

The Blue sheet



Norfolk's guiding news

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Hello from the county commissioner

Since the last edition the whole county has been really busy, thank you all for everything you do for our younger members.

Thinking back to the Norfolk Show, where Frances and I had this picture taken, it was lovely to hear *"this represents guiding"* at our stand bringing together guiding activities, the ARC and Trefoil in one place. Since then many of you have been busy with amazing publicity events, the new interest badges, holidays and camps, the changes with the going away scheme and the news of the changes in the annual subs from 2027. I am sure that many of you have set aside extra time to remain up to date – and extra time is never easy to find!

Thank you to our county advisers for the roles they undertake to provide us with information to help us in our unit roles – we have some vacancies for anyone who is interested, please do get in touch if you can help.

I would also like to thank all of our commissioners. Their role is important as they are often the first person you contact for anything! They continue

to support us all at local levels and I am grateful to them for the dedication they give to GGN.

Norjam – you can read about the exciting event on the next page, but a HUGE thank you to all members of Girlguiding who were part of the various teams running Norjam. Shirley Sinclair from Norfolk Scouts was very grateful for all the hard work and dedication our members contributed to the event.

Yvonne



Congratulations Sasha

Sasha Spencer, Girlguiding Norfolk's latest recipient of the Queen's Guide Award and the first in the county to gain it under the new programme, was thrilled to be presented with her award at the Giraffe House at Banham Zoo in October. Jessie, a Guide in Sasha's district, wrote and delivered a fabulous speech about Sasha's achievements which included:

- Learning basic sign language
- Completing a swim marathon
- Taking on the role of Norfolk Inspire Coordinator (and helping it grow!)
- Gaining her Going Away With licence and taking Brownies on 3 adventures – including spending her birthday taking 45 Brownies for a trampoline park sleepover!
- Volunteering regionally, supported countless roles, and inspiring others
- Teaching Brownies about diversity and inclusion

... and so much more!

Jessie said, *"We are so excited to celebrate Sasha as the FIRST person to complete the brand-new version of the Queen's Guide Award in Norfolk – the highest award you can achieve in Guiding. Sasha, your determination, hard work, and passion for guiding shines through everything you do. A huge well done from all of us – we're so proud of you!"*



Norjam – international carnival of fun!

Norjam is an international Scout and Guide Jamboree that takes place at the Norfolk Showground. The week-long camp features a wide variety of activities and entertainment, bringing together thousands of young people and adults from around the world. The theme was 'carnival' and the event's fiesta atmosphere shone through!

In August, a contingent of 20 Guides from Taverham district camped at Norjam. This was the first time that many of them had camped or been away from home for so long and we were proud of each and every one of them.

The Guides went off every day to a different zone to try out a multitude of activities. This included kayaking and other water activities (who knew that a lake could be constructed on the Norfolk Showground!?!), creative crafts, circus skills, climbing, shooting, archery and many more – the list was endless. Then after a hearty dinner cooked by the leaders, they were off for the evening entertainment. One of the highlights being Taverham Brass Band! DJ Nick was also a big hit as were the Carnival evenings. We were also blown away by the Norjam's Got Talent performances of two of our campers, Amber and Katie on the big stage. It took a lot of courage to stand up and sing in front of a big audience and they nailed it.

The event was subsidised through fundraising by the leaders and Guides and we are grateful



to those who supported us including Jarretts Removals for donating time and a vehicle for all our kit. Finally some words from the Guides themselves:

"I really liked the water activities because they were really exciting and cool". Holly

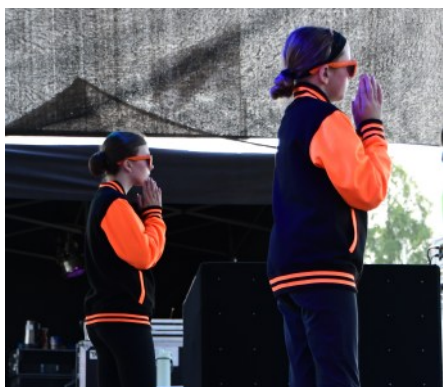
"Norjam was super fun, especially the cave diving experience." Verity

"It was a lot of fun! Time went quick though. But I loved it soooooo much!" Jess S

"Such a fantastic opportunity, so grateful." Bella

Bring on the next event!

