



# Girlguiding

Moray county

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

My challenge last year was for us all to constantly think about our laws – helping and encouraging each other to do our best in friendship in the true Guiding spirit. Guiding events in my diary continue to increase as I took this on. At the November One team event in Glasgow I met up with Janet Pegg (Mould) a former New Elgin Guide, Ranger and Young Leader – what fun we had catching up.

Friendship has certainly been to the fore in Guiding in Moray in the past year. Bracelets were made for swapping at our County Thinking Day Event for all sections. What a sight seeing so many members gathered together in the Town Hall. Everyone mixed very well and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Rainbows asking Trefoil members if they were born in certain decades, Brownies meeting friends from different units comparing badges gained, friendship hands decorating trees and of course the afternoon ending with action games and singing.

It was the Guide section's turn to share friendship at a weekend camp at Inchberry with activities from the nineteen twenties including making cake stands and decorating biscuits for their afternoon tea, dancing, drumming, archery and backwoods cooking. Several units have also resumed their overnights and holidays – an excellent experience for both the girls and leaders – Cullen, Lossiemouth and even Dublin were on the list of venues. Leaders also represented Girlguiding Moray at the Windsor Coronation Concert, the Edinburgh King's Garden Party and the World Cycling Championships.

More bronze, silver and gold awards are being achieved by our young members with some units presenting their first gold awards. The Duke of Edinburgh candidates are all working hard with several well on the way to achieving their gold awards. These achievements are only possible due to the hard work and encouragement of our willing volunteers who continue to support the girls whilst keeping up to date with trainings. Friendship and fun for our adult members was very evident at our first social event since Covid – a gin tasting evening – both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Ideas for future socials always welcome.

Our Trefoil members have also been enjoying their 80-year celebrations and challenges – remember Trefoil is open to everyone – leaders are welcome to join and have fun without the responsibility of having to organise meetings.

**THANK YOU** all for your continued commitment to Girlguiding Moray.  
**CONGRATULATIONS** to all who have gained Leadership, Going Away Qualifications and long service awards.

**Moray County President's Challenge**  
For every unit to send in action photographs for inclusion in our Facebook pages

**Vivien Welsh**  
Moray County President

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT





## Brownies

### 5th New Elgin



5th New Elgin Brownies have had a great year, completing theme awards with lots of trips and visitors.

We ended the first term with our sponsored singathon – We sang nonstop for 2 hours. We had the lovely Irene helping us with Karaoke and members of The Trefoil Guild came to help us sing some more traditional Girl Guiding Songs and we raised over £700!

We had a fun term on the run up to Christmas with a fun Halloween party with 1st New Elgin Rainbows and 2nd New Elgin Brownies!

Parliament week was a huge success – With the most recent news we decided as a Unit to campaign to keep the community centre open. With an online petition and paper copies we managed to get over 1000 signatures. We made it into the Northern Scott and sent letters to our local MPs.

We had lots of fun at the World Thinking Day event at the Town Hall and loved meeting all our friends from around the County. Due to the amazing fundraising earlier in the year we celebrated the end of term at a Glow in the Dark Party – It was AMAZING! We had trips to the cinema, took part in the Big Beach Clean, we had a wonderful night based on unicorns and how amazing we all are. This is evident with all the hard work the Brownies have put in this year. We have celebrated so many interest badges and skills builders with 3 Gold Awards, 11 Bronze Awards and 7 Silver Awards. Thank you as always to our amazing volunteers – We couldn't do this without you.

On a personal note, it was an absolute honour to be rewarded with tickets to the Kings Coronation Concert by the Lord Lieutenant of Moray.

2nd New Elgin Brownie's leader Kirsty and I headed down to Windsor in May for a day of huge celebrations and we were so fortunate to see the fantastic performances and super stars of the concert. A chance of a lifetime and I was so proud to represent Girlguiding Moray at this event.



