Girlguiding
Somerset North

Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025
Charity Registered in England and Wales Number: 1165366

Girlguiding Somerset North
Reference and Administrative Details
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Trustees	C J Welford (Chair of Trustees) C Blease M Bolwell L Cowgill M Kent-Webster A MacDonald J M Micciche E Rimmer A Stringer C E Vine (Chair of Finance) S A Watkins
Treasurer	C Dumbell
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Principal office	41, Beechwood Avenue Locking Weston-super-Mare BS24 8DS

Girlguiding Somerset North
Trustees' Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees present their report, along with the financial statements of the charity, for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies and comply with the charity's governing schemes and applicable law, statutory regulations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Girlguiding Somerset North is an unincorporated charity governed by its constitution adopted on 13 March 2021 and was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 1 February 2016.

Organisational Structure

The Executive Committee for The Guide Association – Somerset North, is a committee approved by the Operational Committee of Girlguiding South West England for the management of the Association's affairs in Girlguiding Somerset North.

The Committee is responsible for the overall governance, budgetary control, strategic planning and development of Girlguiding Somerset North in accordance with the principles, aims, values, policies and procedures of The Guide Association as set out in The Royal Charter and Byelaws and on the Girlguiding website.

The voting members of the Committee are the charity trustees of Girlguiding Somerset North in accordance with the relevant provisions of The Charities Acts.

The County Commissioner chairs the committee, which comprises five Division Commissioners, the Assistant County Commissioners for Learning and Support, Activities and Adventures, Communications, Divisions and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The primary responsibilities of the Executive Committee include;

- administering Girlguiding Somerset North in accordance with requirements of the Charities Acts, and with all other relevant legislation and regulations, and in accordance with the principles, aims, values, rules, and organisation of The Guide Association
- providing leadership and being responsible for the strategic direction and the delivery of quality Girlguiding in Somerset North
- ensuring that the national Girlguiding strategy is delivered throughout Somerset North
- being responsible for the finances of Girlguiding Somerset North by setting and approving plans and budgets to achieve the objectives above, and monitoring performance against such plans and budgets
- establishing and managing a structure of delegation and internal control
- regularly reviewing the risk to which Girlguiding Somerset North is subject and agreeing or ratifying all policies and decisions on matters which might create significant risk to Girlguiding Somerset North, in relation to finance, reputation or otherwise
- acting as a channel of communication between the Committee and the members of Girlguiding Somerset North

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Exceptional Experiences for Girls offered all ages the opportunity for residential events; camps, holidays and sleepovers. A Jampieree was held on the Grand Pier Weston-super-Mare in February to celebrate World Thinking Day, an event which was open to all ages across Somerset North. Over 580 young members and nearly 170 adult members attended the event. Over 70 Guides and Rangers attended an Outdoor Activity Day in September. We actively encourage young members and adult members to apply for selection to international events and are pleased to support them financially when they are successful. New units were opened and more girls were enjoying their membership of Girlguiding.

Rewarding Volunteer Experience, which aims to ensure new volunteers are warmly welcomed and along with current volunteers are supported and receive appropriate training, is carried out in all divisions across the county.

Thanks and Recognition events were held in each Division where leaders were presented with Long Service Awards ranging from one year to sixty years. Dedicated leaders were recognised for achieving their Leadership Qualifications and Going Away Licences. County and Region awards were also presented.

The exceptional service of several volunteers was recognised when they received national, region or county awards. All were richly deserved.

In trying to be **Inclusive and Impactful,** a range of communication methods have been utilised; email, Facebook, websites to ensure good publicity, promote activities and improve our presence in the community. Waiting lists were managed to ensure the wait to join a unit was not too long and girls with additional needs were welcomed, supported and engaged in unit activities. Remembrance Day Parades were attended, as were other activities and events within local communities.

To underlie the delivery of the programme to our young members we worked towards **Creating a Sustainable Organisation**. Commissioners ensured that DBS checks were undertaken and that members were up to date with First Response and Safe Space training. Go Co-ordinators worked hard to make sure all girl and volunteer enquiries were actioned promptly. Across the county articles appeared in local publications promoting girlguiding.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our budget for 2025 was agreed at £45,500. This was subdivided into County Management, the administration and management of the county (£12,000 - for running the county and supporting units), Activities and Adventures for our young members (£20,000), Adult Learning and Development for our volunteers (£12,500) and Communications (£1,000).

We were fortunate enough to receive a legacy which we will use to benefit our young members. Our main sources of income were from annual subscriptions and interest from our CAF accounts, Bath Building Society Account and NS&I (National Savings and Investment Bonds).

County Management - the main areas of expenditure are for volunteer expenses, which includes travel, accommodation, postage and stationery, venue hire for meetings, secure storage for our equipment, thanks and recognition events for our volunteers and Trustee Indemnity Insurance and insurance for our equipment.

Activities and Adventures - we were pleased to be able to support units with Going Away Grants towards the cost of residential events. We also supported members' participation in international events. We exceeded our allocated budget for this area of expenditure by 40% but remained within our overall budget. The additional spend indicated that more young members were experiencing all that Girlguiding can offer.