Alison Brockhurst, 1st Taverham Guides



Banham Zoo

In October, 4500 members of Girlguiding Norfolk and Suffolk descended on Banham Zoo for a takeover day. Due to the autumnal weather most of the animals were reasonably active and the girls enjoyed spotting the big cats on their morning prowl. The meerkats and monkeys were busy foraging, the wallabies in the walkthrough were busy bouncing and the penguins were enjoying a swim. The only animal not busy... yes, you've guessed it – the red panda! He was happily sleeping in the tallest tree where we think he stayed all day!

Memories were made including a Queen's Guide presentation at the Giraffe House (*see page 2*), promise ceremonies at the meerkat enclosure for two Gunton Brownies and some lucky groups may have spotted the month old baby sloth in the tropical house – super cute!

Thanks to all groups who sent photos – here's a selection of those received...



Sandringham Flower Show

The Girlguiding North West Norfolk stand at the Sandringham Flower Show received a lot of attention from potential new recruits and volunteers alike. We had exciting and fun things going on, such as the 'Pin on the Map' activity, which showed just how far our Girlguiding family stretches. The 'Spin to Win' wheel was also a massive success and the whole day served as a great testament to our Girlguiding community's spirit of fun and friendship.

However, the showstoppers were our 'Buddy Dolls' – lovingly created by June Barrett. They

were a hit with everyone and perfectly showcased creativity and teamwork.

Beyond all the fun and games, the Sandringham Flower Show provided an unforgettable moment when Ruby Goold, division commissioner, had the honour of presenting a set of Buddy Dolls to King Charles III and Queen Camilla!

It was a fitting way to show our respect for the Royal Family, whilst promoting our core Girlguiding values of service and community.

"It was a truly wonderful day," said Ruby, "The Sandringham

Flower Show is just such a wonderful event, and it was fantastic to be able to share the spirit of Girlguiding with so many people. The absolute highlight, of course, was presenting the Buddy Dolls to the King and Queen – a moment I will never forget!"



VE Day themed activities

1st Taverham Guides have been busy taking on challenges with a VE Day theme.

They have been sewing for 'make and mend' – quite a challenge to them as we try not to be a throw away society. Next, with bedding roll poles, rope and a ground sheet, they attempted to make an air raid shelter and try to get everyone in. This was great fun to watch and yes, they did manage to get in it before it collapsed.

Finally, using only a campfire to cook, the Guides will be given a Blitz Cooking challenge; trying to create something edible from a random bag of food. We can't wait to see their creations!

Christine Chapman, 1st Taverham Guides



Girlguiding Norfolk go international

This summer witnessed the first Norfolk County International trips to take place since the pandemic.

Lorne, Belfast, Northern Ireland

2 leaders and 9 young people took part in a six-night adventure in Northern Ireland. Everyone participated in crate stacking, The Gladiator Challenge, climbing wall and zipwire at Lorne Estate, plus a camp fire led by the oldest girls in the contingent.

We visited The Titanic Museum and W5 Science Museum in Belfast, and The Giants Causeway. We also completed a volunteering project at the tree nursery within the grounds of The Ulster Folk Museum. Our task was to maintain the no-dig beds where the seeds of native trees had been planted. Once at a suitable size those trees are planted to help reforest Northern Ireland.



Interested in being part of our 2027 adventures?