## Rainbows

### 2nd New Elgin



2nd New Elgin Rainbows have been super busy this year, with all 8 girls moving on to 3 different Brownies Units and 10 new Rainbows joining the unit! We've had lots of fun with our favourite arts and crafts, playing games and learning new ones, exploring our outdoor space and performing on the stage! World Thinking Day events, Matilda cinema experience and our trip to Asda was a highlight of our year! We loved finding out all that goes on behind the scenes, going on our 'saver and spender' shopping sprees and especially being checkout colleagues, we'd highly recommend any unit to get in touch with Irene the Community Champion! Earning lots of badges and making lots of memories (and we can't do these without making a mess....and we love to do that too!)

## Guides

### 1st New Elgin



The start of this year saw us remembering the late Queen, Elizabeth, by making miniature hats in our own styles. Mini First Aid Moray delivered first aid training for us to gain our Skills Builder. We also learnt to make fake wounds so that we could practice our bandaging. We held a joint Halloween Party with the Brownies and had an indoor campfire for Bonfire night. We had a very interesting visit to Elgin Museum where the Guides asked lots of questions! We attended Matilda the musical movie organised by Girlguiding Moray in December. Finishing with our joint Christmas party with 3rd New Elgin Brownies.

We started the new year making friendship bracelets to swap at the County World Thinking Day celebration, which we also attended. We went bowling and visited the Elgin Library where we learnt about the different things you could borrow there and had a treasure hunt to find out information. For the first time since the Covid restrictions, we held a sleepover. We joined with 3rd New Elgin Brownies, combining it with a train trip to Infinity Trampoline Park in Inverness. Lots of tired Guides after that.

We joined in the Coronation Big Help Out by collecting litter at the Linkwood Burn. A trip to Lossiemouth Guide Hall to try out some backwoods cooking was a big hit, and we were very grateful for Merlys and Stella's help with the fires. Our last night saw us heading to Forres to watch Grease the musical as one of our Guides was in the cast. It was a great end to the year.



## Rangers

### 1st Elgin Landward



This year has seen 4 of our Gold Duke of Edinburgh participants undertake their residential experience. Gemma and Abigail volunteered at a Single Parent festival near Dundee. Lucy worked at Camp America using the skills she learnt on her sailing expedition last summer to teach small craft water sports. Jenna's residential was an outdoor activities experience at Girlguiding's Glenbrook outdoor centre. This was the final section for these 4 Rangers, and we are looking forward to their award presentations next year. 6 Bronze awards were completed in 2022/23 by Erin, Georgia, Katie, Lauren, Madison and Tia, with 3 silver Awards completed during the year by Gemma, Georgia and Phoenix. There are 6 others who are working on their silver award and another 4 working on their Gold Award. We also had two of our Rangers, Lucy and Charlotte complete their Young Leaders awards.



## Rainbows

### 1st New Elgin



1st New Elgin Rainbows had a great year with many joint activities with 2nd New Elgin Brownies including a Halloween party, Coronation celebration and a trip to the Elgin Museum. We also had great fun crafting and experimenting and the girls really enjoyed making Easter baskets and fruit kebabs. Our new favourite game is Hiding Hedgehogs, a Get Sporty UMA. During the year we covered the Take Action, Be Well and Skills for My Future themes and 6 of our Rainbows earned their Bronze award!



## Brownies

### 1st New Elgin

1st New Elgin Brownies have been very busy again this year having lots of fun completing challenges to earn lots of badges! We have awarded 10 Gold Awards this year which is an amazing achievement for our unit.

Congratulations to all of the girls for all of their hard work. We have had an amazing Christmas sleepover at the Lossiemouth Guide Hall in December. Which was terrific fun and enjoyed by everyone. We made visits to Oakwood Cookery School which is always great fun.

We also made some great memories with Moray Archery and had a terrific night at Elgin Museum, thank you to all of their wonderful volunteers. We have had so much fun and adventures this year and look forward to more next year.



## Brownies

### 2nd New Elgin



2nd New Elgin Brownies have had a great year, completing theme awards with lots of trips and visitors. In the first term we had great fun completing the Scottish Chief Commissioners Challenge: Take 2 in 2022 along with learning all about our needs, wants and money.

