

South Shields Division of the Guide Association

Trustees' Annual Report period: 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Charity registration number: 520711

Objectives and Activities

South Shields Division of the Guide Association aligns to the overall objectives of Girlguiding UK.

Girlguiding UK's main aim is to give all girls an equal sense of belonging. All members are invited to make their Promise to be "true to themselves and develop their own beliefs". We welcome girls from every faith – and no faith.

The aim of South Shields Division is to continue to create experiences for girls and young women by delivering the Girlguiding UK Programme throughout the South Shields area.

To do this we have placed a strong focus on the need to develop new and existing volunteers, working towards providing better more flexible facilities and opportunities within our local area and beyond.

As member numbers have dropped recently, we need to continue to grow our units so we can build our membership across the borough.

During this financial year South Shields Division has focussed on updating our existing facilities and maintaining our membership numbers by keeping existing Girlguiding units operating. By renovating South Shields Guide Headquarters, a 3-storey building, we believe, once finished this will be able to enable the members of Girlguiding South Shields to reconnect to bring in more members and volunteers therefore providing a service to the wider community.

All decisions taken by Trustees have been in line with the charity's overall purpose ensuring all who benefit are consistent with our overall aims and objectives.

Achievements and Performance

We have been focussed on keeping units open, providing support advice and funding where required for units to remain available to continue to support members of Girlguiding UK in the South Shields area.

We have also concentrated our efforts into finishing the renovation of our building, Guide Headquarters, which will offer an opportunity for units to hold joint Girlguiding events, and volunteers to train and share experience.

Our Building - Guide Headquarters

Renovation

During this reporting period we continued our work to refurbish Guide Headquarters

Refurbishment work is nearly completed and that stage of the work is planned for the next reporting period.

Building costs

Costs in relation to utilities, Gas, water, electricity, and council tax have also been incurred as well as the cost to insure the building to align with Girlguiding UK guidelines.

Our Members

South Shields Division comprises of 16 Girlguiding UK units. There are:

- 4 Rainbow units, supporting girls aged 4 – 7 years,
- 8 Brownie units, supporting girls aged 7 – 10 and
- 4 Guide units, supporting girls aged 10 - 14.

1 Rainbow unit has been provided with financial support to enable them to pay the subscription levy (known as capitation) which is incurred by Girlguiding UK each February.

1 unit has used the Division accounts to pay Girlguiding UK their subscription levy.

As a result of this funding these units continue to operate in South Shields. These units required additional help this period as they had been unable to fundraise ahead of the subscription levy becoming due because of the lockdown restrictions imposed during the COVID pandemic.

Financial Review

Funding for South Shields Division concentrates on fundraising by existing volunteers and units in addition to any donations from the wider community.

Notes to financial statement

Principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

- Accounts have been prepared in line with Girlguiding UK policies
- Income has been comprised of the following, donations, accounted for upon receipt; grants, accounted for when a formal offer is received
- Capitation relates to the subscription levy a charge to be paid to Girlguiding UK covering insurance

Structure, Governance and Management

The Royal charter is Girlguiding's governing document. The bye-laws within it set out the rules for how the Guide Associated (Girlguiding) must be governed.

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South Shields Division has 2 nominated signatories, details are shown below.

South Shields Division has a Division Commissioner who is appointed by Girlguiding UK.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South Shields Division of the Guide Association
Registered charity number	520711
Charity's principal address	Guide Headquarters Westoe Road South Shields NE33 3PA

Names of signatories for financial purposes:

- **Linda Fernandez – Division Commissioner**
2. **Julie Elliott – Brownie Leader**

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

The Guide Association (Girlguiding UK) hold the title deed for the property located at 135 Westoe Road South Shields Tyne and Wear NE33 3PA.


This is in line with policy defined by Girlguiding UK which is documented in their Trustee report as:

"Guide Association Trust Corporation is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated under the Companies Act. It acts as custodian and holds land, freehold or leasehold buildings and investments on behalf of guiding units. It is funded by the Guide Association as a service to guiding units and the expenses are included in management and administration expenditure in these financial statements. Financial statements of the Guide Association Trust Corporation are available care of the Guide Association, 17-19 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PT."

Exemptions from disclosure

There are no exemptions from disclosure

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.		
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LINDA FERNAND 62	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	DIVISION COMMISSIONER	
Date	5 - 6 - 2023	

1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

	This Year	Last Year
Receipts [In]		
Capitation	£0.00	£0.00
HQ Income	£10,203.28	£0.00
Rotary	£2,689.30	£0.00
Camps / Outings / Events	£293.25	£0.00
Interest	£0.00	£0.00
Challenge	£0.00	£0.00
Donation	£14,600.00	£0.00
Division Costs	£0.00	£0.00
Training	£0.00	£0.00
Fundraising	£786.99	£0.00
2nd Bank account (Manual)	£0.00	£0.00
Totals	£28,572.82	£0.00
Payments [Out]		
Capitation	£0.00	£0.00
Challenges	£0.00	£132.14
HQ Cleaning & Maint.	£2,002.81	£0.00
Camps / Outings / Events	£4,653.95	£0.00
HQ Rent, Rates & Ins	£757.87	£244.22
HQ Gas	£1,885.56	£0.00
HQ Electric	£518.10	£0.00
HQ Water	£115.11	£49.66
Division Costs	£2,105.06	£0.00
Rotary	£1,575.99	£0.00
Building Repairs	£27,123.15	£0.00
Events 12	£0.00	£0.00
2nd Bank account (Manual)	£0.00	£0.00
Totals	£40,737.60	£426.02
Surplus or (deficit) for the year	-£12,164.78	-£426.02
Balances brought forward		
Bank - 1	£40,318.35	£559.07
Bank - 2	£0.00	£3,939.80
Cash	£757.20	£39.75
	£41,075.55	£4,538.62
Balances in hand at year-end		
Bank - 1	£28,632.67	£40,318.35
Bank - 2	£0.00	£0.00
Cash	£278.10	£757.20
	£28,910.77	£41,075.55

Assets and Liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of £0.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: LINDA FERNANDEZ Signature & Date:  2.9.2022

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of South Shields Division for the financial year ended 31 August 2022

Reviewed by: V.A. CRAIG Signature & Date:  17/09/22

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