









Girlguiding

Ayrshire North county

Annual Report

2025 - 2026

County President Report

I am deeply honoured to have been invited and appointed as your new County President in May and very aware of the big shoes to fill after Kim's amazing 15 years as your President. We all owe her a great deal of gratitude for that service, the fun and the friendship she gave so willingly to us all. We have kind of swapped roles as Kim is now a Vice President.

I have spent most of my Guiding career in Ayrshire North and understand only too well the great talent and contributions of our volunteers. I'm proud to be an Ayrshire North Guide and hope to serve you well.

Our Girls have had many great opportunities this year such as visiting Canada and the Calgary Stampede, Switzerland and Our Chalet and England to join Guides and Scouts at Poacher.

Our 50th Year as a Girlguiding County deserved celebrating and our County Team led a great fun day at Blair Activity centre with loads of modern and traditional Guiding fun activities. Our Celebration Banner was sewn by 129 Rainbow, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Leaders. It is heading to Blair Badger Hall for display and has badges donated by many folks in the county to represent all the amazing opportunities for girls and young women our volunteers have provided over 50 years.

Unit visits to Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers have been very exciting and let me see just what amazing success our volunteers are having by giving individual girls opportunities and rewards for their individual successes. I saw many proud parents at award ceremonies.

Behind the scenes our County Team of Commissioners, Advisers, Trainers and Appointment holders do immense work to keep local guiding running smoothly.

Nationally the launch of our new uniforms brought lots of positive publicity and sent out the message that girls in Guiding have a big say in future Girlguiding UK developments as many across the UK were involved in the designs.

Scotland wide there is a new energy around the roles of Vice Presidents. Some will be "Active" and some will be "Honorary" We know that the active VPs are ready to support you all. Sarah and I met with our VP Team and we have started planning our way forward including training and role development.

All I have seen in just a few months hardly scrapes the surface of everything that you volunteers do all year round to bring confidence, happiness, success and friendship to the girls and young women in Girlguiding Ayrshire North. I give you my greatest thanks.

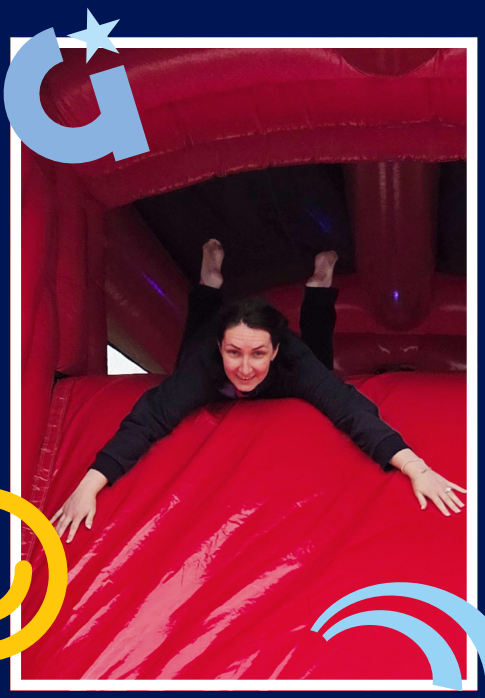
Marjorie Durie OBE
County President



County Commissioner Report

I can't believe another year has passed, and we're organising the annual review again.

What a brilliant year it's been in GGAN, we had our training day back in Feb where leaders from both North & South came together to renew trainings, swap ideas and catch up. Shortly after that we had another fabulous Thinking Day event to celebrate 100 years - it was filled with fun, laughter and a colours parade. We said a fond farewell to Kim Main in her role as county president, and warmly welcomed Marjorie Durie onboard. I'm delighted Marjorie agreed to take on the role, and I'm very grateful for her support and knowledge.



In the summer we celebrated Ayrshire North's 50th birthday with a two day event at Blair. 150+ Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Volunteers joined us to celebrate the big event and we enjoyed campfire cooking, bouncy castles, temporary tattoos and a silent disco - as well as lots more activities.

