

Trustee Annual Report Form

This template is to provide guidance to units who are completing a Trustee Annual Report for the NI Charity Commission. If you do not wish to use this form please ensure that the headings in this guidance are followed when completing a Trustee Annual Report.

All Girlguiding Ulster Charities are governed by the Royal Charter and Bye-laws.

The Purpose of each of these Charities is to educate girls and young women to help them develop emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually so that they can make a positive contribution to their Community and the wider world.

Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by

5th Larne Guide Unit

NI Charity Commission Number

106986

The principal address of the Charity- this should be the address that was used at the time of registration with the Charity Commission

7 Dunboyne Avenue, Larne, BT40 1PS

The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who served as Charity Trustees during the year

Mrs Jennifer Warnock
Miss Danielle Cole
Miss Louise McCluskey

The financial year the report relates to – for example, 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

A summary of the Charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements in the year

We had another amazing year, with 38 girls in the unit who, over the past year have completed a wide variety of activities, both from the Girlguiding Programme, and also activities they themselves wanted to complete.

In our Summer term we enjoyed the outdoors as much as possible when the weather was good, completing an ABC walk, a visit to the park, to the beach and our end of term BBQ at Carnfunnock with the Rainbows, Brownies, Rangers and families.

At the end of June, 30 girls and leaders attended the Girlguiding Ulster 'Snores & Smores Camp' allowing the girls an opportunity to meet other Guides from Ulster, and giving them a taste of what an international camp would be like.

In August, 20 girls plus leaders attended our own Annual Camp at Lorne, where we enjoyed a fun filled weekend of outdoor activities, including Archery, Crate Challenge, Bushcraft and Team Building activities. Thanks to funding from the PHA (facilitated and managed by NACN), we were also able to enjoy a visit to the Ulster Folk Park. As always, it was extremely busy, but fun and rewarding for everyone!

When we returned to meetings in September, we welcomed a new cohort of Guides who moved up to us from Brownies. Again, this term we were extremely fortunate to be in receipt of funding from the Public Health Authority, facilitated by Northern Area Community Network, enabling us to run a programme of activities which promoted positive mental health by using the 5 steps to wellbeing. This funding enabled us to run a Halloween Jumping Clay session; hold a Christmas Rollerdisco; run an intergenerational Drumming Circle with our local Trefoil members and face our fears by having an interactive session with Jurassic Ark Encounters.

We also held an overnight in Lorne House during Halloween Half Term, when the girls got to travel through History, and took part in an Escape Room which looked at how Girl Guides played a part in the War. They took part in crafts which are being forgotten, for example embroidery; looked at inspirational women through history and had a go at producing their own 'Protest' poster about a cause that is important to them. They even got involved with helping to cook their own meals!

As well as all this, the girls also took part in a Laughter Yoga session, completed activities to celebrate International Day of the Girl, took part in a Trash Fashion show, participated in Lorne's Annual Act of Remembrance and took part in a Sponsored Camp Fire Singing to raise money for the Air Ambulance and the Children's Cancer Unit, two charities very close to our unit's heart.

The new year saw another fun filled term for us. Thanks to funding from the Education Authority, the girls were able to make wooden bird feeders which were then given, along with some bird food, to local schools. They also arranged some beautiful spring flower Jam

Jar Posies. The funding from the EA also enabled us to run a trip to Belfast to play indoor golf, enjoy dinner together and attend a Belfast Giants Ice Hockey match-a really enjoyable day was had by all. This term also saw us complete Promise activities, Thinking Day activities and other Girlguiding programme activities.

Thanks to a grant from the Halifax Foundation, this year we were able to replace vital equipment which is fundamental to the running of the unit, ie. a printer and shredder, which we would not have been able to purchase without the grant assistance.

Throughout the year the leaders took part in training for First Aid, Child Protection and running unit activities.

The Guides were involved in the running and organisation of activities throughout the year, as Girlguiding is a girl led organisation. There was no private benefit or harm flowing from the charity's purposes.

A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance


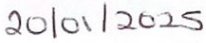
In planning the activities for the year, the trustees of 5th Larne Guide Unit have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance. This enables us to achieve our purposes and provide a benefit to the girls in the unit.

A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year

The income for 5th Larne Guide Unit for the financial year ended 31st March 2024 was £18,148.34. Included in this were grants from the Education Authority, the Halifax Foundation and donations from Amazon Smile Fundraising. The expenditure for the year was £16,915.63. The unit was also in receipt of a grant from the Public Health Authority, which was facilitated and managed by the Northern Area Community Network.

Details of any fund held by the Charity that was materially in deficit at the end of the year and steps taken by the Charity Trustees to eliminate the deficit

One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the box below.

	
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