

# ANNUAL REPORT



2022

# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In Guiding we all promise to do our best. Last year I said I hoped to meet more of our members as we came out of the Covid restrictions. An invitation to join New Elgin Rainbows and Brownies to present Long Service Awards and again at their Platinum Celebrations was just the beginning.

This challenge was soon extended when meeting so many Rainbows and Brownies at the Inchberry Fun Days - 'Girls just wanna have fun' was the Northern Scot title which headed our full page article with great photos taken by Louise. She was putting to use skills learned at one of her unit meetings delivered by one of their own photographers. All leaders and a good number of parent helpers are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and commitment, making the days happy and memorable for all our young members. We need to try to encourage more parents/guardians to join us as members so we can build up our membership of young girls too.

It was good to see our Duke of Edinburgh girls set themselves new challenges especially in the expedition section of the award. For the first time cycling and sailing expeditions joined the more traditional hikes. Seeing the girls set up for the practice cycle expedition was my introduction to seeing the trailers that they were towing to transport their kit, it was really interesting. Having to pitch tents in the rain meant that conditions were tough but certainly ensured they were well prepared to enjoy their actual test expedition from Invermorriston Falls car park to Connel Bridge(95.6miles). Well done to you all - we hope that bronze, silver and gold awards will soon be completed.

Regular weekly meetings have also encouraged the girls to enjoy a huge variety of activities and complete their badge work.

You as leaders are all to be congratulated on doing your best as do the girls for keeping their Guide Laws. Let's make it our challenge for the next year to constantly think about our laws - although the wording has been updated since some of us made our original promise the ethos remains the same - helping and encouraging each other to do our best in friendship in the true Guiding spirit. I will try to help as much as I can - that is my challenge - 'GO' and the leadership qualification changes will ensure I too have to learn lots of new skills.



# FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## A farewell from Alison

As I finish my role a County Commissioner, I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported me during this time. Covid 19 presented its challenges but I would like to say how our volunteers embraced it and found amazing ways of making Guiding happen across Moray during this time. Thank you all for your patience and perseverance with risk assessments, finding alternative venues, and generally finding any way to meet up and deliver exciting things for the girls to stay engaged during this time - you were exceptional. I would particularly like to thank Louise for all her hard work and effort as County Secretary and know she will take on her new role with enthusiasm and with our continued support she will lead Girlguiding Moray and take our county forward into the future as we start to rebuild and grow our membership.

## A hello from Louise

I am really excited to have taken on the role of County Commissioner for Girlguiding Moray. I was honoured to be asked by the then Scottish Chief Commissioner, Moira McKenna to take on the role and assure you that I will represent Girlguiding Moray across Scotland and the UK to the best of my ability.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to bring great guiding adventures and experiences to girls across the county. I am keen to see you in your units to witness first-hand the activities and experience that you as leaders provide on a weekly basis.

What a fantastic year we have had since our return to face-to-face guiding as covid restrictions relaxed. Units across the county continue to take part in activities near and far with pack holidays, days out and camps in Cullen, Dalguise and Kent.

We held two very successful Fun Days at Inchberry in June for our Rainbows and Brownies, where a Disney Princess Theme proved very popular and a very successful Christmas Cupcake Challenge which was embraced by all age groups. Congratulations go to the planning teams involved in these events.

Across the county we continue to support many charities and local community projects, clearing leaves at the Oaks in Elgin, raising money for MFR Cash for Kids and so much more. Our girls and leaders continue to grow as individuals and meet the challenges of both modern day life and girlguiding. You and they are constantly an inspiration and example to me and all of those who know you.

We have many plans for the future of Girlguiding in Moray and hope that you will all continue to join us in our adventures and exploits.

Thank you for all of your hard work and commitment to Girlguiding in Moray, without you there would be no magic moments and guiding memories.

Finally a huge thank you must go to Alison for all of her hard work on behalf of all of us. She was a great support to so many of us during the last 5 years, especially during the pandemic.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Aberlour Rainbows

In October 2021, we decided to re start Aberlour Rainbows after a long period of inactivity. Our group has been hugely successful over the last few months, and during this time we have developed strong relationships between the girls and leaders, alongside the parents who have been extremely supportive.

As of June 2022, we have 4 leaders, 2 young leaders and 20 rainbows. At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to some rainbows who are now ready to join Brownies: we are currently in the process of looking for leaders to start a unit in Aberlour.

We look forward to welcoming 3 new Rainbows in August which will bring our numbers back up to 20.

Earlier this year, we held a family friendly quiz night as our first group fundraiser. We were delighted to raise £922 which was a massive help towards the financial costs of our group. Alongside this, we have been lucky enough to receive donations from various local businesses within the Speyside area.

We love trying new crafts; some of our favourites were DIY rainbow dream catchers and toilet tube robots.



Our first group trip was the Rainbow Funday at Inchberry last month. The girls had a fantastic day out and some of our favourite activities were sand art, teddy bear making and lots of bouncy castle fun. Hopefully we will be able to have some more group trips over the next year.



We have had so much fun this year and have been able to cover lots of badge work too. We capture all of our fun by taking as many pictures as we can and sharing these on our private Facebook group for family to see.



This term we introduced 'Lola'. Lola goes home with one of the girls each week; they also take home her diary and can write about what she's been up to. Lola is loved so much by the girls, and we love hearing what she's been up to each week.



**Lola at Hopeman beach**



**Lola enjoying the sun on the West Coast**

For the upcoming year, we plan on having lots more fun. We have some great activities planned for making the most of the summer weather and for inside during the winter months. Alongside this, we have several ideas that will enable us to help out and make a difference in the local community.



## **2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Rainbows**

There were lots of new faces as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Rainbows started face-to-face meetings again. We have enjoyed learning new songs, new games and have been busy completing Take Action, Know Myself, Be Well and Have Adventures skill builders. We really loved making ghost lollipops, sock snowmen, leprechauns and had an awesome time at our teddy tea party for the Queens Platinum Jubilee. The County Rainbow Princess Fun day was a blast and a wonderful way to end the year.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Brownies**

It was so great for the girls of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lossiemouth Brownies to be back to face to face meetings, completing Take Action, Know Myself and Have Adventures Skills Builders.

We really enjoyed commemorating and celebrating annual events and the historical; the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Our crafts included Halloween hanging bats, Christmas cork angel decorations, paper weaving tartan for Burn's Night and Easter felt bunnies. Themed activities on the environment and gender equality for Thinking Day, 'Ships, sea, survival and the RNLI' and 'Bubbles, boomerangs, bunting, crowns and dresses' for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We finished the year having a fantastic time at the County Brownie Princess Fun day.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Lossiemouth Guides

In November 21, many of the Guides and the leaders undertook a sponsored walk in aid of Children in Need and Girlguiding. One very cool and windy Sunday morning we met at the Granary at Burghead. Once we were all prepared in the appropriate waterproof attire and had checked we had our nutritious packed lunches we set off. The intrepid adventurers started out undertaking the path of the Moray Coastal route back to Lossiemouth.