In addition to these big ticket events, the county team have been busy in the background ensuring all the necessary governance is completed. We've had first response sessions, a DCs training day, a GAW training day, the team attended a GGS conference, plus there's a Queens Guide meet up and a YL training day is in the works. Johan and the growth team have welcomed many new volunteers and helped process even more PVGs. Caryn has been busy with the new depot, allowing GGAN to raise money for the Help Fund and working diligently to get the new uniform to units as quickly as possible. Caryn and the development team are also busy planning for trainings and meet ups in 2027 - watch this space. There's lots going on within the county and I would personally like to thank every one of the county team for everything they've done this year - I am so grateful to have an amazing team behind me.

I also want to thank every volunteer within Ayrshire North. You all play a vital role as part of the jigsaw of the County and help to complete Ayrshire North. Roll on 2027, I'm excited to see what we can achieve together.

Sarah Williams
County Commissioner

County Statistics

109	359	1316
Units	Volunteers	Young Members

31	371	Rainbows
Units	Members	Ayrshire North county

Brownies	41	561
Ayrshire North county	Units	Members

30	346	Guides
Units	Members	Ayrshire North county

Rangers	13	38
Ayrshire North county	Units	Members

Celebrating the Past and Future





6th Kilwinning Brownies celebrated their 40th Birthday party this year, including having a special pack holiday themed from 1980s to date. A special shout out to 2nd Kilwinning Guides and Rangers for joining us on the pack holiday for this very special occasion.

Shiona Gilmour
6th Kilwinning Brownies



We had a special opening night for our new Rainbow Unit, 3rd Dreghorn Rainbows. We had 10 signed up but only 6 were able to attend on the night. The girls played games, learned the beginning song and programme details and obviously ended with parachute games. The girls also helped to design our huge banner to celebrate the unit opening.

Hazel McSorley
3rd Dreghorn Rainbows

No Rainbows, No Party!



What a year it has been for 1st Dreghorn Rainbows!

We had around the world Sleepover in November where the girls learnt about lots of different countrys and cultures. We have did a first aid and covered so many skill builders and UMAs along with building bird houses as a parent event. We celebrated Pudsy night raising money for children in Need.

We enjoyed the cinema and a festive light walk before our Christmas party, from den building to Junk modelling, star gazing and cloud watching, crafting and even a bit of glitter.

We took part in our annual Gala festival this year being 'No Rainbows No Party' to cover the World Cup.

We said a fond farewell to one of our leaders and one of our young leaders moving into the next stages of there lives we wish them well.

Angela Bilham
1st Dreghorn Rainbows

We would like to give a special mention to our old Rainbow, Rebekah Watson, for completing all 24 interest badges.

In 2025, new interest badges were launched as part of the 7th anniversary of the new programme. Rebekah had gained all interest badges prior to the new release; and with 1 term to go before moving up to Brownies, she wanted to try to get them all!

We are delighted to say in January 2026, before she moved to 5th Dreghorn Brownies, she had completed all 24 interests badge with so much hard work put into earning each badge.

Well done Rebekah for an amazing achievement!

Swiss Fun and Being Well





My favourite night has been the Food challenge part of the Switzerland badge particularly the hot chocolate and I loved learning all about Switzerland this term!

Sophie, aged 9
5th Kilwinning Brownies

We had a great time at Thinking Day, including having 2 promise ceremonies

We had a special visit from Amy at the Dog's Trust to learn about how to approach a dog safely. We also learned how to perform first aid!

This term we are doing the Switzerland Challenge badge - Painting Our Chalet and food related activities including hot chocolate, making chocolate mountain cakes and using fruit and marshmallows to make the Swiss flag

Keryn Louise
5th Kilwinning Brownies



Let's go on a Brownie Safari!







