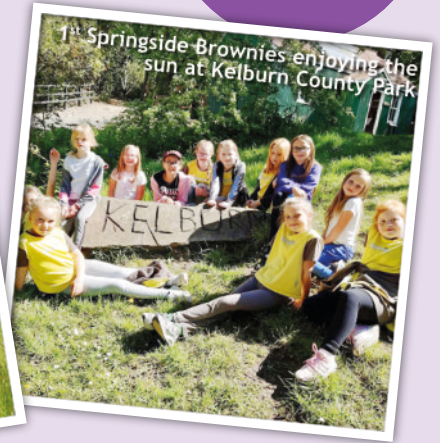
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		County Gold Awards		County Camp	County Camp	County Camp
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



# BE WELL



2<sup>nd</sup> Kilwinning Guides enjoyed learning about resilience and how to look after their mental health from some of the County's Peer Educators



# JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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27	28	29	30	31		

1st Largs Rangers took part in Parliament Week 2018, celebrating 100 years of votes for women.



Rangers taking part at the Scottish Executive meeting hosted at Blair Activity Centre

Newly formed Kilmarnock rangers receiving their starter pack from Kilmarnock Trefoil

Upper Irvine Valley Ranger doing her Gold award for DofE

**10** Units in county      **41** Ranger Members

# AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



# EXPRESS MYSELF

5<sup>th</sup> Kilwinning Brownies had a great time painting ceramics for Christmas



# SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





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**Girlguiding**

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### **Girlguiding UK (306016)**

Patron: Her Majesty the Queen

President: Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex

Chief Guide: Amanda Medler

### **Girlguiding Scotland (SC005548)**

President: Linda Urquhart

Scottish Chief Commissioner: Moira McKenna

### **Girlguiding Ayrshire North (SC036295)**

President: Kim Main

County Commissioner: Helen Shedden

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