Adult Learning and Development - the majority of our spend was on First Response courses; the fees for our external provider, venue hire and travel costs. These courses are well received by members. We held a County Volunteers Day to support our adult members and recognise their commitment.

Communications -no expense was incurred during 2025.

Reserves Policy

We are actively working to reduce our reserves through positive management of our money.

We aim to hold reserves equivalent to between 15-27 months of typical expenditure.

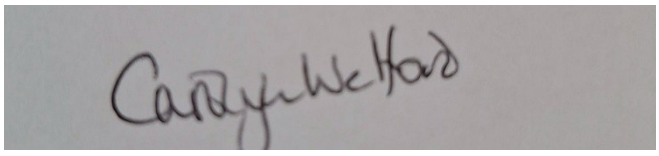
The steps we are taking to bring our reserves in line with our policy.

Use of our Going Away Grant increases year on year and reflects the dedication of our volunteers to provide residential experiences. We will continue to fund training for our volunteers to ensure they can deliver safe and effective guiding.

We actively engage with our Divisions and Districts to support, encourage and acknowledge all that our adult members do, with Thanks and Recognition events.

Our financial position is reviewed at least three times a year and decisions taken accordingly.

We are confident that our finances are robust enough to meet our needs for 2026 and beyond.



C J Welford Chair of Trustees

20th October 2026

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Girlguiding Somerset North - Receipts and Payment Account

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note		Unrestricted 2025	Unrestricted 2024
Receipts for Charitable Projects				
County Management	1		£19,819.75	£13,515.89
Activities and Adventures	2		£14,228.00	£2,605.00
Adult Learning and Development	3		£00.00	£00.00
Communications and PR	3		£00.00	£00.00
Transfer from Gold Account			£22,500.00	£22,750.00
Total Receipts			**£56,547.75**	**£38,870.89**
Payments for Charitable Projects				
County Management	1		£11,289.41	£12,505.82
Activities and Adventures	2		£28,094.60	£13,609.50
Adult Learning and Development	3		£4,280.02	£8,750.91
Communications and PR	3		£00.00	£780.95
Total Expenditure			**£43,664.03**	**£35,647.18**
Net receipts/(payments) for the year			**£12,883.72**	**£3,223.71**
Bank Balances at 31 December 2025			**£259,279.41**	**£268,895.69**
(excluding NS&I Bonds)				
ADDITIONAL ASSETS	4			
BREAKDOWN OF BANK BALANCES				
			31 December, 2025	31 December 2024
CAF General			£2,998.32	£ 2,056.91

CAF Gold			£165,987.13	£178,532.26
Bath Building Society NEW ACCOUNT			£90,293.96	£88,306.52
NS & I Accounts			£80,000.00	£80,000.00
CAF GOLD ACCOUNT				
Balance as at 31/12/24			£178,532.26	
Account interest 2025			£3,298.78	
Plus Legacy			£6,656.09	
Total			**£188,487.13**	
Less transfers to General Account			£22,500.00	
Balance as at 31/12/25			**£165,987.13**	
NOTE(1). IN ADDITION TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS, GIRLGUIDING SOMERSET NORTH HAS THE BENEFIT OF TWO NS & I BOND ACCOUNTS, WITH A COMBINED CAPITAL VALUE OF £80,000.00. MONTHLY INTEREST FROM BOTH BOND ACCOUNTS IS AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED INTO THE CAF GENERAL ACCOUNT ABOVE				
NOTE(2) BBS ACCOUNT INCLUDES INTEREST OF £1,987.44 AND SHOWN AS RECEIPTS IN ACCOUNTS SUMMARY. ACCREDITED UP TO 31/12/2025. INFORMATION TAKEN FROM WEBSITE				
NOTE(3) CAF GOLD ACCOUNT INTEREST ALSO SHOWN AS RECEIPTS IN ACCOUNTS SUMMARY				

Girlguiding Somerset North - Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

Notes to the Accounts - Sheet 1		
COUNTY MANAGEMENT	Unrestricted 2025	Unrestricted 2024
Receipts		
Legacies and donations	£6656.09	£00.00
Membership subscriptions(National Grant)	£4,692.00	£2,470.00
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Interest received (NS&I)	£2,651.74	£3,018.05
Interest received (CAF General)	£7.75	£9.05
Interest received (CAF Gold)	£3,298.78	£2,817.23
Interest received (BBS)	£1,987.44	£3,306.52
Badges & clothing	£240.95	£173.40
Miscellaneous(Refund)	£285.00	£30.00
Returned T&R/Expenses	£00.00	£671.64
Total Receipts	**£19,819.75**	**£13,515.89**
Payments		
Volunteer Expenses	£2,859.07	£4,309.41
Venue Hire	£76.40	£00.00
Badges and Clothing	£2,735.80	£1,808.30
Storage Unit	£1,571.04	£1,514.97
Membership/National subscriptions	£1,059.00	£1,230.25
Thanks and Recognition	£1,750.00	£3,081.00
Insurance	£1,078.10	£451.89
Bank Charges	£60.00	£60.00
Miscellaneous – GG SW Collection	£00.00	£50.00
Total Expenditure	**£11,289.41**	**£12,505.82**
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	**£8,530.34**	**£1,010.07**