In March 2026 we took part in the Cityscapes event where we went on a Scavenger Hunt around Glasgow.

It was great fun doing selfies, gathering points and the highlight of the day was finding the Wellington Statue that we looked everywhere for!

We also went to Blair Drummond with 2nd Girdle Toll Brownie Unit and 2nd Bourtreehill Guide Unit in June 2026.

The girls had a fab time. One Brownie had never seen a live Giraffe before and it was her favourite animal. Her face was a picture. The highlights from the day were trying to avoid the Birds of Prey in their display and the Sea Lion show at the end. Safe to say the girls were exhausted at the end of the day. The Leaders also had a fab time too.

Hazel McSorley
3rd Dreghorn Brownies

Great Outdoor Adventures

I went to Dolphin House with Hurlford Brownies and Guides it was so fun!

For two nights I got to stay in a cabin with all my friends, along with so many fun activities.

One of my favourite activities was paddleboarding because I was sharing a paddleboard with my friend, and when I was testing my balance by standing up I fell in the water nearly every time!

One of my other favourite activities was abseiling. I went down the cliff and although it wasn't very high I enjoyed getting to do it. After abseiling I got to go down to the beach and look for crabs.

I wasn't a big fan of den building because not only was I horrible at it, my leader was joking that we were going to sleep there! No thank you.





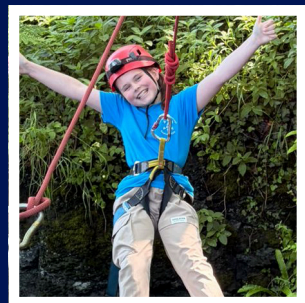


I really enjoyed rock pooling because it was so interesting seeing what crabs and creatures we could find. Some of them were so cute, some of them were not so cute.

I also really enjoyed the campfire because it was so nice getting warm and roasting marshmallows with all my friends.

Iona
1st Hurlford Guides

Our Year in Photos

























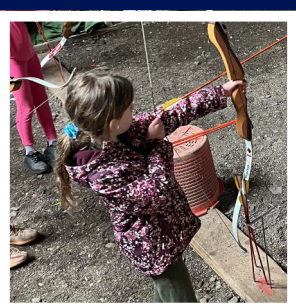




















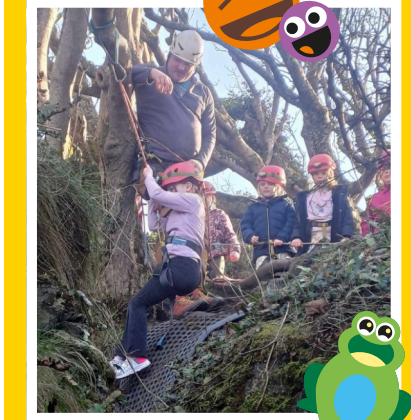
Sleepover Fun!

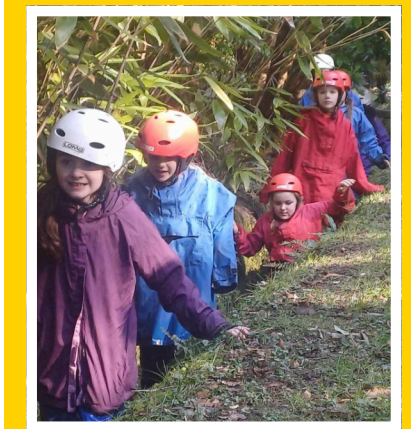
We decided we wanted to another sleepover but this time, go for the other end of the budget and have a sleepover that was fully catered and activities with qualified instructors, so went to Dolphin House at Culzean Castle, South Ayrshire.

The brownies and leaders took part in night walks, the ditch challenge, abseiling, feeding reindeer, archery, rock pooling and a saturday night campfire with marshmallows, where we taught the instructor 'The Worm song'.