Contact the international team for information:

international@girlguidingnorfolk.org.uk

Our Chalet, Switzerland

11 young people and 3 leaders spent the night in Basel before hiking up to Our Chalet. The hike up to the chalet was breathtaking. We went kayaking in Interlaken on a glacier-fed lake. Then into town to watch the National Swiss Day parade, followed by some taking part in the Adelboden parade and fireworks, while others watched the display from the mountain. Both perspectives were enchanting.

Our community project, included gardening and moving wood and we also made butter from milk; a delightful experience as we shook the jar and watched it transform – followed by making dampers to use the butter on.

The day was especially meaningful as we celebrated Our Chalet's birthday, enjoying party activities and tasting a delicious birthday cake prepared by the volunteers.

Our following days were spent on high ropes in Adelboden before a spot of shopping and taking a cable car up one of Switzerland's highest mountains. After descending we walked to a magnificent waterfall, where three Rangers and a young leader made their promises. That evening, we engaged in an international night, sharing items from Norfolk.

Our final day saw us getting transported to the Aebi Walk. We had a great time lighting fires and grilling sausages on sticks with courgettes and tomatoes, followed by a traditional treat of banana and chocolate boats. We concluded the day with a closing ceremony and heartfelt goodbyes.

As we wrapped up our adventure, we made our way back home using a variety of transport options, including buses, taxis, trains, trams, on foot, and by plane.



Pitch Perfect : Guides & Scouts take on Snettfest!

Jimmy's Field in Snettisham was buzzing with laughter and energy as Snettfest 2025, the joint camping festival for Snettisham's Girlguiding and Scout units, returned for its second year!

Crafts, inflate-a-bubbles, circus games and even miniature donkeys – a truly heartwarming experience. Snettfest wasn't just about fun and games; it also embraced community spirit. We were delighted to welcome Rev. Dan from St Mary's Church, who joined in the festivities and shared thoughtful moments with the campers including a much-needed ice cream!

A delicious BBQ, provided the perfect fuel after a day of adventures. Once darkness fell, Snettfest transformed into a glowing wonderland with an incredible UV disco! The dance floor was alive with neon colours, glowing white teeth lighting up happy faces, proving that Snettfest knows how to throw a party!

What truly shone through at Snettfest 2025 was the atmosphere of togetherness. Seeing different ages mixing and having so much fun was a testament to the magic of this festival.

Scouts helped younger Brownies, Guides cheered on Beavers, and everyone shared in the joy of the weekend.

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who attended Snettfest 2025 – your enthusiasm and spirit made it truly special. But a colossal, heart-felt thank you must be extended to the incredible adult volunteers! Your tireless hard work, dedication, and passion are what truly make Snettfest possible. You created not just a camping trip, but the second year of an amazing festival, and for that, we are eternally grateful.



Brownie residential at How Hill

1st Strumpshaw Brownies recently enjoyed a residential trip to How Hill, in the heart of the Norfolk Broads, filled with adventure, learning, and plenty of fun.

Pond dipping in the dykes and seeing plenty of wild rabbits, deer and foxes in the garden and nature reserve.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to try traditional crafts and skills.

The girls enjoyed making their own thatched roofs and seeing how waterproof they were! They learned about the history of the Broads and even tried their hand at weaving.

The trip to How Hill was a huge success, and the girls returned home with stories to tell, new skills, and happy memories. It perfectly captured the spirit of Brownies – adventure, friendship, and fun.

A big thank you goes to the staff at How Hill Trust.



News from the ARC

The ARC has had a very busy summer, much of it focussed on the national theme in the country of commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Days. We did this because 'The Girl Guides' as they were called at the time set up the Guide International Service during and after World War II. Groups of leaders went into Europe and Malaya to help women and children at the end of the war. They endured challenging training to prepare for this.

We commemorated these achievements at several events through challenges, displays, quizzes, handling authentic artefacts, and playing an imaginative game in a suitcase to see if you could make the grade and become a member of the G.I.S. People were proud and amazed by what members achieved. These activities are still available to do at the ARC or in your meeting place.