We had a fun term on the run up to Christmas with a fun Halloween party with 1st New Elgin Rainbows and 5th New Elgin Brownies! Celebrating Bonfire night with an aviation evening, learning how things fly.

We had a great turn out at our Remembrance service at Elgin where all Brownies wore a sparkly poppy hair clip, they had made. For Children in Need, we had great fun with a SPOTacular Brownie Challenge evening with lots of dancing, teamwork and games! Christmas is one of our favourite times of the year, we did lots of crafts, gave out Christmas cards and invented a NEW Christmas toy.

Starting back in the New Year, we celebrated the year of the Rabbit by making handprint bunny's and "Thank You" cookies. On Burn's night we had brilliant fun at our own Brownie Highland Games, with Caber tossing, Shot-put throwing, sheep dog trials and Highland Dancing thanks to Zara Mortimer.

We were delighted to be invited to Anderson's Care Home, where we met the residents, telling them the best things about being a Brownie. We loved the World Thinking Day event at Elgin Town Hall and also celebrated by going back to 1940's at our Brownie meeting, learning games they would have played.

Up at Moray School Bank, we all had a fantastic trip thanks to Moyra, where Brownies helped sort clothes, plant seeds for the garden, organise eggs for their Easter event and decorate stones. Asda Irene has also been amazing and gave us a VIP Tour behind the scenes of Asda and let all Brownies have a go at being a checkout assistant!

At Elgin Museum, the Brownies had another brilliant trip thanks to Alison and the volunteers and found all the artefacts really interesting.

We invited the dad's in for a special "Father's Evening" where we all had great fun making wee robots and s'mores along with a quiz and bingo! Thanks to Elaine and her great Rangers, the Brownies had brilliant fun learning how to pitch a tent for their Camping Skills Builder.

We have celebrated many interest badges, 13 Brownie Promises, 4 Girlguiding Hero awards, 13 Gold awards, 12 Silver awards and 12 Bronze awards! We have had another amazing year, thanks to our volunteers: we really cannot thank them enough for all their time, help and support! Here's to the next year of adventure!



## Buckie & Seafield District Commissioner

A large collage of 24 photographs showing children and adults participating in various outdoor and indoor activities. The photos include children eating, playing in a field, on a horse, in a forest, on a boat, and holding up certificates. There are also photos of children in a classroom, a group of children in a field, and a group of children in a field.

### 1st Buckie



## 1st &amp; 6th Buckie



## Rainbows

### 1st Cullen



What a busy year we have had at Cullen Rainbows. When we returned from our summer holidays, we started working on our First Aid Skills Builder badge. We also visited the fire station, which was great fun, they let us see the engine and knock down blocks with the hose. From Halloween party, silent disco and Christmas party too we have had a blast, we hope all the happy memories will surely last. Lots of girls joined and made their promise. In the new year we attended the Thinking Day event in Elgin, we also had a King's Coronation party. We have been playing games, baking, visiting the library, litter picking and having fun indoors and outdoors and earning lots of badges along the way. A special mention to Isla who has earned her Gold Award before moving on to Brownies.



## Rainbows

### 1st Buckie

We have had a good year and the Rainbows have been busy working on badges. We have completed Explore Stage 1 and Make Change Stage 1. The girls donated toys and books to the charity shop. We also made friendship bracelets for the Girlguiding Moray Thinking Day Event in Elgin which the girls thoroughly enjoyed. The girls made outfits for teddies which had been donated. Once finished the girls got to take them home. We went litter picking for our Earth badge. We also had a STEM Day where we did various experiments. We had a games night and another night we played hockey which was a great success. We also went to see Matilda at the cinema. We made bunting and decorated crowns for our coronation tea party. We joined in the celebrations with Monday Rainbows playing: Pass the Parcel, Musical Statues, In and Out the Dusty Bluebells and Grand Old Duke of York. The girls enjoyed their coronation tea with cakes, biscuits and crisps.



