



Girlguiding
Dumfries and Galloway

Trustee Report 2025

Registered Charity SC011629





Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway County aims to give all girls throughout Dumfries and Galloway the space and opportunities they need to thrive, grow, and become confident young women through fun, friendship, challenge, and adventure.

Across Dumfries and Galloway, Girlguiding is delivered by our volunteers. The six themes of the Girlguiding programme; **Know Myself**, **Express Myself**, **Be Well**, **Have Adventures**, **Take Action**, and **Skills For My Future**, enable our members; **Rainbows**, ages 4-7, **Brownies** ages 7-10, **Guides** ages 10-14 to **Rangers** ages 14-18, to come together, be true to themselves, grow in confidence, and help their communities.

WE HELP ALL GIRLS KNOW THEY CAN DO ANYTHING!

GIRLGUIDING D&G MEMBERSHIP 2025

Average County Membership Numbers 2025.

589 x Young Members (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, and Rangers)

162 x Adult Members (Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Young Leaders, Leaders in Training, Unit Helpers, and many more.



Our membership is across 5 x Districts; Annandale, Dumfries, Nithsdale, Stewartry, and Wigtownshire.



Thinking Day



In February 2025, members across Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway held Thinking Day events with a focus on 'Our Story.' Girls were encouraged to dive into the past, present, and future of the guiding movement, reflecting on its rich symbolism and values.

International Women's Day

On and around the 8th March, we celebrated International Women's Day. Girls and young women across the county celebrated in their own ways, within their units and individually. Many also proudly earned their Girlguiding International Women's Day 2025 badges to mark the occasion.



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"This International Women's Day, I encourage you to:

- Take space. You belong in every room where decisions are being made.**
- Speak up. Your perspective is valuable.**
- Accelerate Action. Support another woman. Start a conversation. Challenge inequality.**
- Be bold. Be noisy. Be you."**



International Women's Day
#IWD2025 #AccelerateAction



Libby Ong

County Commissioner
Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway



Amsterdam – April 2025

In April, a contingent of Brownies and Guides travelled to Amsterdam to take part in Girlguiding Scotland's Wide Game across the city.

The group stayed on a traditional Dutch barge and enjoyed an action-packed trip, taking in some of Amsterdam's famous sights. From tasting delicious chocolate and trying on wooden clogs to exploring the zoo, there was something for everyone. It was a fantastic adventure, and everyone had a wonderful time creating memories that will last a lifetime. Big thanks to contingent Leaders – Linda, Leeanne, Diane and Sophie!



Thistle Award

County Commissioner Libby and Assistant County Commissioner Becci were delighted to attend a special afternoon tea in Castle Douglas in April, where they presented Ranger and Young Leader Caitlin with the Scottish Chief Commissioner's Thistle Award.

Caitlin received the award in recognition of her outstanding dedication to Girlguiding, her kindness, and her commitment to ensuring everyone feels included. Her positive attitude and support for others make her a truly deserving recipient. Congratulations, Caitlin, on this well-earned achievement!



Girlguiding Scotland Celebrates!

Congratulations to four of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway's volunteers who have been recognised and attended the inaugural Girlguiding Scotland Celebrates event at the Sheraton Grand in Edinburgh, in June 2025.

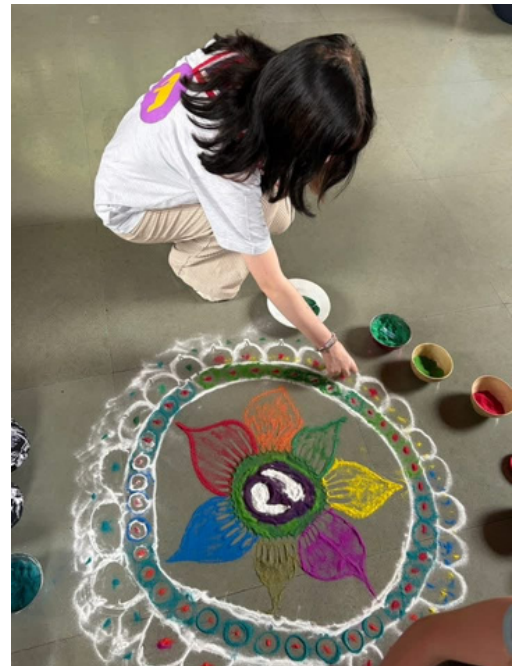
- **Linda Owen – Changemaker**
- **Becci Vasey – Changemaker**
- **Judy Brierley – Supporter**
- **Libby Ong – Role Model**

Everyone enjoyed a very special afternoon tea, and a wonderfully inspiring talk from Deputy Chief Guide Sally Kettle. What a treat!



India – July 2025

In July, after two years of fundraising and hard work preparing, a Dumfries and Galloway contingent of Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders embarked on an unforgettable two-week adventure to India.



The group visited Mumbai, then Pune and the Sangam WAGGGS World Centre, where they took part in the 'Brave Space' leadership programme. They also supported local community projects in Pune, in a creche and a girls hostel.



They then travelled through the Golden Triangle, visiting Agra, Jaipur and Delhi, with a memorable sunrise visit to the breathtaking Taj Mahal.



