THE GUIDE ASSOCIATION NORTH YORKSHIRE SOUTH

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registered Charity: 516246

Girlguiding
North Yorkshire
South County

Annual Report and Accounts for 2025

Introduction

The Trustees' Report and the Accounts of The Guide Association North Yorkshire South for the year ended 31 December 2025 and approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 25 September 2026. The accounts have been prepared to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities (Revised 2015).

Constitutional and Legal framework

The Guide Association nationally is an incorporated charity under a Royal Charter dated 14 December 1922 which gives powers to form area Associations, of which North Yorkshire South is one.

The Guide Association North Yorkshire South we registered with the Charity Commission on the 12 March 1985 under number 516246. It uses the working name Girlguiding North Yorkshire South.

Trustees and Management

Responsibility for the management of the business of Guiding in North Yorkshire South County is vested in the Executive Committee, which includes the trustees of this charity.

The following people were trustees during the year:

Helen Feetenby	Hannah Cook
Ann Booker	Katie Croft
Caroline Ryder	Helen Speight
Beverley Soar	Emma Chester
Hannah Taylor	Jade Taylor

Charity trustee selection

The Charity lead is the County Commissioner for the North Yorkshire South area, by appointment of the Girlguiding North East England Commissioner in consultation with the existing trustees. The County Commissioner(s) then invites other adult leaders within North Yorkshire South to become her co-trustees, and these will usually be the five Division Commissioners, as resolved in a revised constitution dated 23rd October 2023. The term of the County Commissioner's office is usually five years.

Appointment and induction of trustees

The County Commissioner appoints new trustees. Established procedures for the induction of each trustee are in place to ensure that they are aware of the responsibilities of and the ways of working within the charity.

Aims and Objectives

The aim of Guiding is to help girls and young women develop emotionally, mentally, physically, and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

The objectives of Girlguiding North Yorkshire South are to develop, promote and advance Guiding in North Yorkshire South in line with The Guide Association's own national objectives. We are a part of the leading charity for girls and young women in the United Kingdom. We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them a space to have fun.

The Trustees deliver these objectives by providing training for leaders, running a residential facility for girls and their leaders to use, and arranging events on a larger and more ambitious scale than would be possible for smaller, local Guiding units. They provide support to local Guiding Divisions, Districts, and individual Units throughout the North Yorkshire South region.

Review of the year's activities and Summary of the main achievements during the year

Provide exceptional experiences for girls and young women.

- Events include Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Junior Warrior, St George's Day parade and service.
- Units deliver a wide range of incremental programme activities, across six themes leading to bronze, silver, and gold awards. They also provide service in their local community and celebrating national events.

Provide a rewarding volunteer experience:

- Long service, good service, and exceptional service awards presented to volunteers and young members at celebratory events.
- Mandatory safeguarding and First Response training completed where required and other training opportunities promoted.
- Provided opportunities for volunteers to meet informally and formally to share ideas, offer support and listen to concerns.

Be an inclusive and impactful organisation.

- Represented at external events such as York Pride, City Remembrance Day commemoration and Council for Voluntary Services meetings.
- Provide a warm welcome and appropriate training for new volunteers.

Public Benefit

Girlguiding North Yorkshire South extends its benefits to all who wish to join Girlguiding within the geographical area, without discrimination. It gives financial and non-financial support to adults and children within the area.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Donated services

In common with many charities, Girlguiding North Yorkshire South benefits from the time and services donated by volunteers and supporters. It is not practicable to quantify this in monetary terms, but without their support the work of Girlguiding in North Yorkshire South would not exist in its current form.

Financial Performance

The Executive Committee regards the financial performance of Girlguiding North Yorkshire South for the year, and its financial position at the end of the year, to be healthy but is taking a cautious approach to budget setting for the foreseeable future as the income strand continues to be affected by membership numbers, the economic climate and more significant operational increases to the National Levy.

Reserves Policy

The Statement of Recommended Practice requires all charities to consider the level of reserves held. The Executive Committee's policy is that the balance of Reserves on the General Fund should be between nine- and fifteen-months' normal expenditure. The Charity holds reserves to provide a buffer for the ongoing running costs of White Rose House and to fund working capital for activities and training throughout the year. Unrestricted, undesignated funds held on 31 December 2024 amounted to £98017.42, which is currently higher than the range of £60-£75K required. This has partly come about due to better investment of income, which attracted a higher interest rate and a Region grant that offset some anticipated event costs. The executive committee plan to reduce these reserves in 2027 to support all units as we will be seeing a significant increase in membership subscription levy in 2027 following a national decision to no longer invoice for Volunteers but recoup the same income via the girl's membership levy. The full impact at this stage is difficult to know but the executive has committed to paying out unit grants. The county continues to engage a part-time paid administrator, and the Executive Committee reviews the impact of the expenditure annually.