## Brownies

### 2nd Fochabers



2nd Fochabers Brownies have gained various Skills Builders and UMAs with Trash Fashion voted one of their favourites. Several girls just need interest badges to achieve Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We made facecloth Easter Bunnies and various other crafts throughout the year and even tried our hand at flower arranging.

We had fun doing a photo hunt around Fochabers. We split into two groups, and each had to take various photos of parts of buildings etc. for the other group to find. We finished off at the chippy which went down well.

A visit to Fochaber's Heritage Museum was a hit, we again split into two groups and there was great competition between them getting the answers to the quiz questions. Along with the Scouts and Guides and other organizations we laid our wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

The Halloween Disco was a great success. Friendship bracelets were made and swapped at the County Thinking Day Event and the girls enjoyed their trips to Elgin Cinema for the Girlguiding Moray film events.

We held a Coronation Tea Party with the Guides and sent off the cards we made. The girls litter picked for the Big Help Out. We finished our year with a trip to Pinz Bowling and a fantastic joint Pack Holiday where 2nd Fochabers Brownies, 1st Buckie Brownies and 3rd Buckie Brownies took over the Cullen Residential Centre for a weekend in June to enjoy a fantastic 'Carnival' Theme Pack Holiday.

Twenty-Three Brownies, many of whom had never been on a sleepover before due to Covid restrictions, came together to make friends, enjoy games, crafts and have some fabulous fun. From a trip to the harbour and of course a delicious ice cream on the way back, making carnival masks and clown face plates to carnival yoga, mocktails, cake decorating and enjoying 'The Greatest Showman' complete with some wonderful singing.

The lucky girls were even able to try their hand at lace making as there was an open day event in another part of the centre. Our weekend finished with parents and siblings invited to enjoy the carnival games and activities the girls had made and enjoy a lovely cake. The girls left with some fabulous memories and desperate for another one to be organized saying it was 'the best weekend ever'. I think the smiles seen in the pictures say it all!

On a sunny albeit windy Sunday afternoon in late July, Fochabers sprung into life with their annual Fochabers Gala. Fochabers Rainbows, 2nd Fochabers Brownies and 1st Fochabers Guides supported the event by running the 'Hook the Duck' activity in the famous Fochabers fountain and provided some fun craft activities – making a paper jellyfish and a clown face plate. A great day sharing fun with the locals from Fochabers and those visiting and it was lovely to see all the girls from the units being 'kind and helpful', sharing lots of smiles and giggles and proudly wearing their uniforms.



# Guides

## 1st Fochabers



In August 2022 the 1st Fochabers Guide Unit was reopened, after a gap of quite a few years. In August we welcomed 4 Guides who had previously been with Fochabers Brownies. By the end of the year in June our numbers had grown to 10, with girls joining from Fochabers, Mosstodloch and Keith. We hope that numbers will increase further in the coming year.

We only have one leader for the unit at the moment and would love to have another so that more girls are able to join us. Throughout the year the Guides have completed Skills Builders, badges and had fun with UMAs. They are an enthusiastic bunch; some have already completed 2 Skills Builders and have been working on badges in their own time.

They have, without exception, completed these to a very high standard. The Guides like to play and have created their own versions of games, as well as learning some new ones from other countries and traditional Guiding games that us 'oldies' remember! Each week, one or two of them will choose a game to play, everyone gets a turn. This helps to develop their decision making and leadership skills. One of our favourite games of the year has to be the Rice Crispie relay race – fun and very messy!

Celebrations and festivities – We had a Halloween party which the Guides combined with doing their Mixology Badge. We celebrated Chinese New Year and celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with the Brownies in a red, white and blue themed party. This included red, white and blue iced cupcakes and a 'wide game' mystery 'The Curious Case of the Coronation Crown Crime.' On our last night we had a Hawaiian Party, including lots of Mocktails and yummy food.

