



WE DISCOVER, WE GROW

Girlguiding

Ayrshire North County



ANNUAL REPORT 2021 - 2022



County President Report



I cannot believe that a whole year has passed since I last wrote a County report. I must be getting older, as time really does seem to fly past.

This has been a really good year for Girlguiding Ayrshire North, as units are pretty well back to "normal" post pandemic and the girls seem to be striving ahead with many of them gaining their various badges and certificates.

I remember writing in 2018 that we were being challenged by a new programme and all having to learn the new game. However four years down the line the new programme doesn't seem so new and lots of girls are gaining awards at the different levels - very good and exciting. Also, there have been training opportunities for everyone concerned, from 5 year olds to "much older", in an effort to make the whole programme go with a swing.

The County has held a variety of events which will be mentioned elsewhere, but I would just like to remind us all, that not only do we provide opportunities for girls and women locally, there are also events happening on an international level which can be available to girls who meet certain criteria and show themselves to be possible good ambassadors of Girlguiding.

In the summer we were able to join with the rest of the country in celebrating the Queen's jubilee. Our County was lucky enough to be chosen to light a beacon, on the appropriate day, at exactly the right time. A lovely evening was had by all those attending. To add to the evening, Isabel McNicoll was presented with the Scottish Chief Commissioners award for service to girlguiding. Well done Isabel, you deserved it.

I want to say a big thank you to all guiders who turn up week in and week out to make sure that girls of all ages have a valuable guiding experience. Without you, this great game would not happen! Also, the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes by the County Commissioner and her team is phenomenal. Particularly as rules and regulations seem to increase all the time.

The team who keep Blair running and available for use do a sterling job in all weathers, and this is much appreciated. Thank you.

Last, but certainly not least, I wish a hearty vote of thanks to each and everyone of you who helps to make this County such fun to be part of and keeps the game going for all our young people.

Kim Main
County President



County Commissioners throughout the years gathered at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Isabel receiving the Scottish Chief Commissioners award

County Total

122

Units

1465

Young
Members

349

Volunteers



County Commissioner Report

It feels like yesterday we were in Largs, getting back to a face-to-face Annual Review, and here we are with another 12 months behind us! And as I sit down to write this, I realise just how much we've crammed into the year - celebrating volunteer and young member achievements, coming together as a County at various events, and making steps towards helping our growth and sustainability.

For the remainder of 2021, we were still contending with COVID-19 as vaccines got rolled out wider and third doses started being provided, but that didn't put a brake on our plans! County took a bus to the Clyde Auditorium to see Aladdin the Pantomime; and lots of Units gathered at the Odeon in Kilmarnock to see Encanto. Who knew Encanto would become such a hit and we'd find ourselves having Encanto themed camps, sleepovers, parties and unable to say the name Bruno without quoting the film!

We desperately wanted to get back together as a County for Thinking Day, but we had to be quite creative because of restrictions. So, we put on our woolly hats, prayed that storm Eunice would leave us be, and went down to Irvine Beach in partnership with the Irvine Clean Up Crew to raise money for the Ayrshire Hospice. We managed to bring the sun out, pick up dozens of bags of rubbish, and raise nearly £1000!

Lotti Winning of 1st Darvel Guides and 1st Valley Rangers, was also lucky enough to represent WAGGGS at COP 26 in Glasgow; which is proof of the diverse experiences available to our members, and the voice that Girlguiding has on the world stage.

We also got confirmation of a new Queen's Guide in our midst - Calix Winning! I'm looking forward to hearing more about her experience and formally presenting her with her award at the 2022 Annual Review.

In case Thinking Day wasn't enough, the Guiding Delivery team planned and ran events for all sections. The Rainbows enjoyed a glorious day at Eglinton Park with bouncy castles, crafts, silent disco, and getting to hold owls! Some Brownies (and Rainbows, and Guides) got to sleep over in the tall ship! And we also took 3 buses of Guides and Rangers to Alton Towers in September - my Guides have never been so equally exhilarated and exhausted.

Lots of Units also got back to residentials this year! We've had Units have sleepovers at their meeting places, the sea life centre, south newton and more. Units have also had weekend residentials at Blair Activity Centre, Nether Auchendrane, Dumfries House, PGL and more. I encourage you all, if you haven't already, to consider running a day event, sleepover or camp at our very own Blair Activity Centre - it's a great resource, with loads of fun activities (the caving container from Netherurd a particular favourite!)