To fund the trip we did lots of fundraising as a unit, Party Bingo, bonus ball cards, and grants. As the money was raised by the whole unit but only 15 girls came on the sleepover, we also had a recent visit from Owl Magic to including all the girls in the unit.

Kirsty Macniven
1st Kilmaurs Brownies









1st Kilmaurs Guides Adventures

We celebrated Chinese New Year and played a game with chopsticks.

We have had a busy year we started with a games night playing silly games and we learned a few new card games which were great fun.

We watched a movie and drank hot chocolate, made lip balm, completed an easter egg hunt round the park and rolled (or threw) decorated easter eggs down the hill some took lots of throwing to crack and some even burst before they were even rolled.

We had a visit from Kilmarnock Fire Service and we had a shot of the hoses they were extremely powerful they spoke to us about the terrible fire in Kilmarnock where a building was so badly damaged it had to be knocked down.

We had our usual halloween party and christmas party with the brownies and we finished with a summer party where even the ice cream van came for a visit.

We had a self care night where I ate all the cucumber that was meant for putting on our eyes while relaxing with the face mask on.

We walked round our village and collected litter.

We have had so much fun this year, i'm looking forward to more fun next year!



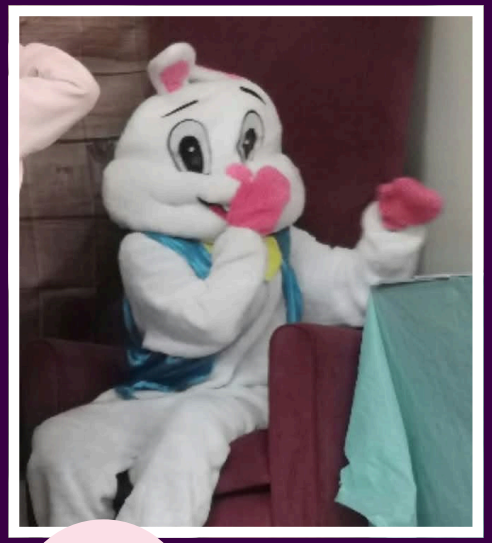
Eggs and Gold Awards

Our unit was filled with Eggs and Awards!

One of our highlights this year has been one of our Rangers getting their Gold Award dressed as the Easter bunny for the Easter Breakfast at Love Hall. We also had members make their Ranger promise.

Amy McConnachie
1st Pennyburn Rangers







"We're hopping mad in Rangers!

Rambles & Riches with Trefoil

I am delighted to report that we continue to have three thriving Trefoil Guilds in Ayrshire North, each maintaining its numbers and offering a rich, varied programme.

Rambles remain a firm favourite not only within our County but across Scotland. We owe a great deal to Liz Howie, whose dedication over the years ensured so many members could enjoy these experiences. We were all immensely proud to see Liz presented with the Trefoil Award — the first person in Scotland to receive this honour.

As ever, our activities this year have been wonderfully diverse. We believe we truly offer something for everyone, with no expectation that members take part in anything that doesn't suit their interests. Some enjoy working towards awards, while others prefer to focus on friendship, fun and shared experiences.

Our outings have included trips to the theatre, making Christmas cakes, a visit to the Scottish Parliament, the Orient Express Experience in Edinburgh, and an exploration of the history of Glasgow Central Station. We have continued to meet with other Guilds. UIV kindly hosted a very successful joint lunch with Ayrshire South, when we all had a lovely lunch and enjoyed time meeting up with friends old and new for. Alongside these events, we have continued with crafts, challenges and a huge variety of other activities — far too many to list.



I am deeply grateful to all our members for keeping the spirit of the Trefoil Guild alive and well in Ayrshire North. Anyone wishing for further details about joining one of our Guilds or making contact with us is very welcome to get in touch at martha.mccrea@sky.com.

Martha McCrea
Chair - Trefoil Ayrshire North

Guiding in Irvine and Dreghorn

What a year it has been for Irvine & Dreghorn Division!