We joined other members and groups of the community to lay a wreath at the Fochabers memorial service on Remembrance Sunday. We had a full attendance at the County Thinking Day event in Elgin Town Hall which was the largest Guiding event which the girls had ever been to. They all coped well with the challenges and got talking to lots of other girls. Other activities included a local nature walk in the woods, a bowling evening, a cook out, sausage sizzle and a beach clean at Spey Bay in support of the Big Clean Up.

Four Guides attended County Camp. This was their first experience camping. They joined in enthusiastically with all the activities. We were impressed by how they coped with the weather and how well they did in striking camp, folding their tent perfectly for their first time.



# Rainbows

## 1st Fochabers



We have had a busy year and one that allowed us to get back to 'normal'. Hawaiian Party Night Outdoor Cooking – Sausages and pancakes – yummy! In the Autumn, after renewing our Promise with the County Commissioner in September. We celebrated Parliament Week with Big Ben activities and raised money for Children in Need with a Litter Pick during our mini sleepover in Buckie as well as programme activities. In the Spring we really enjoyed joining with the County for Thinking Day and had a proper sleepover for the older girls with the remainder joining us for the day. During the sleepover we went to Artisans in Buckie where we painted canvases. We also surveyed Fochabers and decided it was a reasonable place to live though it had more litter than it should have. We said goodbye to Moon (Lisa) as she moved to run Fochabers Brownies at Easter but know that we will see her at joint activities. The summer term saw us out and about doing the Trefoil Guild 80th Birthday badge with a trail round Fochabers, a litter pick in Mosstodloch, learning the Promise in Makaton, sending cards to Anderson's and making a Guiding family tree to decorate the hall. At the end of July we ran a Hook the Duck at the Fountain during the Fochabers Gala again. We were grateful to the Developing Guiding Fund and the Gannochy Trust as well as Fochabers Village Association for funding over the year.



# Brownies

## 1st Cullen

What a busy year we have had at Cullen Brownies. When we returned from our summer holidays, we started working on our first aid skills builder badge. We started our local history badge with a guided tour of the seatown in Cullen learning lots of local facts and stories, some girls went on to complete the badge at home. We also visited the fire station, had a Halloween party, a silent disco and Christmas party too. We visited the old folks home in Cullen and made lovely tissue paper remembrance jars with them. We went on a torchlit tour around Cullen but we were so noisy we never heard or saw any wildlife haha. Lot of girls have joined and made their promise over the year. We also had our first sleepover it's been over 5 years since we had been on a sleepover we had a great time in Lossie. We have been so busy with visiting the lifeboat station which was lots of fun, getting on the boat, learning all about different jobs they had and trying on their kit, also meeting stormy. We have been litter picking on the beach too. We have had 9 girls gain their bronze award and 1 girl complete her Gold Award. Well done Freya. We can't wait for a fun filled year again next year.



# Guides

1st Cullen



This year we have completed lots of badges and amassed many UMA minutes as well as completing many Skills Builders. Our girls love to cook and bake with highlights being our non-cook cakes, Christmas cakes in baked bean tins and pizzas. Our favourite crafts were our Mother's Day jugs with Warhogs Pottery. We've been out and about in the town on a selfie scavenger hunt, walked from Portknockie and enjoyed ten pin bowling and McDonalds at Christmas. Our year finished with a fantastic paddle boarding session in Portknockie harbour and a day trip on the number 10 bus to the Skyline trampoline park in Inverness.



# Rainbows

2nd, 3rd & 4th Buckie

The Rainbows in Buckie have had great fun this year and we have had lots of girls achieve their Bronze Award and we had Delilah who was presented with a Guiding Hero Award in recognition of her fundraising efforts for a little girl names Tilly who has cerebral palsy - Well done Delilah for thinking of others before yourself.

We have had fun making crafts, making pompoms for Buckie Roots Crafters to put in their sealife knitted display in the square, baking, making pizzas, film night, parties, going to the Thinking Day Event, making puppets, making teddies into a superhero, litter picking, decorating stones and so much more.



