

Girlguiding Epsom division

Annual Report 2022

This report provides an update on the activities and governance of Girlguiding Epsom division during 2022.

Girlguiding's Mission: Whoever they are, wherever they're from, girls can do anything. Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower girls to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

Girlguiding's Values: Our values are our shared commitment to be caring, challenging, empowering, fun, inclusive and inspiring.

The Division Team

Division Commissioner	Mary Zoeller (Trustee)
Assistant Division Commissioner	Tracey Pettit
Division Treasurer	Jackie Huitson (Trustee)
Division Secretary	Nova Macdonald
Rainbow Section Adviser	Andrea Vaughan (Trustee)
Brownie Section Adviser	Elaine Briggs (Trustee)
Guide Section Adviser	Rachel King (Trustee)
Rangers/Young Leaders/DofE Adviser	Alex Lorenz (Trustee)
Outdoor Activities Adviser	Michelle Hall (Trustee)
Courses Administrator	Clare Lywood
GO Administrator/Awards Coordinator	Claire Orpin
Trefoil Representative	Jenie Dore

Division Commissioner's Report

It has been wonderful to see units going back to doing everything they love about Girlguiding and the return of trips, events, pack holidays, camps and sleepovers after the pandemic.

2022 saw more changes with the online learning platform and new leader development programme being launched. These are designed to make the process of qualifying as a unit leader and undertaking training less time-consuming and more relevant and up to date for volunteers.

To reflect the new restructure of the Division team our constitution was updated in 2022. We held three committee meetings in 2022 (one per term) in March, June and September.

We celebrated World Thinking Day by units taking part in a variety of activities based on palindromes (as 22/02/2022 was one!) Ewell Units helped the village win silver in the annual South & South East in Bloom competition and units supported Wildlife Aid charity in Leatherhead by taking part in their IDots (I Do One Thing) challenge.

In early June Girlguiding came together to celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign for the Platinum Jubilee. Leaders attended the beacon lighting on Epsom Downs, units took part in Jubilee parties and it was a wonderful opportunity to remind people of the Queen's involvement with Girlguiding as a Guide, Ranger and then later in life as our patron. Also in June, some lucky Epsom Division Guides formed part of a guard of honour at the Epsom Derby where they welcomed the Royal Party including Princess Anne to the racecourse.

It is all the more poignant to look back at those celebrations now after Her Majesty passed away in September. Leaders volunteered as marshalls in London during the Queen's lying in state and many attended to pay their respects to represent their units and the division. Leaders and volunteers planted a hornbeam at the campsite in honour of the Queen and the tree is now officially registered as part of the Queen's Green Canopy 2022.

Guides got competitive at the division Football Festival held at Blenheim School where they met and were trained by Chelsea Girls Football Academy.

Summer Fun at the Campsite was back and as popular as ever with a record number of girls attending. Many units went to the county Activity Days held at

Faurefold, Surrey East county's holiday house and campsite, and after an absence of five years Guide and Scout units from across Surrey enjoyed the return of Scoutabout held in Ardingly in July.

In October many Epsom leaders attended Surrey East County Day in Horley and Epsom Division Guides had a fantastic afternoon at the campsite solving clues and working out puzzles at the Little Acres Treasure Hunt.

In November Epsom leaders joined other representatives from Girlguiding Surrey East to volunteer as stewards at the Royal Albert Hall for the Festival of Remembrance. This was the first Remembrance commemorations observed by HRH King Charles III, and it was a moving and unforgettable experience for everyone involved. Many units took part in their local remembrance parades across the division.

Also in November Brownies enjoyed an evening of activities and games at Little Acres Campsite in Horton County Park at Brownie Winter Fun. Units took part in Parliament Week learning more about local democracy and leaders and Guides volunteered at the annual Epsom Fireworks.

In December many units went to the Girlguiding only cinema screening of the new Matilda the Musical film, and two of 7th Epsom Brownies travelled to London and attended the press junket interviewing Emma Thompson (a former Girlguiding member herself) and Alisha Weir who play Miss Trunchbull and Matilda.