Thankfully the wind was on our backs and with the occasional but inevitable November showers the weather was predominantly on our side. There was, the inevitable frequent refreshment stops to re-energise however, the girls did not waiver from their task and everyone finished and performed brilliantly completing the walk in under 5 hours.

This successful endeavour and undertaking bolstered the two chosen beneficiaries where a whopping £455 was raised, although tired all felt delighted in their achievements.



Like many other Guiding units within the United Kingdom, 4<sup>th</sup> Lossiemouth Guides were not to be outdone when all the girls and leaders undertook a clean-up of various areas and streets within Lossiemouth as part of the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations



### 1<sup>st</sup> Hopeman Brownies

We have had a busy, fun filled year. It's great to be back meeting up and seeing the girls.



The girls participated in lots of programme activities and earned 2 skills builders. Many of them did badges at home with baking and grown your own being particularly popular. We also did our aviation badge and hopefully inspired some future pilots

In February we had a Chinese New Year celebration where the girls mastered eating Maltesers with chopsticks- they were definitely quicker than the leaders.

In May we had a first aid trainer come along for the night. The girls loved it and all went home duly bandaged up although we were a tad concerned when one girl said the resuscitation dummy was breathing!!!



In June we had a wonderful night celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee- we made bunting and crowns. We followed with a traditional tea party and an abundance of home bakes and juice served from teapots



Looking forward to starting back and another year's fun

### 1<sup>st</sup> Duffus Rainbows

In October the Rainbows and Leaders were excited to be returning to 'face to face' meetings. A number of our Rainbows had moved onto Brownies but three of our Rainbows returned and were stars at helping our 5 new Rainbows settle in teaching them our songs, routines and what being a Duffus Rainbow means. We were so proud of the skills our older Rainbows were exhibiting during our first term back. Due to Covid Guidelines we decided the girls would have their own named stationery pencil case and tissues for their Rainbow box.

The girls were delighted with these items and it has made our drawing and colouring skills activities so much easier



to organise and something we are going to continue.

Even although we were not able to be part of our usual Remembrance Day Service at Hopeman we still had our own special Ceremony at Duffus Church. Again the Rainbows collected and appropriately decorated their own stone and laid it outside Duffus Church to form a small Remembrance Day memorial. We were very proud of our girls and their families for being part of this community event. Our Rainbows were delighted to receive their Remembrance Day Guiding Badge for participating in this event.



This term's badge challenge was the booklover interest badge. We talked about different books the girls had read both fiction and non-fiction, their favourite books and the characters and settings in them and why they were favourites. The girls then made their own personalised bookmark with pictures of their favourite book characters on it and used them at home.



They completed Parts 2 and 3 of this badge at home. This included reviewing

three books they had enjoyed recently or that were favourites. Their final part of this badge was to design a t-shirt or something similar showing why their favourite book was the best in the world. What a lot of creative and imaginative Rainbows we have.

We started 2022 with our new Rainbows confidently making their Promise.



We also enjoyed learning more Rainbow games. A favourite has become the waitress game when we have to work in teams and deliver our trays without spilling the contents of our cups. There was great hilarity when we tried the suggestion of having cups of pencils and the balance challenge was just a step too far.



We celebrated Thinking Day by learning more about Rainbows from South Africa and comparing our uniform, promise and songs. This earned another badge to add to our tabards.



Due to Covid our Rainbow Garden was in much need of a makeover. At our first meeting of term 4 the girls removed all our rainbow coloured stones and repainted them. The following week our newly painted stones were all returned to our Rainbow Garden. There was a huge transformation.

For Mother's Day the girls decided they would like to design a keyring and fridge magnet which they added a photo of themselves to. The girls and their families were delighted with the gifts. Our final Term 3 meeting was an outdoor windy Easter Egg Hunt. The girls were delighted with their bunny masks and worked in pairs to find 11 different eggs to spell out their Easter message. They added some Easter chocolates to their bags to take home as an Easter treat.



We continued our gardening theme by decorating terracotta plant pots for a family surprise before planting sunflowers seeds in them.



The girls were excited to tell us about their sunflowers progress at subsequent meetings.

We were very lucky to be able to organise a trip to the Oakwood Cookery School to learn how to make a real pizza.



To end Term 4 we had an evening of outdoor sports fun with lots of different races where everyone was willing to have a go.

Gaynor commented on the Rainbows enthusiasm and good manners. The pizzas looked amazing and the families told us they tasted delicious. The girls were awarded their first Rainbow trip badge for this activity.

Well done Duffus Rainbows for being such enthusiastic Rainbows and fulfilling your Rainbow Promise. We have so enjoyed being back to meeting in our Church Hall and are looking forward to more Rainbows joining our unit and working on more of our badges in August.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Brownies

1st Keith Brownies have enjoyed returning face to face, celebrating Pancake Day, quiz nights and working towards the Know Myself Skills Builder. We returned to Eden Court to see Cinderella at Panto and then enjoyed our first Christmas Party in 2 years.

1st Keith Brownies had a great time at the Brownie Fun Day at Inchberry



For our last night we held a beetle drive with 1st Keith Guides and invited parents to join us. We had a fabulous time together.



Unfortunately we've been unable to find a new leader to take over any of these units at present but current members are awaiting a date for a day trip to Blair Drummond and a sleepover to Cullen. These trips were chosen by the brownies and guides as their final fling.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Brownies

The start of our report is when we joined active schools for a session during the summer holidays.

We have worked toward our Express Myself and our Be Well theme awards. Girls did really well on first aid section.

We also had a Pudsey drive and raised money for Children in Need with our spare change.



We attended the remembrance parade in Keith. At our local spring show we served the teas for the public.



For the jubilee we made cards for the Queen, which we sent to the Queen and got a letter back.



We planted sunflowers seeds and watched them grow over the following weeks and months.



Our last night for now was a joint Beetle Drive with 1st Keith Brownies we invited the girls' parents to join us and had a really good time.

At the end of term we finally managed to get Nicola back to brownies to present her with a thank you for all she has done.



### 1<sup>st</sup> Keith Guides

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### 3rd New Elgin Guides

Once again 3rd New Elgin Guides have had such a busy year. We were delighted our meetings have been mostly face to face again with a short spell on Zoom during January and early February due to increasing Covid cases locally.