It was an incredible experience for everyone, offering the opportunity to immerse themselves in a new culture, language, food, climate, traditions and faiths, while creating lifelong memories and friendships with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world.

Massive thanks to contingent Leaders - Libby, Helen, Jan and Claire



Speak Out Champions

Dumfries and Galloway was proud to have two Young Leaders, Caitlin and Elsie, selected as Girlguiding Scotland 'Speak Out' Champions.

Working alongside their 'Speak Out' peers from across Scotland, they received advocacy training and have championed youth voice. They co-created the Girls' Manifesto, 'Scotland: For Girls, By Girls' which was launched at the Scottish Parliament in August 2025. We are incredibly proud of their commitment to ensuring girls' voices are heard and represented.



Blair Drummond Safari Park Takeover

In September, members from across Dumfries and Galloway joined Girlguiding members from across Scotland for a spectacular two-day takeover of Blair Drummond Safari Park. With thousands of members in uniform, it was an incredible sight to behold, and a reminder of how big our guiding community is.

From getting up close to amazing animals to sharing adventures with friends old and new, the weekend was packed with laughter and unforgettable memories such as Alice the camel causing a traffic jam! We think we were louder than the monkeys and scarier than the lions! Fun times!



Remembrance Sunday

Remembrance Sunday in November saw units return to parading with their units in their local communities to pay respects to the fallen. Always a sombre affair, but the girls were smart, respectful, and did themselves and Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway proud.



Zootastic Cinema Takeovers

Throughout December, lots of our members across D&G saw special screenings of Zootropolis 2. We had members from all sections; Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Leaders, and Trefoils join in. There was a lot of popcorn and ice-cream enjoyed, and all received a sparkly badge. What a brilliant movie! Thanks to all our local independent cinemas for their wonderful hospitality.



2025 Photo Album



Brownie adventures in Edinburgh.



Period Proud Sessions by Peer Educators





Indoor and Outdoor camping adventures across D&G, from Canonbie to Glentool, for Browies, Guides and Rangers





BIG City Adventures in Manchester and London.
Girlguiding promises made at WAGGGS World Centre, Pax Lodge.





Lots of Fundraising, always.
We are Engineers!

Rangers and Young Leaders visited The Scottish Parliament.
Switzerland Contingent planning meet up ahead of March 2026 adventure



TRUSTEES

County Commissioner	Libby Ong
Assistant County Commissioner	Rebecca Vasey
County Treasurer	Norma Rae
Volunteer Support Lead	Steph Dunlop
Finance & Property Lead	Vacancy
Events & Activities Lead	Vacancy
Growing Guiding Lead	Vacancy
Communications Lead	Vacancy
District Commissioner	Helen Gray
Young Trustee	Beckie McKinnon
External Trustee	Ann Murdoch



Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway is administered in accordance with the terms of the constitution of Girlguiding UK.

Our Trustees are members of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway's County Executive, recruited and appointed by the County Commissioner.

The Aim of Girlguiding Dumfries and Galloway as a charity 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 according to the principles of the Association, and to facilitate Guiding for girls and young women.



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Scottish Charity Number SC011629

Receipts and Payments Account to 31st December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Receipts		
<u>Charitable activities:</u>		
Subscriptions	1,324	1,245
Units in abeyance	423	8,541
Other county events	588	3,070
Brownie events	689	0
Loan repaid	0	3,301
Depot income	0	3,335
Sundry	536	216
	<u>3,560</u>	<u>19,708</u>
<u>Other :</u>		
Bank interest	3,514	1,360
Grants	0	2,000
Kirkcudbright Guides	0	3,564
Donations	0	70
	<u>3,514</u>	<u>6,995</u>
 Total Receipts	 <u>7,074</u>	 <u>26,701</u>
Payments		
<u>Charitable activities:</u>		
Membership subscriptions to HQ	596	576
Training fees	72	400
Commissioner & Advisor's expenses	1,277	1,688
Admin expenses	100	300
Insurance	157	209
Hall hire and zoom cost	1,000	0
Solway Fund	20,460	9,141
County events	8,853	8,367
Badges	119	390
Equipment	414	539
Travel expenses	320	110
Kirkcudbright Guides	1,518	2,060
Website and IT	465	1,009
Loans	0	3,301
Depot expenditure	0	1,076
Sundry	1,513	0
	<u>36,864</u>	<u>29,166</u>
<u>Other:</u>		
Donations	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Governance:</u>		
Preparation of accounts and IE	175	160
	<u>175</u>	<u>160</u>
 Total payments	 <u>37,039</u>	 <u>29,326</u>
Surplus/deficit for year	<u>-29,965</u>	<u>-2,626</u>



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Statement of Balances as at 31st December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank and cash in hand		
Opening balances	147,850	150,475
Surplus/(deficit) for year	-29,965	-2,626
Closing balances	117,885	147,850
Reserves		
Unrestricted funds	117,885	146,332
Restricted funds	0	1,518
Closing balances	117,885	147,850
Assets		
Stock of uniforms, resources and badges	0	4,721
Liabilities		
Share of remaining legacy funds due to districts	70,695	70,695

All funds remaining after payment of liabilities will be unrestricted

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Signature: 

Name: LIBBY ONG

Designation: COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Date: 30th JULY 2026