Risk

The Statement of Recommended Practice also requires Trustees to report on the significant risks facing the Charity, and how these have been handled. All our investments are at a level within FSA guidelines. The County were able to set an operational budget for 2025 given that we held slightly higher reserves than recommended. Membership levels have plateaued since the 2020 Covid Pandemic, but costs have increased and subscriptions at all levels of Girlguiding have been set higher than we might have anticipated. We have been mindful not to request more than we operationally need and that any unplanned expenditure would be an informed decision that would not reduce our investments below our accepted reserves policy. Personal injury and other such risks are insured against as part of the Subscription paid to the Guide Association, and the risk of fire or other damage to White Rose House is insured against by the County. White Rose House, which runs as a semi-autonomous branch of the charity, has placed funds in a premium account.

Future Activities

It is intended that Girlguiding North Yorkshire South will continue to pursue activities and policies which will sustain and enhance the objectives of Guiding in North Yorkshire South within the financial constraints of available income and in keeping with changes in policy which are from time to time imposed by the Guide Association.
Training events for leaders in all sections continue, on an ongoing basis, together with camps and other events for the girls.

Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees of Girlguiding North Yorkshire South

The Board of Trustees is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102). The Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of Girlguiding North Yorkshire South and hence for taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Information

Further information about the charity is available on our website or from the principal address: White Rose House 79 Main Street Wheldrake York.

Approved by the Trustees on 25.09.2026 and signed on its behalf by: Hannah Cook
County Commissioner

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025								
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT								
GENERAL ACCOUNT		*2025*				*2024*		
		£		£		£		£
Receipts								
Subscriptions received		22451.20				18133.00		
Bank and Deposit Interest		1976.71				763.99		
Donations, Legacies and Grants		0.00				42.69		
NYS Admin post Refund		1245.83				0.00		
			25673.74				18939.68	
Activities								
	Training	475.00				383.62		
	International	0.00						
			475.00				383.62	
Events								
	County Celebration	150.00				225.00		
	Event 1 - Yorkshire W	18945.00				20651.00		
	Event 2 - change me	0.00						
	Event 3 - change me	0.00						
	Event 4 - change me	0.00						
	Joint Scout	917.14				57.18		
			20012.14				20933.18	
Badges, Awards and Clothing Sales		706.73				1266.24		
	admin	87.32				718.00		
	Restricted	5000.00				2500.00		
			5794.05				4484.24	
White Rose House								
	Fees		7340.00				8425.00	
	Shop Sales		238.10				306.60	
	Other							
	Levy Contribution		1913.35				1943.95	
	Donations		5746.81					
	Interest		255.34				274.86	
Gross Receipts			**67448.53**				**46399.51**	

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT					
GENERAL ACCOUNT		*2025*		*2024*	
		£	£	£	£
Payments					
Subscriptions paid to Girlguiding organisations		1922.46		845.00	
Gifts		30.00		659.64	
Donations and Grants				1395.95	
Activities					
	Grantsfor events	396.50		5444.50	
	joint Scouts	2297.55		1350.91	
			4646.51		**9696.00**
Events					
	County Celebration	2123.69		469.17	
	Event 1 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park	19113.85			
				20635.81	
			21237.54		**21104.98**
Resources, Badges, Archives and Uniform Purchases					
Administration					
	Archives, Printing, Postage, Website and Publicity	153.42		629.48	
	Training	165.00		263.30	
	Insurance	1466.57		1422.29	
	NYS Admin Post	6199.23		5966.65	
	IT Costs	702.08		713.86	
	Conference and Officials' Expenses	243.59		1202.45	
	Badges clothing equipment	1565.35		2564.73	
	Restricted expenditure	6000.00		1087.52	
	General County Admin costs	299.75		106.47	
			16794.99		**13956.75**
White Rose House					
	Rates and Insurance	0.00		0.00	
	Utilities	4833.81		4671.17	
	Maintenance	2372.30		7320.50	
	Refunds	0.00		0.00	
	Cleaning contract	4210.00		3975.00	
	Cost of Shop Items	112.19		0.00	
	Printing, Postage, Stationery and Advertising	92.63		0.00	
			11620.93		**15966.57**
Gross Payments			**54299.97**		**61814.98**
Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year			**13148.56**		**-6123.85**
Cash Funds brought forward - 1 January 2025			**84868.86**		**90992.71**
Cash Funds carried forward - 31 December 2025			**98017.42**		**84868.86**
NYS	£74,975.10				
WRH	£23,042.32				
	£98,017.42				