That brings me nicely to our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which we held at Blair on Thursday 2nd June. We got the perfect weather, were well fed, with good music, a variety of activities, and we got to spend it all with old, and new, friends. We were lucky enough to have Deputy Scottish Chief Commissioner, Gail Fox, join us for a surprise presentation too! Isabel McNicoll, who many of you will know as previously County Treasurer, but has held many roles during her time with Ayrshire North, received the Scottish Chief Commissioner Award! We then were part of a historical moment as our County President, Kim Main, lit an official Girlguiding beacon at the same time as 69 other Girlguiding beacons.

It was such a monumental event, and even more poignant now, following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022. I'm sure that most of us shed a tear at the loss of our patron, and an inspirational Guide.

And here we are, 70 years after she became our patron, going back to a promise to serve our King. I hope you all take the chance to renew your promise with your Units - but no doubt we'll all stumble over that single word change for many years to come.

With that change, comes other change and opportunity too. The next 12 months will see us fully implement our new County constitution (the first update since 2004) - which slims down how many people are trustees for quicker decision making and ensuring we've got the right balance of skills, and also introduces volunteers from our wider county membership onto the Executive. Lorraine Dougan Sloan of 1st Valley Rangers is our first new trustee, and we'll be looking to recruit another in the New Year.

We also welcome Teresa Baños, a Development Officer for the Regional Innovation, Inclusion, and Growth Project. She'll be working with Ayrshire North, and our neighbours Ayrshire South, to help traditionally under-represented groups access Girlguiding in innovative and exciting new ways. If you have any ideas, please let us know, and we'll keep you all up to date on the project.

We're also going international again, with a small but perfectly formed County group travelling to Girlguiding Scotland's Dart to Dublin event in the Easter holidays. Hopefully the start of more international adventures.

We'll also say goodbye to the Leadership Qualification as we know it today, and welcome in the new Leadership Development Programme. It looks great, and will hopefully encourage more volunteers to take on leadership. Even if you're already a qualified leader, have a look at the new programme on the learning platform.

Finally, I've had the pleasure of presenting 27 Gold Awards to our young members over the last 12 months and its fantastic speaking to our young members and hearing about all the activities they've done. But the thing I always come away with, is how much time, effort, and enthusiasm our volunteers put into Girlguiding and giving girls and young women a safe space to be themselves, make friends, learn new skills, challenge themselves, and most importantly, have fun.

Girlguiding wouldn't exist without volunteers, and so my final and biggest thanks goes to every single one of you!

Louise Crichton
County Commissioner



Know Myself



1st West Kilbride Rainbows return!



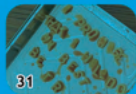
International Women's Day



1st Newmilns Guides learned about the suffragette movement through this fun activity in the UMA - Votes for Women!

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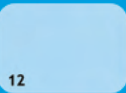
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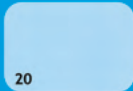
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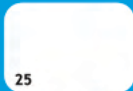
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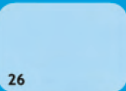
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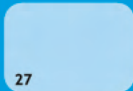
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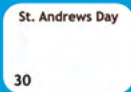
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Rainbow Fun Day!



In April, 138 Rainbows and volunteers descended on Eglinton Park for a day of fun! The Rainbows got to learn about and hold owls, had a silent disco, crafting, ice cream, and of course bouncy castles!

Rainbows

Ayrshire North County



1st Dregghorn Rainbows set sail!



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Units

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Members

DECEMBER

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Schools Finish
(NA & EA)

Christmas Eve

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Christmas Day

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Boxing Day

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Hogmanay

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Be Well



3rd Ardrossan Rainbows keep fit!



Trefoil at our Platinum Jubilee Event



Ayrshire North held a volunteer event in June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Blair Activity Centre. Members were able to experience a range of activities such as inflatable obstacle courses and indoor curling.

JANUARY

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Burns Night

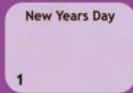
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Thinking Day 2021



For Thinking Day in February, Ayrshire North County came together to Irvine to do a big beach clean-up. We raised over £1000 to donate towards the Ayrshire Hospice Capital Build Project!



Lots of rubbish to collect!