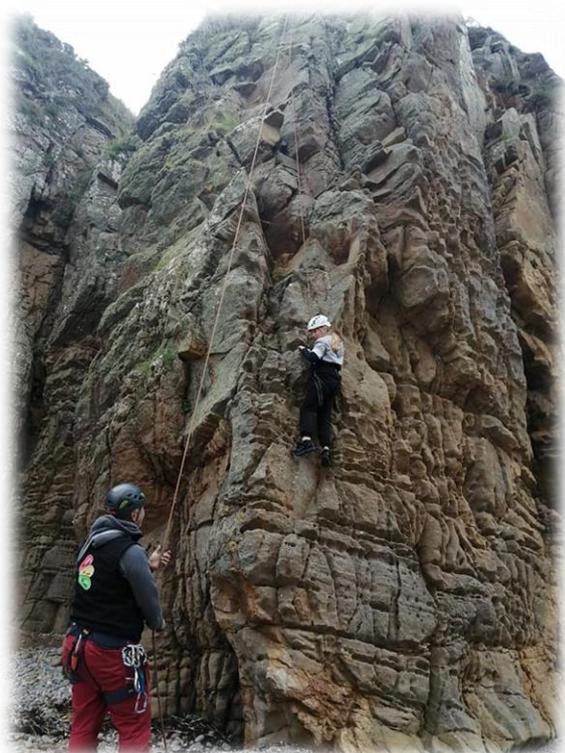
We have been busy working on lots of Skill Builders and UMA cards some of which we enjoyed more than others. We have also taken part in lots of unit baking, canvas and ceramic painting, sports activities, taekwondo, pamper nights and more.

October 2021 saw us participating in more activities with Outfit Moray. One group went climbing and abseiling and another paddle boarding.



The Guides really enjoyed both these activities and look forward to trying some different ones hopefully next term.

For the first time in a while we attended the Remembrance Parade and one member of our unit laid a wreath. We also made beautiful glass poppy jars using tissue paper, beautiful keepsake.



In December we had a big food collection which we donated to Moray Food Plus.



We have also raised £200.31 for Children In Need when we danced for a donation and £100 for a local charity Abbie's Sparkle Foundation when we held a bake sale in June this year. We continue to clear the fallen leaves at The Oaks and held 3 sessions this year where the girls did an outstanding job and worked really well as a team. One of our Guides got a special mention in Girlguiding Morays cupcake challenge.



In February we had our postponed Christmas Meal at The Firth Hotel in Lossiemouth complete with Christmas crackers and lots of celebrations. It was a wonderful evening with beautiful food, well worth waiting for.

We have had several themed Promise Nights including a Minecraft night which was a first for our unit. The Guides really enjoyed making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we completed lots of silly pancake challenges too.



Two of our favourite nights this term have been welcoming Mandy from Manshay Hollistics along to make coloured bath salts with us and our outdoor night at Rosiesle Beach where we

completed our Out and About 2022 Get Creative badge and Stella showed us how to build and light a fire. We then ate lots of yummy s'mores made on our fires.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with scones and jam and a patrol challenge night. The girls enjoyed this so much it took all evening. Some Guides and leaders have completed The Chief Commissioner Challenge 22 as well, which was lots of fun and gave Guides a good choice of challenges to complete.

The end of term was celebrated with a trip to McDonalds and wee awards night. The leaders were delighted to hand out so many interest badges and for the first time ever we had 5 Bronze Awards and 3 Silver Awards to hand out...a huge achievement for these Guides. We have 2 girls going for Gold next term.



At the end of July, 17 Guides had an action packed 4 days at PGL Dalguise which will forever remain one of our favourite places to visit. The weather was very mixed but great fun was had by all and each Guide achieved so many personal goals.





## 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows

What a fantastic year our group has had.

In July 2021 we achieved the Green Blue Peter badge for our team efforts of thinking about and taking action for our environment.

We then enjoyed some green bowling with St. Andrews Bowling a club in Urquhart. They gave us two sessions taking time to teach us and the Brownies all about a new sport.

Our older Rainbows have blossomed into strong young ladies and warmly welcomed new Rainbows.

We have enjoyed a Christmas Frozen theme party, A Burns Supper and Easter active games with the 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Brownies.

We also enjoyed a Guided History Walk along the closes of Elgin.

We also supported Poppy Scotland in a commitment to learning about the colours of poppies.

We also contributed by making bags and Ukraine hearts to a local community effort to fundraiser for Ukraine.

We had a visit from the local ambulance with one of our Rainbows' Dad able to teach us about the recovery position and the importance of clean hands.



We have 1 Guide heading to camp at Grampian Escape 2022 and look forward to hearing all about this soon.

Once again the Guides wouldn't be able to have all these opportunities without our amazing leader team. Thanks to each one of you for all you do for 3rd New Elgin Guides - true stars often going above and beyond for our unit.

Excited for whatever 2022-2023 brings for us all.





To celebrate International Women's day, RAF STEM Ambassadors and Moray Council worked with our Rainbows and their families to provide a STEM family workshop.

We also enjoyed a visit to Oakwood Cookery School to make Unicorn Cupcakes.

All of which earned a collection of badges from the Scotland range! The girls loved them.

Congratulations to the Rainbows who achieved Silver and Gold awards and to those who achieved their Pot of Gold before moving into Brownies.



Our year ended with a Jubilee Celebration with 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Brownies. We had some terrific crafts including making a Jacob's Ladder, role play activities to learn about the royal lineage, and sending a whole collection of cards to HRH The Queen. In November we will plant trees in Urquhart hall grounds as part of The Queen's Canopy. This also earned us our Archeology Scotland Historic Hero award!

Thanks to the Rainbows and their families for the commitment and support this past year.

### 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides welcomed members old and new to face to face guiding post Covid.

We have worked on various UMAs, celebrated Easter by doing crafts and food related activities.



Two of our new members were thrilled to make their promise.



We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and completed the Take 2 in 2022 Chief Commissioner's Challenge badge



## Elgin Landward District

We would like to introduce Vicky as our new Team Leader for Elgin Landward. As Lorna stepped down as District Commissioner, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and support over the last few years.

Vicky is still finding her way within her new role so unfortunately, we still haven't managed to meet as a District this year; however we have managed to keep in touch with each other.

All sections have managed to have fun this year and it has been great to get back to full meetings.

A massive thank you to all our amazing leaders who have kept guiding alive this year - the amount of joy and happiness that it has given the girls is amazing and you should all be very proud of yours and their achievements.

We are look forward to the next year and meeting in person.

## 5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies

We have had such an amazing year packed full of fun and lots of hard work from all the Brownies. We have also managed a whole Guiding year of Face-to-Face meetings. It has been wonderful!

We started off the year by meeting with 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Brownies every week at the Scouts Hall Grounds. This is a fantastic outdoor area and gave us the opportunity to meet in person while there were still some restrictions in place. We then moved to our new home at Elgin Community Centre in October.

5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday in September which was celebrated at the Top of Lady hill with cake of course.

We visited Moray Food Bank and donated food items as part of their reverse advent calendar and for our Take Action Theme.



5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies were very fortunate to have donations this year, so we used this for a trip to Oakwood Cookery School to make cupcakes.



Parliament week was a huge success with the girls with lots of debating and we voted on Owl names for our Leaders.

One of the highlights of the year has to be the Princess Fun Day!! What an



absolutely amazing day that was. Thank you to everyone involved.



Programme and Badge Work - Our Brownies have done amazing this year. They come every week and work so hard. This year we have managed to complete 3 Theme Awards. I was also very proud to give out 1 Gold Award, 3 Silver Awards and 6 Bronze awards The girls hard work and dedication has been unreal, and I could not be happier to award them with this huge achievement.