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Notes to the Accounts - Sheet 2		

Activities and Adventures		
Receipts	Unrestricted 2025	Unrestricted 2024
D of E	£100.00	£58.00
International Opportunities (INTOPS)	£75.00	£240. 00
Drumming	£20.00	£00.00
Archery	£163.00	£102.00
Mendip Activity Day	£2,625.00	£00.00
Activity Fund SW Guiding	£590.00	£00.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£500.00	£00.00
Bath/West Show	£720.00	£00.00
County Training Day	£700.00	£1,070.00
Jampieree 2025	£8,635.00	£1,005.00
Miscellaneous (Hall deposit return)	£100.00	£130.00
Total Receipts	**£14,228.00**	**£2,605.00**
Payments		
Mendip Activity Day	£3,240.00	£00.00
Jampieree 2025	£9,750.00	£3,250.00
Gold Grant	£00.00	£360.00
Going Away Grants	£9,490.00	£8,425.00
International Opportunities (INTOPS)	£600.00	£667.50
Refunds (BW and Activity Day)	£125.00	£10.00
ICE Grant	£00.00	£297.00
Lloyds Matched Funding Grant	£500.00	£500.00
County Activity Day	£2,556.00	£00.00
Bath/West Show (Hoodies/T Shirts)	£1,663.60	£00.00
Adult INTOPS	£50.00	£00.00
Miscellaneous (venue hire)	£120.00	£100.00
Total Expenditure	**£28,094.60**	**£13,609.50**
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	(£13,866.60)	**(£11,004.50)**

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Notes to the Accounts - Sheet 3		
Adult Learning and Development	Unrestricted	Unrestricted

	2025	2024
Total Receipts	£00.00	£00.00
Payments		
Training Costs	£7.99	£398.16
Venue Hire	£225.63	£437.00
First Response	£4,026.60	£5,459.00
Mileage	£19.80	£132.75
Volunteer Day Venue	£00.00	£2,324.00
Total Expenditure	**£4,280.02**	**£8,750.91**
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	**(£4,280.02)**	**(£8,750.91)**

Communication and PR		
Total Receipts	£00.00	£00.00
Payments - Pending as at 31/12/2025		
Web Hosting	£00.00	£462.63
Website /plugin	£00.00	£318.32
Total Expenditure	**£00.00**	**£780.95**
Net (payments)/receipts for the year	**(£00.00)**	**(£780.95)**

Girlguiding Somerset North - Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2025				
Notes to the Accounts - Sheet 4				
ADDITIONAL ASSETS				
As at the 31st December 2025, there were the following additional assets				

(1) Fully insured Equipment owned by GirlGuiding North Somerset and mainly located in secure storage at Weston-super-Mare	£15,500.00			
(2) County Stock held by Badge Secretary for resale (see attached)	£1,246.55			
(3) Petty Cash held by Treasurer	£44.50			

Independent reviewer's checklist and confirmation form

Girlguiding

Unit or level to complete this section

Name of unit or level	Somerset North
Name of local commissioner	Carolyn Welford
Contact details for local commissioner*	countycommissioner@girlguidingsomersetnorth.org.uk

*Email address or phone number

Independent reviewer to complete the following sections

Name of independent reviewer	PAMELA KIRBY
Contact details for independent reviewer*	07561 061161

- ☑ I confirm that I am not a member of the unit or level leadership team, a signatory of the unit or level's bank account, or related to anyone in the unit or level
- ☑ I confirm that I understand the checks required and that I am responsible and financially confident to complete these checks
- ☑ I confirm that I will hold any personal and/or financial data given to me securely, only share it with people that need to see it for the purpose of this review, and will securely destroy or return the data when it is no longer needed for review purposes

*Email address or phone number

I confirm that I've carried out the following checks on the accounts for the above unit or level:

- ☑ A bank account exists in the name of the unit or level, and most income is recorded here
- ☑ Spending and income are accurately recorded across financial records, based on the information I have reviewed, including:
  - Bank statements
  - Paying in books
  - Cheque books
  - Invoices
  - Receipts
- ☑ If any information was missing, this has now been provided
- ☑ Payments have been dual authorised
- ☑ Where online banking is used, the users have confirmed there is no sharing of passwords
- ☑ N/A Grant money has been used for the right purpose
- ☑ Cash held is minimal
- ☑ N/A Money collected for another charity has been passed on appropriately
- ☑ Any errors noted have been adjusted for

Please tick one

☑ During my review, there have been no concerns about how the unit or level named above keeps accounts or spends money

☒ During my review, there have been concerns which have been raised with the commissioner or HQ

Please give a summary of your findings:

You can find more information about this process in our end of year review of accounts procedure.

Signature	PJ Kenny
Date	28 APRIL 2026