

County Commissioners Chat

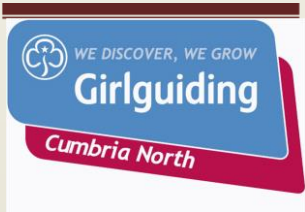
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I am writing this at the end of a long school day but happy in front of a warm fire. Tomorrow I have the very great honour of attending the Cumbria Women of the Year lunch, having been nominated as such. I am very honoured to represent Girlguiding Cumbria North and humbled by the nomination – Thank you to whoever was involved, and Thank You to all of you for all the effort you put into everything you do as well for Girlguiding Cumbria North – we really do rock! You are all the best and I wish you all well for the remainder of the term and all the Christmas activities with the girls – hope to see you at some of them!



We have achieved so many things over the last nearly four years that I have been County Commissioner, but in that time we haven't had a County camp – very remiss!! So we are putting that right with our spectacular Blaithwaite camp – 24th – 29th July 2016 – please see further details on the website and get your applications in as soon as possible. The Senior section camp is almost full and following the great success of our County trip to Russia this summer, led by Siobhan – a group of girls from Russia will be joining our County camp – a fantastic experience of r them but also for our girls to meet them and share what Girlguiding is all about! We have a competition winner for the Camp badge design - and the badge is currently being prepared – to be unveiled really soon!



At County awards we talked about Girlguiding being a movement and your new magazine has arrived and begun to give information on the new adventure of Girlguiding - I know that a good number of you have volunteered to run pilots for the new programme - thank you for that - always good to see lots of Cumbria

Thank you everyone and have a lovely Christmas
Julie x

Houghton Village Farmers market – Saturday 12th December = From 9-1pm at Houghton village hall. Come along to our friendly village market where you can get a cup of tea whilst browsing a great local selection of meat, cheese, bread, cakes, hot food, preserves and lots of craft stalls too.



I am very sad to report the death of Julie Telford, Guide Leader at Houghton Guides in Border Division. She was only diagnosed with leukaemia in March and leaves behind her own three girls, husband Richard and wider family. Her twin sister Jackie is also a Leader. The funeral was held yesterday in Carlisle and the priest shared her dedication to her family, her Guides, her role as deputy head and her love of sport. Julie often served tea to raise funds for supporting Girlguiding activities at the local Farmers market and at the next one on Saturday 12th December Houghton Guides will be serving teas to raise money for Leukaemia and Eden Valley hospice – please come and support.

Two fabulous opportunities were given to our Senior section this year – a group took part in the Region Adventures in Copenhagen – travelling through various countries by several modes of transport to arrive in Copenhagen to join in a huge widgame! Thank you to Ruth, Debbie, Carol and Naomi for leading

Also this summer Siobhan and Alice took a group to Russia to lead activities on a Children’s summer camp – a real once in a lifetime experience and the opportunity to enjoy the sights of Moscow

We had a very snowy County training weekend 18-20 November, but our trainers made it from Manchester area and Blencathra centre themselves helped in ferrying people up and down the hill in difficult conditions. We all gained some new ideas and very much enjoyed the time to play at being Guides ourselves – the food was fabulous and it was warm and cosy inside. The weather made for some spectacular views but we do think next time we may have a Spring time event!