We are excited by the new interest badges in the programme and are able to support with sessions either at the ARC or at your meeting place. We are also looking into supporting smaller units with grants. Please complete this

survey to contribute to the discussion to see if/how we can support financially. <https://forms.gle/d4bcXWrasUvwDiQX8>

We are extremely excited to be so close to an amazing part of history which is being brought to life once again at Abbey Boat Builder in Reedham. Abbey has taken up the challenge to renovate the beautiful ex RNLI Guide of Dunkirk, brought all the way from Cornwall to a heritage wooden boat builder's yard on our doorstep! The Girl Guides bought her in 1940 and, even before she was named or had undertaken sea trials, she was sent off to Dunkirk to help rescue armed forces escaping off the beaches. Money was raised during Empire Week in May 1940. Can't wait to be working alongside Abbey!

We have already been on a rope-making day with her, and more opportunities to learn heritage skills and help restore the boat are coming.

Time Traveller Trumps and our Fires & Feasts cookbook are still available for those looking for stocking fillers! See Facebook for details.

Helen Green, County Archivist



Football with Watlington FC Wildcats

In May, 2nd & 3rd Downham Market Brownies enjoyed a sunny meeting outside with activities kindly hosted by Watlington FC Wildcats. They were working towards their Mindfulness interest badge, Feel Good stage 3 skills builder, Get Active and Sport badges. I mean what Brownie (and leader) can resist a badge for their camp blanket...

Watlington FC Wildcats provide Grassroots football training to girls aged 5-11 where they learn new skills and/or develop existing ones, including teamwork without even knowing it, with a view to them looking to begin their football journey or continuing their current one.

The Brownies started off with a warm-up, which even saw their leaders taking part on the side lines, but luckily no Brownies (or coaches) witnessed this morale outbreak amongst the Owls! This was then followed by an introduction to some basic skills regarding hand, eye and foot control with a football. After lots of concentration

and numerous balls finding their way into the nettles, the Brownies seemed to get the hang of it.

Brownies were then spilt into two teams and a number of mini football games took place. Who knew Brownies could be so competitive especially amongst their own school peer group. However, it was lovely to see them take part, have fun, communicate amongst each other, and try something outside of their normal comfort zone. The Owls did notice that two of the Brownies had a bit of a Diego Maradona 'Hand of

God' moment just like in the 1986 FIFA World Cup and also one Brownie celebrating a goal by doing a cartwheel. After a lot of fun, laughter and a few water breaks the score was 1:1. One Brownie stated, *"I'm going to speak to my Dad tonight as I want to get back to football and be a goalie again."* However, all Brownies said that they had a great time and would love to visit again.

A big shout out to Jody and Sarah of Watlington FC Wildcats for a fantastic night and letting Downham Market Brownies attend.



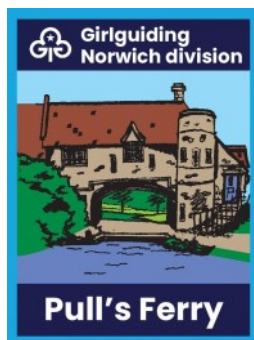
Pull's Ferry visit

7th Hellesdon St Paul's Brownies had a lovely visit to Pull's Ferry. The girls really enjoyed the trail and were delighted with the badge.

The Pull's Ferry challenge and walking trail sheets are available by emailing pullsferrynorwich@gmail.com and the badges are available through the county shop.



Get involved in these events!



Thank you!

The Pull's Ferry committee want to thank all our volunteers who helped serve refreshments this summer and welcome our visitors during Heritage Open Days.

We hope to see you again in 2026!



Girlguiding Norfolk Christmas badges 2025

Now available to buy online through the county shop

The poster has a dark night sky background with a crescent moon and stars. On the left, there are stylized green trees. In the center, a winding path leads through a green field. The text is in white and green. At the bottom right, there is a small illustration of a brownie.