Ayrshire North Trefoil

FEBRUARY

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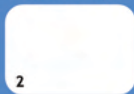
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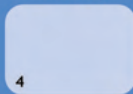
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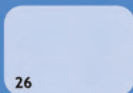
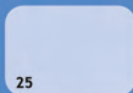
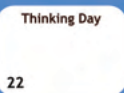
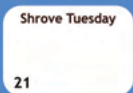
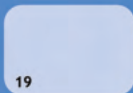
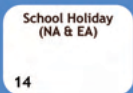
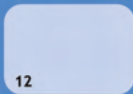
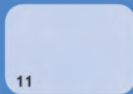
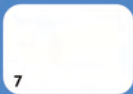
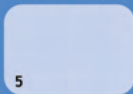
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County Awards 2021-22

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

40 YEARS

Doreen Gray (Vice President)

30 YEARS

Lorna McGee (1st Newmilns Brownies)

Debbie Welsh (2nd Stewarton Guides)

Mary Pert (1st St Andrews Rainbows)

Shirely McGinty (1st Fairlie Brownies)

20 YEARS

Kirsty Clark (2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)

Kenny Cowan (4th Irvine Guides)

Lorna Carey (3rd Dregghorn Brownies)

10 YEARS

Carol-ann Lennon (24th Irvine Brownies)

Claire Rimicans (3rd Pennyburn Rainbows)

Erin Fagan (Kilmarnock Rangers)

Mandy McLachlan (1st Pennyburn Brownies)

Shirley Rankin (1st Stewarton Guides)

5 YEARS

Amy McGowan (1st Kilmaurs Brownies)

Gail McKelvie (5th Pennyburn Brownies)

Jennifer Harkins (1st Garnock Valley Rangers)

Johan Milliken (5th Largs Guides)

Kayleigh Murphy (2nd Kilbirnie (Auld Kirk) Rainbows)

Laura Vipond (1st Shiskine Rainbows)

Lauren Robertson (1st Galston Rainbows)

Nicole Martin (1st Bourtreehill Rainbows)

Shannon McCafferty (2nd Kilbirnie

(Auld Kirk) Rainbows)

Zoe Breingan (3rd Pennyburn Brownies)

LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATION

Amy McDonald (1st Kilmaurs Brownies)

Bethanie Bell (Module 1) (1st Beith Rainbows)

Calix Winning (Module 1) (1st Valley Rangers)

Christina Ritchie (1st Stewarton Brownies)

Gillian Wood (2nd West Kilbride Guides)

Laura Wilson (1st Onthank Rainbows)

Lisa Cowan (Module 4) (1st Newmilns Brownies)

Lottie Winning (Module 1) (1st Darvel Guides)

Megan Sharp (1st Bourtreehill Rainbows)

Nicola Mooney (25th Kilmarnock Guides)

Nicole Martin (1st Bourtreehill Rainbows)

Nour Ramadan (5th Largs Guides)

Shannon Dunlop (1st Kilmaurs Brownies)

GOING AWAY WITH

Cheryl Campbell (5th Dregghorn Guides)

Mary Anne Gibson (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Rowan Carswell (1st Kilwinning Guides)

GROWING GUIDING AWARD

5th Largs Guides Leaders

1st Fairlie Brownies Leaders

QUEEN'S GUIDE

Calix Winning (1st Valley Rangers)

SCOTTISH CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S AWARD

Isabel McNicoll (Blair Activity Centre Treasurer)



GOLD AWARDS

Alice Goldie (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Alyia Shafique (2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)

Belle Broadley (3rd A Howard Rainbows)

Cameron Vint (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Cara Henderson (1st Shiskine Brownies)

Chloe Sweaton (24th Irvine Brownies)

Eileen Webster (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Ellie Wallace (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Emma Armstrong (2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)

Emma McSorley (1st Dregghorn Rainbows)

Erin Bissett (2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)

Ernie Southwick (1st Shiskine Brownies)

Iona Gibson (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Jasmine Murphy (16th Irvine Brownies)

Jessica Grieg (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Kate Shelly (2nd West Kilbride Guides)

Kayleigh Murphy (1st Castlepark Guides)

Layla Reid (24th Irvine Brownies)

Lily McNair (24th Irvine Brownies)

Lucianna Jackson (24th Irvine Brownies)

Madison Ogg (1st Castlepark Guides)

Orlah Fulton (24th Irvine Brownies)

Rebecca Dunsmuir (2nd Kilmarnock Guides)

Roslyn Gibson (5th Ardrossan Guides)

Sophie Rice (2nd West Kilbride Guides)

Summer Hollywood (1st Castlepark Guides)

Zoe Hammond (2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	St. David's Day 1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	St. Patrick's Day 17	18	Mothering Sunday 19
20	21	22	23	24	25	Daylight Saving Time Begins 26
27	28	29	30	Schools Finish (NA & EA) 31	1	2

Express Myself



Crafts with 3rd Ardrossan Guides



Rainbows & Brownies get creative!