We welcomed 10 new girls to the unit, and we also had the pleasure of welcoming our new leader Sam (Pixie Owl) and our DofE helper Darcey (Little Owl).

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for another fantastic year of Guiding. My biggest thank you must go to Doreen, Sam and Darcey for their continuing support at our meetings and behind the scenes.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Elgin Guides

August 2021 saw 6<sup>th</sup> Elgin Guides return to face-to-face meetings in a new meeting place. We welcomed a new Leader in Training and the Guides enjoyed working independently through the UMA's of their choice. Get Carried Away, K is for Kindness, Savvy Shopper being a few. There is a Tai Chi class running in the hall next door and the teacher kindly came in to guide the girls through some of the techniques to complete Tai one, two, chi.

In the Christmas term we completed the West Surry Countdown to Christmas Challenge. The decorated gingerbread houses looked amazing! Listening to Christmas music, secret Santa, Christmas card jigsaws and a snowball fight were all enjoyed.



Moving into Spring term we joined the Scottish Commissioner live via FB on Thinking Day to re-new our promises with Guides all over the Country and hear about the Scottish Commissioners challenge badge. Two Guides decided to



stay on with us as Young Leaders and we completed Skill Builder Reflect Stage 3 for those who had started it on Zoom.

The whole unit completed the Communicate Skill Builder Stage 3 and we helped the girls prepare for Mother's Day in March by adapting the Macramé Master UMA to make holders for jam jars planted with little succulent plants from the Plant Bug in Hopeman.



We held three promises ceremonies throughout the term displaying our Colours for the occasion and celebrated the end of term by handing out Thinking day, International Women's Day and Interest Badges; Meditation, Geocaching, Aspirations, Media Critic, Photography and Natural Remedy Badges. What amazing work the girls showed us for these! Another 5 promises made and not only the units first Theme Award, but TWO at once, both for Express Myself.



Summer term saw us welcoming new girls and a Unit Helper.

We worked on the Scottish Commissioners Take 2 in 22 Challenge doing a litter pic combined with celebrating the Queen's Jubilee by making bunting from an old sheet and completing an obstacle course with 22 repetitions. Collecting for Moray Food Plus and clothing for Moray Women's Aid were both hugely successful.



The end of the year was celebrated with treating the girls to a tray of chips from the chippy and the handing out some more badges, Mixology, a Be Well Theme Award, Know Myself Theme Award, and the units first Bronze Award.



Getting feedback from the Guides, Camping is a popular request, so towards the end of term we applied for and were successful in getting £1000 from the Arnold Clark Community Fund. We look forward to buying new tents and cooking equipment for use in the hopefully not too distant future.



## 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies

1st New Elgin Brownies have had a very busy year growing from 4 girls at October 2021 to a whopping 21 by June 2022. We welcomed 3 new leaders plus a young leader. We've had lots of fun getting to know each other and achieving badges.

We completed a sponsored silence to raise funds for our growing unit and raised a whopping £1040

We've been learning about skills for our future and had visits from the fire service and paramedics and also Rex's Reptiles.

We had a fantastic day at the Princess Fun day.



We put on our fancy frocks and had a Jubilee Jamboree where we decorated tiaras and had lots of royally good fun.



We went to the Oakwood Cookery School and made yummy cupcakes.



We had lots of promise parties including a magical experiment one.

We presented 7 Bronze and 5 Sliver Awards. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

We are looking forward to many more adventures this year including a sleepover.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> New Elgin Brownies

2nd New Elgin Brownies have been non-stop since returning face to face in August 2021

We teamed up with 1st and 5th New Elgin Brownies at the Scout Hall Grounds where we learnt all about our local community with fun activities and games. We all met at the cathedral with a tour of the High Street as made our way to the top of Lady Hill pretending to be tourists where the lovely Tesco Tracy donated a wee snack.



In October we were delighted to get back to New Elgin Primary School Hall. For Parliament week we made up parties and voted for Lorraine's owl name where Sunny Owl was chosen - Douglas Ross even sent us a video congratulating all the Brownies and leaders hard work. We danced for a full hour for Children in Need in our PJ's.

We were delighted to attend our first Remembrance Service at Elgin High Street where we watched our Brownie Luci lay the wreath. To celebrate the end of term we had a spectacular Christmas disco where we danced all night long.

Back after Christmas was full of celebrations with a irn bru toast on Burns night and fortune teller making for Chinese New Year, closely followed by 2nd New Elgin Brownies 55th birthday which was a night filled with cake. This term we concentrated on helping others, from learning DR ABC and the recovery

position, what to do in an emergency to donating lots and lots to Moray School Bank. Debbie visited us from Moray School Bank and was blown away with all the donations.



We wrote to Douglass Ross, Richard Lochhead, Environmental Health @ Moray Council and Graham Leadbitter regarding the litter and dog fouling along out Primary Schools. We received letters back from all and the community safety team put up lots of posters around the schools.

At the end of term we celebrated 8 New Brownie and Sunny Owl's Promise, 9 Bronze Awards, 9 Silver Awards and 6 Gold awards.

We had a lovely ceremony where all mums, dads and siblings came along with a few special guests as we handed out over 70 interest badges. We were delighted to be in the Northern Scot.

We created a 2nd New Elgin Brownie Special Award for the amazing work done by our Brownies, from raising money for charities, to completing ALL of the Brownie interest badges and so much more.

As our "summer" term approached we were delighted to meet back outside with 5th New Elgin Brownies. We had great fun down at the Scout Hall Grounds. This term we were on the move helping our community with a huge litter pick with all parents and siblings, met the PSYV and Police Dogs, a visit from Tesco Tracy to learn all about her amazing role in the community and so much more.





We had great fun at the Brownie Fun day where the favourites were the teddy bears, silent disco and sand art. Thank you to all who organised.

A massive thank you to our amazing leaders for making all of this possible! Thank you to our fabulous young leaders Lucy and Charlotte who are great with the girls each week.

Here is to another busy year with lots of fun, laughter and more badges

We partied on 31 May with 5th New Elgin and 1st New Elgin Rainbows not just for the Queens Jubilee but Fluffy Owl's 50th birthday.

### 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Rainbows

1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Rainbows have been busy working on badges and having fun.



We met at scout grounds one term where we did our camp stage 1, we learned about outdoor cooking and we made s'mores using tea lights.



We had special guests of Vivien, Caroline and Asda's Community Champ Irene for an evening filled with cake decorating, crafts, games, dancing, singing and we even did the queens make up.

We also learned about the planets and made a rocket which we had a lot of fun trying to see who could get it the highest.

On one of our last nights we had a huge water fun night where we all went home completely soaked after a night of laughter and silliness.



Back at the school we completed our communicate badge where we learned sign language for a camp song and learnt all about dementia. We decorated strips of sheets then made them into a giant friendship bracelet.



We have played lots of games like hedgehog, ladders, rain or shine.



In November we attended the Remembrance Service.

We also joined 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies for a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Party.