Brownies and Cubs Challenge Hike

6th-7th March 2026

Join us for a hike in the dark with challenges along the way! Followed by an overnight stay at Eaton Vale, and breakfast the next morning.

Bookings opening soon!
Leader places at discounted rates

For more information and to book visit:
www.eatonvale.co.uk

The poster features a dark blue background with yellow stars and a large, stylized 'Cosmic' logo in white and blue. A yellow banner with the text 'Brownie PGL takeover' is prominently displayed. Below it, a green banner shows the dates '11-13 September 2026'. The text 'Exclusive event badge' is written in a curved path. Below that, the text 'Abseiling, giant swings, campfires' is written in a curved path. Further down, the text 'Fun, friendship and adventure' is written in a curved path. At the bottom, the text 'Weekend of teamwork and giggles' is written in a curved path. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. On the right side, there is a photograph of a young girl wearing an orange PGL helmet and a yellow safety vest, holding a rope. In the bottom right corner, there is a star-shaped logo with the text 'Aim for the stars' and 'Girlguiding Anglia's Cosmic'.

Cosmic

Brownie PGL takeover

11-13 September 2026

Exclusive event badge

Abseiling, giant swings, campfires

Fun, friendship and adventure

Weekend of teamwork and giggles

Book your tickets:

Aim for the stars
Girlguiding Anglia's
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30th Celebrations Wells Brownies and leader!

May marked a delightful milestone for 2nd Wells Brownies as they celebrated 30 years alongside their beloved leader, Jill Craske (Snowy Owl), who also celebrated an incredible 30 years of dedication. The evening was full of fun and fond memories, bringing together current and former Brownies and leaders.

A trip down memory lane was a highlight, with old photo albums sparking laughter and the sharing of countless happy memories. An indoor campfire added to the cheerful ambiance before the festivities culminated in a singsong and the presentation of Jill's 30-year service award by division commissioner Nicky Scott.

Jill, founder of 2nd Wells Brownies, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the evening's success and to all who came to celebrate. *"It was lovely to see so many people turn up and celebrate with us,"* she shared, adding an optimistic, *"Here's to another happy 30 years!!"*



Heacham Brownies Celebrate VE Day

Heacham Brownies marked

Victory in Europe Day with a celebration embracing the spirit of the era, enjoying a party with themes of remembrance and resourcefulness.

A highlight of the afternoon was a lively game of pass the newspaper parcel. Each layer unwrapped revealed a precious few rationed sweets, adding an extra element of excitement and a taste of history. Traditional party fun continued with pin the tail on the donkey. The Brownies also created bunting and tablecloths, followed by a fabulous feast!

Rainbow Fun in Hunstanton!

1st Hunstanton Rainbows held a pyjama party where everyone got to wear their comfiest PJs. The party was also a special occasion as five new Rainbows made their promise and another five Rainbows took the next step on their guiding adventure by walking over the Rainbow to join Brownies.

The unit proudly celebrated Robyn, who became the first Rainbow in 1st Hunstanton to



earn her prestigious Gold Award by completing all six themes in the guiding programme. A huge well done to Robyn for her hard work and dedication – the whole unit is very proud of you!

Adventures for Hunstanton Brownies & Guides

Hunstanton Brownies enjoyed a pack holiday at Patteson Lodge, and what a week it was! With crafts and activities, grooving the night away with a silent disco and creating their very own tie-dye tops. The term was packed with exciting adventures, including a visit to the RNLI and a whirl around the roller rink.

Meanwhile, Hunstanton Guides are going from strength to strength! They've been busy mastering the art of confectionery and facing off in a thrilling 'Ready Steady Cook' bake-off challenge. The term was filled with walks, outdoor challenges, and a determined effort to support their eldest Guide in achieving her prestigious Gold award.

Local leaders proudly marched with Brownies and Guides in Hunstanton's VE Day parade. It was a wonderful display of community spirit, bringing together different generations to remember and honour a significant moment in history. A big thank you to everyone who participated.