We ran a pick a prize stall at Ewell Yule in aid of Little Acres and many brave leaders joined Epsom Rotary for a few cold evenings out with Santa and Tilly the Train spreading Christmas joy and raising funds for local charities. We are very grateful for the support and encouragement given to us by our Trefoil members at many events this year.

Our Campsite Little Acres has its own committee and a separate annual report has been produced to summarise the activities that took place in 2022. During the year £49,795 was raised for Little Acres Lodge, through a combination of fundraising events, donations and grants. Well done and thank you to the Campsite Committee including the Fundraising Sub-Committee who have all worked very hard again.

The number of girls registered in Epsom Division increased again in 2022 and at the end of the year there were 535 girls registered (106 Rainbows, 238 Brownies, 174 Guides and 17 Rangers) and enrolled in our 28 units.

At the end of 2022 there were 137 members and recognised volunteers comprising 54 leaders, 70 volunteers and 13 young leaders, a similar number to 2021.

In 2022 many well deserved awards were presented and congratulations go to:

Charity Nicholls was given the County Good Service Award.

Laura and Hilary Gudge were presented with Girlguiding Hero Awards.

Mary Zoeller received the LaSER Region Chief Commissioners Award.

Six Leaders completed their leadership qualifications in 2022: Emily Vaughan, Robyn Hill, Amelia Harding, Pamela Keenan, Alison Keam and Louise Beadle.

Carla Woodcock and Sarah Clanfield gained their Going Away With Scheme qualifications.

Long Service Awards were given to Sue Sparrow and Jackie Huitson for 30 years each, Claire Orpin and Paula Bermingham for 20 years each, and Emily Vaughan for five years.

Looking forward to 2023 we have already held a hugely successful World Thinking Day Sleepover at Epsom Racecourse and we are looking forward to Brownies attending Surrey Scouts SCRAM event at Hook Road Arena with the cubs, and the division Rainbow Fun Day both to be held in June. We are planning on taking part in the Rotary Showcase, Epsom Community Fair, Summer Fun at the Campsite and The Big Help Out during the Coronation weekend.

The division is only this successful due to the incredible division team, leaders and volunteers who continue to inspire and enthuse their units, giving up so much of their spare time to ensure girls in our area are receiving an incredible Girlguiding experience. Thank you to everyone for your commitment, hard work and sense of humour!

This will be my last year as Epsom division commissioner. If you are interested in taking over the role or would like to recommend someone please speak to me in confidence for a no-obligation chat.

Mary Zoeller
Epsom Division Commissioner
March 2023



Balance Sheet 2022				
		Amount		
Credits		£98,826.75		
Debits		£81,806.75		
Balance of C/A		£17,020.00		
Deposit Account Balance		£43,731.00		
Unpresented Cheques		£0.00		
Total		<u>£60,751.00</u>		
Credits				
B/F Current Account	£24,373.27			
B/f Deposit Account	£118,363.90			
Campsite - Donations/JustGiv/ Bookings/Grants	£26,993.62			
Camps/Events	£12,170.00			
Census (subscriptions)	£1,857.00			
Unit - account closures	£663.06			
Division - Donations	£94.43			
Division Events	£2,010.42			
Interest	£59.44			
Utilites - Refund	£14,274.08			
		£200,859.22	<u>£58,122.05</u>	Income
Debits				
Building Work/Maintenance/ Power Networks	£134,180.34			
Camps/Events	£2,855.70			
Census (subscriptions)	£74.00			
Division Expenses	£365.70			
Insurance	£779.00			
Long Service	£68.00			
Misc - campsite	£47.50			
Rent/Rates	£1,424.00			
Utilites	£313.98			
		<u>£140,108.22</u>		Expenditure
Bank Statements Total		<u>£60,751.00</u>		
Prepared by: Jackie Huitson		Approved by: Mary Zoeller		



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Guide Association - Epsom Division

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1051185

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Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

24/3/23

Name:

VICKY JONES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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