We can't wait for more fun and to learn more new things

## 1<sup>st</sup> New Elgin Guides

Summer 21 saw 16 girls enjoy 2 days of activities with Outfit Moray for our Camp@Home. We climbed at Cummington, learnt archery at Duffus and paddled and kayaked down the River Lossie.



We spent the first term after the summer again outdoors, with some activities both around New Elgin and thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> Elgin Scouts, their outdoor area at the Wards.

After October we returned indoors but unfortunately both had to change night and our normal location, disappointingly we are still not able to meet back at Elgin High School.

We made sweetie campfires, Remembrance Day Poppies and we tried a bit of Strictly (tap) dancing for Children in Need.





The beginning of December saw us making Christmas craft, before having a virtual Christmas party, baking gingerbread men and taking part in the Christmas Cupcake Challenge.



In the New Year we tried some STEM activities before organising our World Thinking Day party with 3<sup>rd</sup> New Elgin Brownies where we planted seeds, played Trefoil Bingo with sweets, and made peg superheroes. We also made rather lovely pom pop flower posies for Mother's Day.



Our Summer term was once again spent outside mostly with our now annual visit to the Linkwood Burn where we were supposed to be exploring and discovering interesting information about the area, but as usual everyone ended up wet!



Outfit Moray took us climbing to Cummington and we had a sausage sizzle and campfire on the beach. The summer holidays saw us doing another Camp @ Home, where we paddled down the River Lossie again but also went rafting on the River Spey.





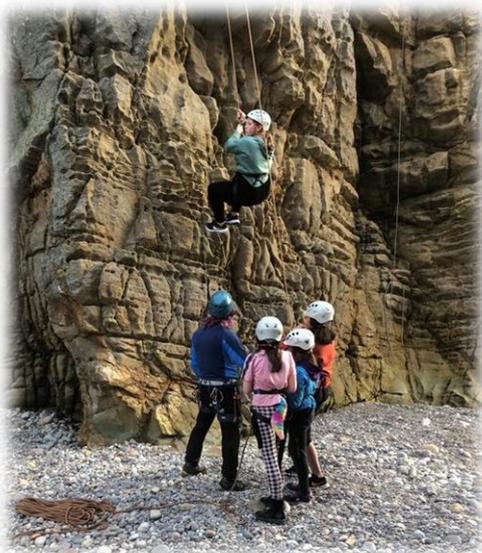
## 1<sup>st</sup> Elgin Landward Rangers

These past 12 months have been hectic. August 21 saw us undertaking our Silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.

The practice one was from Aberlour to Dufftown and then Dufftown back to Aberlour via Craigellachie.



Our qualifying expedition took us along the Dava Way. Although Covid restrictions meant that we couldn't sleep over, we still had to carry our packs and cook a hot meal outside - fajitas were our favourite.



What a great way to see the local area.

We're looking forward to next year's adventures.



After completing the expedition section we needed to give a presentation on the experience. We invited along some girls who were interested in hearing about it and they all joined Rangers too.



Our meetings at this time were taking place in ASDA Elgin training room, which we liked as it was close to the biscuit supply.

We tried out some Remembrance Day activities and Christmas craft, but our favourite thing is eating and we headed to Scribbles for our Christmas meal. Afterwards the new girls made their promise and Lucy, Leah and Jenna were presented with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Jemma her Young Leaders certificate beside the Christmas tree.

The New Year saw exams for most of us and a change of venue - now the Williamson Hall. We also started planning for the summer of DofE expeditions with First Aid training and outdoor cooking at Lossiemouth Guide Hall and training walks to Carn Uish Windfarm and around Aberlour.



In February we had an 'Abigail party'.



One of our Rangers, Abigail Chapman, was nominated for the Scottish Chief Commissioners Thistle Award for overcoming adversity and we had a lovely day with our families and leaders at Lossiemouth where again Lucy, Leah and Jenna joined Abigail, Charlotte and Abby



in being presented with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and Gemma her Silver DofE Certificate of Achievement (this had been introduced during Covid to recognise participant who had completed the main sections of the award but had not had the opportunity to complete the Expedition section due the restrictions in place).

After the main exams in May, June saw the new group of girls undertake their Bronze qualifying/Silver practice expedition, with Katie, Gemma, Erin, Madison, Tia and Lauren being joined by Ellis from Buckie Rangers.

The girls walked from Craigmin Bridge at Drybridge to Fochabers via Spey Bay on a very windy weekend. Georgia was unable to join them and did her expedition the following weekend with girls from Banff and Buchan.



The girls who had completed their Silver in Summer 21 decided that they would like to cycle for their Gold Expedition.

After some evening and weekend cycles locally and a cycle maintenance class provided, again, by Outfit Moray, they set off on their practice expedition in late July. They cycled the Speyside Way and the Old Logging Way to Loch Morlich via Granttown on Spey and Aviemore.



Early August saw the Silver Qualifying expedition for, now, 9 participants. The route was along part of the Speyside Way and the Dava Way from Broomhill Station via Granttown on Spey and Edinkillie to Dallas Dhu Distillery. The girls were amazing and kept going despite the challenging second day.





The Gold qualifying expedition followed soon after with an amazing cycle journey starting at Invermoriston via the Great Glen Way to Laggan then onto Fort William, where they continued on the Caledonia way crossing Loch Linnhe to Ardgour and back to Glencoe, eventually reaching Connel Bridge, a distance of 154km or 95.6miles (in 4 days)



The final expedition of the summer was for Lucy and Leah, who had the once in a lifetime experience of joining a Girlguiding Scotland organised 10 day sailing expedition with Ocean Youth Trust Scotland.

What a fantastic year, we are looking forward to more adventures next year.



We have tried out Skills Builders and UMAs 'positive pebbles', 'strike a light', 'in a fix' and pizza making.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Rainbows

We have had a good year and Rainbows are really pleased to be back to meeting in person in the guide hall.

We started off meeting fortnightly but are now back to weekly meetings and Girls have been working on various badges: Be well First Aid stage 2, recycling making objects out of junk. Also managed a few nights to the park and Pot of Linn to play with the parachute and run races, which the girls love.

Girls have also been busy making pom poms for the local root group, who made a display in the square for the Queen's Jubilee.

We had a joint online pantomime with the other rainbow groups which the girls thoroughly enjoyed.

Thinking day was celebrated this year in our own groups playing games and singing songs based on thinking day.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of June we attended the lighting of the beacon with the Boys brigade and other members of the public. It was a great night girls had races, and all received their queens Platinum badge. We decorated crowns and celebrated the actual night in guide hall which had been decorated with bunting.

The girls had a brilliant day at the Rainbow fun day enjoying making bears and various crafts and ice cream.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Brownies

Since returning to Brownies we have welcomed some new girls. Our older girls have been a great example, helping the younger girls, we are very proud of them all.



We have also enjoyed lots of celebrations like: Thinking Day, Promise Nights, The Queen's Jubilee, Glow Party, Fun Days and a chippy on the beach.