Guiding celebrates

In October, I was lucky to attend Girlguiding Celebrates held in Manchester. The event is for those who have earned their Queen's Guide award, the Laurel award, Silver Fish, or Guiding Star, as well as people nominated, and alternates between being held in London and another region. I was one of those attending because I had been nominated by one of my Guide parents, so it was super exciting! I could take a guest, so took my mum. Not only has she supported me through all elements of my own guiding journey (leadership qualification, Queen's Guide, Going Away With, etc!), she is also my assistant leader and we have always done our guiding together.

The Chief Guide team led the event, and then there were talks from two Girlguiding Ambassadors. There were performances from the Congleton Gang Show and the National Scout and Guide Big Band. There were photo opportunities, as well as drinks and nibbles, so it made for a lovely way to spend an afternoon. Not only that, but there was a very sparkly badge for attending... Nominations are open for the next Girlguiding Celebrates, so if you're thinking of nominating someone it's a great way to show your appreciation.

Rosie Watts, Hethersett Guides



Superheroes vs Villains Brownie holiday

13th Norwich Brownies just returned from 3 nights away at EVAC. 24 Brownies and 7 leaders enjoyed a super heroes vs villains themed Brownie holiday. We made our own sock super heroes, took part in archery, rock climbing, obstacle course and pedal go karts. Even the leaders had a go too! We loved having the outside space for the girls to explore and enjoyed a campfire on the last night where we were joined by a local Cub group.

Providing the girls with new experiences that they haven't encountered before is just the best. Roll on the next Brownie holiday!



Earlham district fun day

Members of Girlguiding Earlham district enjoyed a fabulous fun day in June.

Over 60 Rainbows, Brownies and Guides took on the adventurous activities Hautbois had to offer including archery, night-line, kayaking and fencing. The event took on a magical theme with enchanting crafts and a magic show to end the day.



Teddy trail

Girls from 2nd Attleborough Rainbows and 3rd Attleborough Brownies enjoyed a warm, sunny walk around Great Ellingham for their annual Teddy Bear Festival. There were plenty of bears to spot, over 80 spread through the village, but not enough time to see them all!

Our walk took us past several different ones including Chase, Chuck Beary, Vincent Bear Gough, Baron von bear-b-que, Moun-ted, Diver-ted and Pawtugal!

All girls were given a souvenir Teddy Festival 2025 badge as a memento.



'Guide' dogs

2nd Mulbarton Guides recently held a pet show with dogs taking part in the opening horseshoe and colours.

A variety of animals, including dogs, cats, guinea pigs and a tortoise came along to the evening. The Guides did a small talk on care, feeding and information on their pet. A certificate was awarded to the most knowledgeable owner.



Inspire: a weekend of adventure, friendship & chocolate

In September, Girlguiding Anglia Inspire made history with its very first weekend away – and what a weekend it was!

From across the region twenty enthusiastic participants came together for a jam-packed adventure of laughter, learning and some chocolate magic.

The weekend celebrated all seven Inspire pathways, giving everyone the chance to try something new. From getting creative to getting active, there really was something for all. Speaking of creativity – making our very own chocolate bars was an absolute highlight!

Of course, it wouldn't be a true adventure without a few thrills! We took on the monkey climb,

soared through the air on the zip line, and showed off our balance during stand-up paddleboarding. Some of us even got to experience the epic catacanoes – part catamaran, part canoe, and 100% fun. And when it came time for a little friendly competition, archery brought out our inner Robin Hoods!

Between the excitement, there was plenty of time for chatting, laughter, and new friendships. We played games, learnt new skills, and encouraged one another to step out of our comfort zones. By the end of the weekend, everyone left with smiles, stories, and a huge sense of pride in how far Inspire has come.

As I looked around at the energy and excitement of everyone involved, I couldn't help but feel so proud of how much Inspire has grown in the two years I've been in my role. We're moving in such a positive direction – and who knows? Maybe the next adventure will be our very own Norfolk Inspire weekend!