1st Stewarton Brownies sent and received cards from other brownie units over the UK to celebrate Thinking Day. The girls then tried to find where their cards came from on the map.

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Schools Return
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Brownie Sleepover!



In June, Ayrshire North Brownies took to the high seas with a sleepover at the Tall Ship in Glasgow! The day was filled with pirate activities and watching movies from sleeping bags at night. A fun adventure for all!

Brownies

Ayrshire North County



3rd Ardrossan Brownies Awards

47

Units

628

Members

MAY

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School Holiday (NA & EA) - May Day 1	2	3	4	5	The Coronation of His Majesty The King 6	7
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Have Adventures



1st Darvel Guides completing DofE



3rd and 3rd A Howard Rainbows Torch walk



5th Dregghorn Brownies took a trip to the Seaside Centre for a sleepover! The unit got to experience a range of activities from petting aquatic creatures to sleeping in the tropical ocean tunnel.

"I enjoyed the Seaside Centre sleepover because you got to sleep beside the fish and get a tour around the centre." - Olivia (Brownie)

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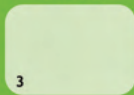
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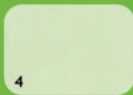
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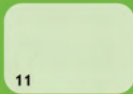
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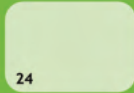
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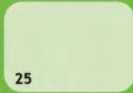
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Schools Finish (NA)

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Schools Finish (EA)

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Alton Towers Trip!



Ayrshire North Guides & Rangers took to the road to visit Alton Towers theme park! A day of laughs and screams as they brave the roller coasters!

Guides

Ayrshire North County



2nd Kilmarnock Guides Award Night

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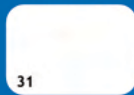
Units

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Members

JULY

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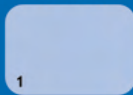
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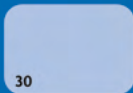
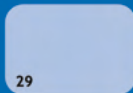
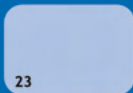
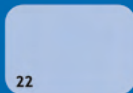
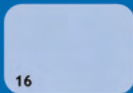
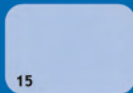
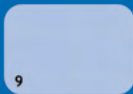
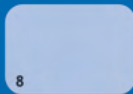
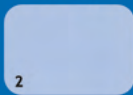
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Skills for my Future



2nd Kilmarnock Guides learn First Aid



1st Hurlford Guides upcycling furniture



1st Newmilns Brownies worked towards their Skills for the Future theme award by completing the 'Can you Solve it' and 'Magical Mixtures' UMA's

AUGUST

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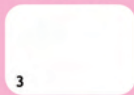
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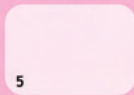
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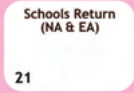
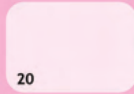
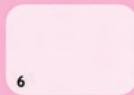
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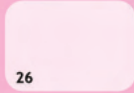
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Schools Return
(NA & EA)



COVID Hallowe'en!



1st Largs Rangers held a COVID friendly Hallowe'en Party where they had pumpkin carving and mummification (we are assured is not part of their weekly rituals!)

RANGERS

Ayrshire North County



Ayrshire North Stars for TV Ad!



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SEPTEMBER

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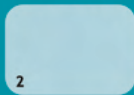
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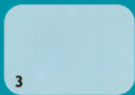
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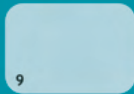
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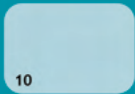
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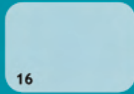
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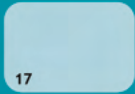
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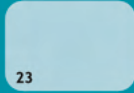
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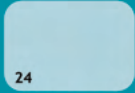
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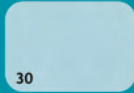
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Take Action



Ayrshire North pays respect to Queen Elizabeth



5th Dreghorn Brownies Kilt Walk



"3rd Ardrossan Rainbows completed their Bronze Award this year, which is amazing. Over the summer we took our girls on a trip to Heads of Ayr Farm Park. We had our annual Sponsored bounce in February and raised over £1400 this year!"

OCTOBER

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Hallowe'en

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Schools Finish
(NA & EA)

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Schools Return (NA)

Schools Return (EA)

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Daylight Saving
Time Ends

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Girlguiding UK (306016)

President: Her Royal Highness the Countess of Wessex
Chief Guide: Amanda Medler

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President: Linda Urquhart
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