We are looking forward to another exciting year.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows

We dived into the new program in August with a new group of girls.

We have tried some Skills Builders and lots of UMAs. We enjoyed the messy ones the best. We have spent lots of time outside enjoying the nice weather and our local area.

We have celebrated lots of festivals, Thinking Day; The Queen's Platinum Jubilee held and enjoyed a baking and a promise night. Our glow party was our most enjoyed event.



We attended the Rainbow day and had a great time. We also managed a chippy at the beach.



We are looking forward to another fun filled year.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Cullen Guides

Cullen Guides have enjoyed a varied programme this year.

We've spent a number of our meetings enjoying the outdoors - walking from Portknockie to Cullen with a poke of chips as a reward, selfie scavenger hunt and a sandcastle competition to name a few.

We enjoyed celebrating some of the worldwide festivals - exploring crafts, art and in some cases dance. We attended the Remembrance Sunday service at the memorial where two of our girls laid our poppy wreath.

We've continued to follow the new programme, trying out new games, activities and crafts. Of course as requested by the girls we have incorporated cooking and baking into our meetings.

We rounded off our year with a fantastic paddle boarding session in Portknockie Harbour with a wee picnic. Great fun was had by all.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows

We got back to indoor meetings in September although we moved to the Fochabers Scout Hall. This gave us outdoor space and allowed us to build up our numbers.

In November we celebrated Parliament Week with the Brownies and we also held a joint Thinking Day celebration. A mini-sleepover in November included a danceathon for BBC Children in Need which raised £205.



For the Platinum Jubilee we helped the Lord Lieutenant of Banffshire to plant some trees at the Land Army Girls Memorial.



We said a fond farewell to Margo (Raindrop) who enabled us to keep meeting as lockdown eased and welcomed Lara (Star) who has now completed her Leadership Qualification.

Lara also completed the Aberdeen Kiltwalk in aid of the Rainbows and raised £232.50 for us. We also welcomed Suzi as a Young Leader.

We have had a busy year working on the programme and enjoyed the Fun Day at Inchberry in June.

Now we are hoping for good weather for the Fochabers Gala when we are having a Recruitment Stall as well as helping with the Hook a Duck.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Fochabers Brownies

2<sup>nd</sup> Fochabers Brownies have enjoyed Wide Games and Scavenger hunts in the Park. We have built Shelters in the woods, held a campfire and toasted marshmallows.



The Rainbows joined us for Parliament Week and we had a joint Thinking Day meeting with them, along with members of the trefoil Guild and we all renewed our Promise.

A member of our local community taught us some Scottish Dances over three weeks enabling the girls to complete the Girlguiding Scottish Country Dance Badge.



We have had various Theme Evenings, the most popular being The Jelly Baby one and we celebrated the Queens Jubilee.



The Brownie Fun Day was a big hit with the girls; they were still smiling and talking about it at next Meeting.

Various badges from the programme have been gained and awarded including both Bronze and Silver Awards.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows

2nd, 3rd, 4th Buckie Rainbows have been very busy this year completing some badges and programme activities.

We made wooden spoons in to our favourite characters or animals.



We have been taping up hidden holes in our boxes so that our seeds wouldn't fall out.

We had great fun at the Queens Jubilee celebrations running against other girls.



We took part at the county fun day. The Best part of it was the Bouncy castles and looking for the dwarfs in the woods.



Some Girls said it was the "Best Day Ever"

We ended the term with celebrating the Girls who got their Bronze awards.



## 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Buckie Brownies

We have been super busy at programme activities this year. We have tried out lots of new crafts and games.

We've been working on skills for my future badge. Learning all about different tools and what they are used for.

Our new Brownies were thrilled to make their promises.



We took a trip to the co-op to donate food to the foodbank with the money that had been donated to us.

We had fun making queens and bunting for the Jubilee to hang up in our hall.

We went to the county fun day in June. It was a great day. The girls loved the crafts and the bouncy castles the most. Some said it was the best day.



We ended the term with celebrating some of the girls getting their Bronze awards.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Buckie Guides and Rangers

1st Buckie Guides and Rangers have been busy doing arts and crafts and some baking. We had a cooking night where we got some ingredients and had to make a meal with it. That was fun.

"We love being in the kitchen and anything involving food"

We spent the nice weather mostly outside playing games. Having to find random stuff and do different challenges.

We ended our term by having campfire and food at Strathlene beach. Where we learnt how to build a campfire and always had to be told to remember and top it up as often they went out mid cooking.



There is a bench that belongs to Buckie Girlguiding and it was refurbished by the lovely locals who offered to fix it and repaint it. Some of the girls went along to see it and loved seeing it have a new lease of life. As this bench is years old.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Kinloss Brownies

After a couple of whirlwind years the 2nd Kinloss brownies enjoyed a year filled with fun and exciting activities.



The girls enjoyed exploring activities over a few different themes namely Know myself and Express myself with girls even gaining a theme award.

The brownies danced their hearts out in aid of Children in Need with a mini danceathon. We enjoyed Halloween with a party.



For World Thinking day we joined together with 1st and 5th Forres brownies to partake in this year's Thinking Day themed activities.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed baking cupcakes in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

The brownies enjoyed an extra special day in June attending the Brownie Fun Day.



To top off a wonderful year we had some very special awards: 3 brownies gained bronze awards, 1 gained her silver award and 2 brownies completed their gold awards.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Guides

The last year has been exciting for 1<sup>st</sup> Kinloss Guides.

We were lucky enough to return to weekly meetings from August 2021 and have enjoyed a full programme.

We have been working on the Have Adventures theme with some girls gaining their Camp stage 3 Skills Builders.

We completed the UK Parliament Week activity titled Why, why...why? We made some Poppy Wheels for Remembrance Day and enjoyed our Children in Need Dance-a-thon.

Along with our annual Halloween party we finished our year with our fun filled Christmas party.



We celebrated World Thinking Day as a unit and completed many UMAs including Citrus feeder, break the bank and Galactic getaway.

In April 2022, we moved into our new meeting place and are enjoying our weekly evenings at the church hall.



We have enjoyed baking Cupcakes as we now have a fully working kitchen and loved decorating the cakes to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

We ended the term for the summer holidays with a lovely walk round Kinloss while completing the Penny hike UMA.

We are now looking forward to the coming year and the fun-filled programme we have planned.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Rainbows

What a busy year we have had at 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Rainbows. We reopened the unit in November 21 and have loved getting to know each other.

The rainbows have loved working on their animal lover badge.

We celebrated Chinese New Year by making scratch art and masks.

We had donut games for national donut day; this included eating donuts from a string.



We have enjoyed visiting the library whilst working towards the book lovers' badge.



We have undertaken lots of experiments including one with milk and food colouring.

For Mother's Day we made heart pictures with our fingerprints.



We had a picnic in the park for the end of term which was great fun we had lots of things to eat and played lots of games. We are looking forward to more fun and games next year.



## 5th Forres Brownies

We had another fantastic year at 5<sup>th</sup> Forres Brownies.