Here's to more weekends filled with friendship, fun, and fearless new experiences!

We are hoping to do regular division based Inspire meet ups. And that in turn should help with county and Regional events. See Facebook for Inspire Norfolk updates.

*Sasha Spencer,
County Inspire Co-ordinator*



Pride

Back in July, volunteers took to Norwich as part of the city's Pride celebrations. Pride marches started as a protest to the inequality faced by members of the LGBTQIA+ family. Whilst there is still a long way to go, the event in Norwich is very much a celebration of life and all its diversity.

Rosi, Jasmine, Jasmine and Cassie hosted a stall with activities included tying knots in strawberry laces, giving away sweets, flags and fake tattoos and talking to people about joining Girlguiding. We spoke to lots of people about Girlguiding being a safe space for girls and young women – we even got to talk on Future Radio early in the day!

Next year, it would be great to have some more volunteers and a presence in the parade as well as having a stand. No experience necessary although it does help to like rainbows, sparkles or flags!



'The Sea' Carnival

North Norfolk Division came together over the summer to take part in North Walsham Carnival, Sheringham Carnival and Cromer Carnival.

Our entry was titled 'The Sea' and our units were invited to dress up as sea creatures, pirates and mermaids etc. Our show piece for Sheringham and Cromer was 'Olave the Octopus' made out of 114 Sainsbury carrier bags and about 50 news papers, making her recyclable. At Sheringham she was paraded on a float organised by Holt Brownies, donated by volunteer Vikki Smith (and her husband who kindly drove). At Cromer she was filled with 200 helium balloons and carried on 2 festival trollies.

At Sheringham we were awarded 3rd Prize in the youth groups category and at Cromer we won 1st prize in the walking groups, gaining the Rose Bowl Cup.

Over all the 3 carnivals we had approximately 150 members take part. A huge thank you to all who took part. I also would like to thank all the volunteers who attended the fun days at each location. They went above and beyond to engage with our community, promoting Girlguiding through activities, games and handing out flyers.

*Chloe Bartlett-Archery,
North Norfolk division commissioner*



Awards evening

At the end of the summer term, 2nd and 4th Sheringham Brownies joined together for an awards and promise ceremony evening.

In all, across the 2 units, there were a total of six Bronze awards, five Silver awards and an amazing ten Gold awards as well as three Brownies making their promise and six Rainbows joining us being presented with their Bring on the Brownies books.



Decades of service!

The Pull's Ferry committee recognised nearly 100 years of joint service when two long serving committee members stood down earlier in the year.

Mary Davies and Jenny Armes have been involved with the Norwich division HQ for decades and have been instrumental in making decisions to ensure the building stays in guiding hands. They were presented with plants and chocolates as a big thank you for their tireless dedication.



Fundraising for EAAA

During the Summer term, 14 Guides from Cromer and Sheringham took part in the Air Ambulance challenge doing a sponsored walk as part of the fundraising clause.

Despite it being summer, it rained on the day of the walk, but these girls were not deterred and spent the morning walking around the sights and landmarks of Cromer. They raised an amazing £961 for the air ambulance, an outstanding amount for so few girls.

They were very proud to earn their challenge badges and eagerly devoured the donuts and cakes at the end of their walk.



50 years long service award

In August, Barbara Rafer, leader of Cromer & Sheringham Guides, received her 50 years long service award.

Although the official presentation was held in Northampton where Barbara started her guiding volunteering and still holds a role in Guide and Ranger units, her colleagues at Cromer also wanted to celebrate her achievement.

A surprise afternoon tea was organised with a clever ruse to get Barbara to the Sheringham Headquarters where she was shocked to discover not only her colleagues but family from Northampton too!

North Norfolk Division Commissioner Chloe Bartlett-Archery is in the photo with Barbara who received a handwritten framed poem from one of the Northampton leaders.



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