When I took over as Division Commissioner, one of my goals was to open five new units across Irvine and Dreghorn. I genuinely thought this would be a five-year goal, but I'm incredibly proud to say that we have already successfully opened three new units!

We welcomed 1st Bourtreehill Brownies, a fantastic new unit of 10 girls led by the wonderful Gayle and her team. When I first spoke with Gayle, I could immediately see her passion for Brownies and the dream of expanding Girlguiding within the Bourtreehill area. After lots of great discussions and planning, the unit opened its doors, with many former Rainbows returning to Girlguiding to become the very first 1st Bourtreehill Brownies! They have taken the programme by storm and are already well on their way to achieving their Bronze Award. Well done, girls!

Then came 1st Castlepark Rangers! Alison came to me and simply said, "The girls don't want to leave," and as Division Commissioner, I didn't want them to leave either! Alison and her team got together and discussed opening a Rangers unit – and look at them now! The unit is thriving, and what makes me even prouder is seeing so many of the girls wanting to follow in the footsteps of Alison, Carol-ann and the team by becoming Young Leaders. Several have already spoken to me about wanting to progress even further and eventually become Leaders themselves. One very proud DC!

Finally, we welcomed 3rd Dreghorn Rainbows. This unit had been in discussion for a while, and over the summer we were finally able to bring all the plans together. After speaking with our Rainbow units across the Division, it was clear that waiting lists were getting longer and longer, with our existing units already at full capacity. With the support of our Rainbow Leaders, we contacted those on the waiting list and were able to welcome another 15 girls into our Division! From everything I hear, the unit is already thriving, and the girls love the fact that they are the very first Rainbows of 3rd Dreghorn – the original OGs!



As Division Commissioner, I couldn't be prouder of everything Irvine & Dreghorn Division has achieved this year. None of this would be possible without the dedication, enthusiasm and countless hours given by every one of my amazing volunteers. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and seeing more girls being given the opportunity to experience Girlguiding makes it all worthwhile.

Here's to reaching our goal of five new units... although at this rate, maybe we should aim for ten!

Stephanie Sharp
Division Commissioner (Irvine and Dreghorn)

Switzerland 2026





Team Switzerland 2026 arrived home safe and sound after the best 10 days of adventures,amazing memories and making friendship's that will last a lifetime!

We started our adventure in Geneva exploring and swimming in the lake then travelled to Abdelboden where the real adventure began we squeezed in so much from visiting woodcarver, swimming in the best outdoor pool(3 times lol), adventure park with more zip lines than I have even seen before and jumping off a bridge, walking up a waterfall, giant swing off mountain, visiting the Swiss cows, bolder wall, visiting local village, kayaking in Lake Brienz, visiting Interlaken, mountain coaster in Kandersteg, visiting Lake Oeschinen (Oeschinensee), outdoor cooking, numerous cable cars, Hamish our trip mascot got more attention than could ever imagine (think traffic cone on his head didn't help) shopping in Geneva, big wheel and much much more!! We even had 2 girls Sweet 16th!!

We were so lucky that we got to stay in the original Our Chalet where the girls came to life and were a total credit to county they done us so proud! They took part in every night time activity including opening ceremony (badge pinning), birthday party for Our Chalet where our girls taught everyone ceilidh dancing, Swiss night, campfire, closing ceremony and international night where Ayrshire North deffo brought the party!! They made friends from America, Canada, England and Germany!! We have been invited to visit a few.

Anyone thinking about doing an international I would highly recommend it!!!

Over and out from Team Switzerland 2026!!!