The Brownies have worked hard doing skills builders and UMAs and badges.

We had a great night at the Oakwood Cookery School where the girls made some amazing pizzas and cookies.



In April we had a weekend away at Cullen where leader Jackie completed her Going Away With qualification. The girls had a fantastic time and enjoyed lots of activities including paddle boarding and kayaking.





The girls enjoyed participating in lots of unit meeting activities and skill builders - with a favourite being creating a board game. The activity lasted 2 weeks with some amazing teamwork to produce and then share their games.

The brownies also earned their languages badge. They learned some sign language and a bit of German. They are now able to say a sentence in German and sign enough to be able to tell us about their family.



We also held a tea party from the trefoil ladies earning our Queen's Platinum Jubilee badge. The girls also signed a song to the ladies too.

Stand up paddle boarding; a sponsored dance, raised money for Children in Need; crafting; campfires and barbeques; to baking scones and making butter in a jar to spread on then. The girls have done it all.

End of term we had a picnic in the park with ice cream.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides



First Forres Guides has almost returned to its pre Covid 19 numbers. It was very different with twenty guides and all four leaders returning to some sort of 'normality' with masks and social distancing; the Guides seemed to take it in their stride

Even the virtual Christmas weekend that happened during Storm Arwin with intermittent Wi-Fi the Guides still managed to complete some amazing Christmas activities and to set up their dens safely indoors for the blustery weekend.



Covid stopped our Christmas outing but we were able to go at Easter and did 'Secret Easter' gift exchange instead.



All have taken part in our Charity £2 challenge making money from £2 working towards the Take 2 in 2022 Chief commissioner Challenge.

We had a celebration tea party for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Several Guides are well on their way to gaining their Bronze Guide Award, and one looking at gaining her Gold by the end of the year.

Six Guides made their promises.



Six Guides attended the Kent International Jamboree joining 5,500 Scouts and Guides from 24 other nations and 2000 leaders, staff and an International Service Team. This event was a truly amazing experience for our young people, where they learned new skills and made lifelong memories and friends.

The Guides have constantly shown enthusiasm and a thirst for new challenges, knowledge and skills. We have been impressed by the fortitude and resilience they have displayed over the past year, coming out of the pandemic and lockdown.

A year on and the girls are looking forward to real time events, going away and doing things together again. As our numbers are starting to creep up and lots

of exciting adventures are planned for the coming year, including the arrival of Laura's new baby. We will lose 3 members who will continue their guiding journey at Rangers.

Thank you to our dedicated leaders who make this all possible.

## Forres Rangers

The numbers of Rangers continued to remain stable with a membership at around eleven young people. As a Unit, our young people have undertaken a plethora of activities and challenges over the past year: cooked on Trangia's; tackled toffee apples; and made bottle top yoyos. They also set their hands to painting, quilling and raft building.



They enjoyed celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a splendid tea party.

The Rangers continue to organize and run their own evenings.

Nine of the Rangers are volunteering in the local Brownie and Rainbow units working towards their Young Leader Award. They are also signed up for Bronze DofE Award. As part of their DofE Award, they have undertaken a weekly walk to support their physical skills and well-being; alongside clocking up kilometers towards the Chief Guide Challenge Take 2 in 22.

Their planning includes navigation and map reading training to prepare them for their expeditions next year.

Five of our Rangers joined 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Guides attending the Kent International Jamboree where two of the Rangers made their promise with other members of the Mars sub camp at a dawn promise ceremony.

There is a busy year ahead and lots more adventure to come in 2023.

Thank you to all those who make this happen every week

### 1<sup>st</sup> Forres Brownies

1st Forres Brownies have had a great year full of adventures, including a well overdue residential in Cullen. What a fantastic time we had enjoying paddle boarding and kayaking, arts and crafts, movies, exploring Cullen and of course ice cream

We have been working on our 'know myself' theme award. We have had lots of fun completing challenges to work towards our 'reflect stage 2' badge.

Completing activities during meetings and working our chosen interest badge at home. We had a fantastic time celebrating the jubilee with a mini queen themed tea party.



Out with our usual meetings we have been very busy too. We helped out Forres in Bloom clearing under and around the grounds at Grant Park. We enjoyed a film night alongside fellow Brownies and Rainbows groups watching 'Frozen 2'.

We had a fantastic day out in Inchberry for the Fun day despite the rain and wind.



We welcomed some new Brownies to the unit and also said a fond farewell to Louise Barron who has run 1st Forres Brownies for the last 15 years and welcomed our new leader Diane Bremner.



## 2nd Forres Rainbows

We were very excited to get back to meeting with our Rainbow friends after the restrictions of the pandemic. We have been very busy every week since then.

On the run up to Christmas we held a joint craft day with 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Brownies in Forres Tolbooth, both Rainbows and Brownies went home with lots of lovely things.



Following on from this we enjoyed and joint Christmas party again with 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Brownies, we all had a great time.



At the end of May we had a party to celebrate the Jubilee where they made crowns, tiaras and little queens. Thirteen of our rainbows made their promise.



We continued with our weekly meeting completing several UMAs and Skills Builders as we headed towards summer.

In May they made cards to send to the Queen for her platinum jubilee and they were sent off. Later in the summer we got a letter back from her thanking us for the cards.

In June the Rainbows attended a princess day at Inchberry Hall where they made lots of different things like teddy's, cupcakes and tiaras and decorated their bags to take all their items home in. They also took part in a silent disco and got to bounce on a bouncy castle.





We finished the term with a joint Christmas party.



Before the summer holidays we had a sausage sizzle where the Rainbows got to toast their own marshmallows on the fire.

They also made their own superhero capes out of old t-shirts. While they were making it they told us what their super powers would be.

We are looking forward to seeing what the next year is going to bring and what exciting things the rainbows get up to.



The Brownies have learnt first aid with Highland Mini Aid.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Brownies

2nd Forres Brownies returned in August raring to get back to face to face guiding. We are a small group full of excitement and enthusiasm.

We have enjoyed participating in a plethora of activities with the highlight being a sponsored dance-a-thon for Children in Need raising an amazing £175.

We had a wonderful day spent Christmas crafting and decorating cakes with 2<sup>nd</sup> Forres Rainbows before the Christmas semi lockdown hit us again.

We had an amazing day spent at the Brownie Fun Day, the silent disco and filling a teddy bear being the best part of the day.

We ended the year celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, making crowns



and munching on mini corgi cakes.



We welcomed our new leader Grace. We have had a busy year with most brownies about to achieve their Bronze awards.

Although the unit remains small the enthusiasm of the girls makes us return every Tuesday.

Thank you to the wonderful efforts of our adult volunteers who make it happen.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Forres Guides

We continue to be a small but close nit group.

We started back to face to face meetings after the pandemic with a Hallowe'en party where we carved pumpkins and made spiders webs from bin bags.



We had great fun decorating cupcakes for the Girlguiding Moray Christmas Cupcake

Challenge. We were delighted when Sarah and Alison both won their respective categories.



We celebrated Christmas completing the Greatest Snowman Challenge. We also marked Chinese New Year and Easter with crafts and activities.

Some of the girls expressed an interest in completing the photography badge. Daniel Forsyth from local newspaper The Northern Scott came along to one of our meetings in February and explained to the girls some of the technical aspects of photography and showed them how to capture a good shot. Kara completed the badge later in the term.

During the year we have completed several UMAs and Skills Builders from the Express Myself, Skills for my Future and Have Adventures Themes. These included Bowled Over, Citrus Feeder Plastic Planting, Rainbow Challenge and Can't Believe it's Butter.





We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a rather yummy afternoon tea. We decorated the hall, made and ate sandwiches and cream scones and of course dressed up. Alison and Louise even put on hats.



We adapted Macramé Masters to make a very handy sling bag for Mother's Day.

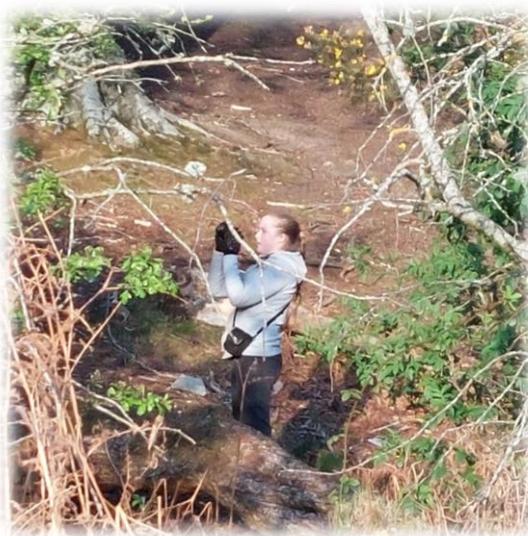
To celebrate Earth Day 22 we went to the Grant Park where using their new found skills the girls took hundreds of photos whilst enjoying the outdoors.



We took part in the Scottish Chief Commissioners Take 2 in 22 Challenge, walking, cycling and running to improve our health and fitness. We tried our hands at glass engraving as a new skill which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

On our last night before the holiday we had a small party and made mocktails. This was to encourage the girls to try the mixology badge over the summer. They enjoyed the evening and all have made progress to completion of the badge.

We are excited to see what adventures we will have next year.



The Trefoil Guilds have taken a little longer to get up and running after the Covid restrictions because consideration was given to the advanced years of some members.

Trefoil Scotland had a number of zoom meetings which some participated in but face to face meetings were what most were yearning for.

The Moray Guild had a forced change of venue and now meets in the Lossiemouth Guide Hall where they are very happy. They have concentrated on in-house activities using the 'skills' section of the Trefoil Challenge as a basis for meetings.

This expanded local knowledge greatly as everyone chose an event/custom/place to research and gave a talk on the topic. Quizzes, crafts and a carefully packaged Christmas indoor picnic with sealed foodstuffs filled the remainder of the year.

Keith ladies were the last to take the plunge into face to face meetings with a meal out in the spring of the year.

Participation in the flower show and a visit to Gordon Castle concluded their programme.

The Forres Guild got back to face to face meeting in October 21 with a Halloween party where the challenge was to eat sticky buns without licking the lips. This did indeed prove to be a challenge.

At this gathering a challenge was set to be completed by Christmas. The challenge included ten different things to have a go at: these included such things

as eat or cook something new, go somewhere you haven't been before, wear a colour you dislike, read a book or poem or write a verse. There were lots of different things to try before Christmas.

On the run up to Christmas we had an afternoon tea at the Mosset Tavern in Forres, which was delicious and had a nice festive air.

We welcomed several speakers to talk about their hobbies, the Royal Scotsman train and their lives in guiding. All were very interesting.

We had a craft day in April at the Forres Tolbooth.



They had a delicious afternoon tea at the Captain's Table in Findhorn to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



# LONG SERVICE AWARDS

<b>40 Years</b>	Merlys King	Forres and Kinloss District Commissioner
	Kay Dawson	4 <sup>th</sup> Buckie Rainbows, County Trainer
<b>20 Years</b>	Louise Barron	Forres and Kinloss District Administrator
<b>10 Years</b>	Lori McQuaker	3 <sup>rd</sup> New Elgin Brownies
	Fiona Huffer	3 <sup>rd</sup> New Elgin Guides
<b>5 Years</b>	Kendal Duncan	1 <sup>st</sup> Burghead Rainbows

## GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE AWARDS

### Gold Awards

Anna Ogston	1 <sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows
Lily Willets	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies

### Silver Awards

Louisa Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows	Grace George	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Katie Pike	1 <sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows	Lily Brims	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Beth Reid	1 <sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows	Brooke Gardner	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Olivia Overton	1 <sup>st</sup> Lhanbryde Rainbows	Kelly Ann Townsley	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Amy Maver	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies	Sophie Rathband	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Ellie Dempsie	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies		

### Bronze Awards

Freya Anderson	1 <sup>st</sup> Cullen Brownies	Abigail Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows
Chloe Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows	Ava Reid	1 <sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows
Zara Wood	1 <sup>st</sup> Cullen Rainbows	Iona Whitton	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Nara Williamson	1 <sup>st</sup> Fochabers Rainbows	Harlee Shanks	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Molly Mayne	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies	Katie Rutherford	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Maddie Bristow	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies	Lexie Russel	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Caitlyn McDonald	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies	Lottie Richardson	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies
Tia Graham	1 <sup>st</sup> New Elgin Brownies	Sienna Harrison	5 <sup>th</sup> New Elgin Brownies



# 200 CLUB WINNERS

## September 21

1. Doris Smith
2. Laura Crawford
3. Janice Craib

## October 21

1. Cara MacIntosh
2. Jane Munro
3. Vivien Welsh

## November 21

1. Barbara Allan
2. Kyle Fraser
3. Alasdair McDonald

## December 21

1. Irene Laing
2. Merlys King
3. Andrew Lang

## January 22

1. Jennifer McLean
2. Jane Munro
3. Maureen Munro

## February 22

1. Moira Trotter
2. Helen Gardiner
3. Louise Barron

## March 22

1. Janet McDonald
2. Karlene Macken
3. Margaret Hutcheon

## April 22

1. Alison Wright
2. Sandra Gerrie
3. Maureen Stables

## May 22

1. Sheena Shaw
2. Eileen Mathieson
3. Eunice Adams

## June 22

1. Hilda Mackessack-Leitch
2. Elizabeth Frazer
3. Ann Forteach

## July 22

1. Karen Burgess
2. Carolyn Mowat
3. Jean McPherson

## August 22

1. Jackie Miles
2. Merlys King
3. Sheena Shaw



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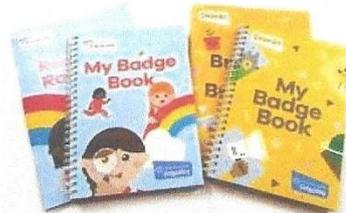
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