Ashley McDonald
Team Switzerland 2026





Long Service Awards

40 years service

Elma Craig *(14th Kilmarnock Brownies)*

30 years service

Joanna Blane *(1st Stevenston Guides)*
Helen Haggarty *(5th Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Morag Logan *(1st Darvel Rainbows)*
Ann Norwood *(1st Stevenston Brownies)*

20 years service

Lynn Coull *(2nd Beith Brownies)*
Shiona Gilmour *(6th Kilwinning Brownies)*
Sharon Goode *(1st Hurlford Rainbows)*
Christine Johnstone *(2nd Kilbirnie (Auld Kirk) Guides)*
Gillian McDade *(1st Stevenston Rainbows)*
Lou Moffat *(2nd Bourtreehill Guides)*
Lorna White *(1st Galston Brownies)*

10 years service

Krystle Baird *(10th Old Parish Church Brownies and Guides)*
Tracy Clark *(1st Arran Rainbows)*
Gillian Cooper *(2nd Girdle Toll Brownies)*
Allison Lennon *(1st Castlepark Guides)*
Gayle Lucas *(1st Bourtreehill Brownie and Guides)*
Amy McGowan *(1st Kilmaurs Brownies)*
Sarah Milligan *(5th Dreghorn Brownies)*

5 years service

Molly Ashraf *(5th Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Erin Black *(2nd Kilmarnock Guides)*
Liz Finningan *(24th Irvine Brownies)*
Jennifer Flavell *(4th Largs Brownies)*
Catherine Hubbard *(5th Pennyburn Brownies)*
Vickie Hume *(5th Dreghorn Brownies)*
Sarah Morton *(1st Newmilns Guides)*
Lauren McGovern *(2nd Stewarton Rainbows)*
Jacqui Mcnair *(24th Irvine Brownies)*
Olivia Noble *(3rd Dreghorn Brownies)*
Nicole Smith *(5th Kilmarnock Guides)*
Ruth Stevenson *(1st Kilwinning Rainbows)*
Shannon Wilson *(1st Onthank Rainbows)*

Queens Guide Award

Erin Malcolm *(1st Kilmarnock Rangers)*







Young Member Awards

Grace Allan *(1st Pennyburn Rainbows)*
Hollie Bennison *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Aila Boyce *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Millie Brown *(2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Erin Brown *(3rd A Howard Rainbows)*
Ella Bryden *(1st Stewarton Brownies)*
Piper Burns *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Zarah Burns *(2nd Kilmaurs Rainbows)*
Sophia Campbell *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Anya Chundoo *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Lauren Conway *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Katie Cook *(3rd A Howard Rainbows)*
Flo Cowan *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Rosie Cripps *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Honey Cunningham *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Robyn Dorrian *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Emily Downes *(1st Hurlford Guides)*
Ellie Dreyer *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Molly Evans *(2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Amy Ferguson *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Charlotte Ferrera *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Sophie Haddow *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Ruby Hammond *(1st Stewarton Brownies)*
Chloe Hefron *(1st Stewarton Brownies)*
Ava Hunter *(2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Esther James *(1st Stewarton Brownies)*
Grace Jarvie *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*





Lucy Kirkwood *(1st Kilwinning Rainbows)*
Freya Marshall *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Sofia Marshall *(1st Pennyburn Rainbows)*
Eva Marshall *(1st Stewarton Brownies)*
Millie Matthews *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Abigail McGilvray *(2nd A Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Melissa McGilvray *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Ellie McGinn *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Mila McKee *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Evie McKee *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Bonnie Mullen *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Sloane Murray *(3rd A Howard Rainbows)*
Lacey Neish *(1st Hurlford Guides)*
Margo Nicholson *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Poppy Oliver *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Millie Parris *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Emily Pringle *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Isla Riley *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Emily Robertson *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Issy Rodger *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Holly Spence *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Judith Spence *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Emilia Steel *(3rd Howard Rainbows)*
Rosy Still *(1st West Kilbride Rainbows)*
Olivia Sutherland *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*
Morgan Templeton *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Florence Tyack *(2nd Kilmarnock Brownies)*
Zara Wallace *(3rd West Kilbride Brownies)*
Rebekah Watson *(1st Dreghorn Rainbows)*

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