## Heather Laing

Elgin & Lhanbryde District Commissioner

1st & 2nd Elgin Rainbows - 1st Lhanbryde & Urquhart Rainbows  
1st Elgin Brownies - 2nd Elgin Brownies - 4th Elgin Brownies  
1st Lhanbryde & Urquhart Brownies - 3rd New Elgin Guides  
6th Elgin Guides - 1st Lhanbryde & Urquhart Guides



## Brownies

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart



1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Brownies started the year by remembering our late Queen Elizabeth II by arranging flowers for the remembrance garden. We then went on a GirlGuiding Scotland Wander the World trip to Blair Drummond which was a great experience for girls and leaders alike. In addition to working on attaining badges and towards awards we held a Pet Night where even a chicken turned up! We had a karate night led by Kate of Sansum Black Belt Academy and a First Aid training for the girls with Kay. We had a bouncy castle night and also tried outdoor bowling at Lhanbryde Bowling Club, along with the Rainbows. We celebrated Thinking Day in the Town Hall with the whole of Moray County and embraced the King's coronation. We joined in the Big Beach Clean at Spey Bay with the Rainbows and Guides and went walking in the nearby woods and had an evening in the playpark with a picnic. We loved the cinema trips to see Matilda and The Little Mermaid and had a great weekend for our Summer Sleepover at Lossiemouth Guide Hall. A huge thanks to Heather, Amber and Ayleigh for being there every week and to everyone who has advised and assisted us throughout the year in the delivery of the exciting GirlGuiding programme.



## Rainbows

1st & 2nd Elgin

1st and 2nd Elgin Rainbows opened back up after a short break. We were very fortunate to have hall space and amazing new volunteers Hazel and Ellidh. We welcomed 10 new girls to our unit and to the lovely family of Girlguiding Moray. We had some fantastic trips out to the cinema and took part in the Big Beach Clean-up. The girls worked super hard and completed some skills builders and at the end of term made their Promise. It was lovely to be back and working as a unit again. We can't wait to see what adventures this next year will bring.



## Guides

6th Elgin

We started off our August term of 2022 by welcoming a new Leader to our unit, Sara. The Period Poverty badge was our focus of Term 1, alongside planning for our upcoming sleepover at Lossiemouth. The Guides engaged amazingly with the Period Poverty badge, sharing their own experiences and knowledge, as well as playing games such as 'myth-busting' some of the common incorrect beliefs around periods. In early October, we had our sleepover at the Lossiemouth Guide Hut, which was themed around the 'Have Adventures' activities. Seven theme awards were achieved, and two bronze awards, as well as a wealth of promises made; one guide promise, two young leader promises and two leader promises, all made on the beach around a campfire made by the girls, with the young leaders showing them the ropes. Our sleepover kicked off on night one with a silent disco, which was a huge hit with the Guides, and the dancing tired them all out ready for bed! Come November, we participated in Parliament Week, and also had a Brownie Step-Up night to welcome those who would be joining our unit the following term. The lead up to Christmas included a cinema trip to see Matilda, and a heartfelt goodbye to one of our Leaders. Elaine joined 6th Elgin Guides when it was at risk of closure in 2016 and has kept us going steady since; we are glad to retain her as a potential helper, and thank her for all she's done for Guiding in Moray.

We gifted her a clematis plant to represent her time in Girlguiding. Our first term of 2023 was full of activities. The Guides chose their term activities by getting into groups and doing 'Dragons Den' style presentations. We did baking, as well as some acting and roleplay based UMAs and Skills Builders.

We celebrated Thinking Day at the Town Hall Event, with many other Girlguiding members. Our Guides enjoyed the friendship activities, such as the bracelet exchanges, and embodied this message particularly by befriending Hilda from the Trefoil Guild, and they were very grateful for their chats with her. As a unit, we were thankful to welcome Kay into our meetings to complete the First Aid Skills Builder award.

Thanks to all the activities done this term, we were able to award a Silver Award as well. At the end of this term, one of our leaders Sara also received a heartfelt goodbye. In her short time with our unit, she had a real impact on us all, and we look forward to seeing her again soon. In our Summer term, we had a party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, in which the Guides built two thrones out of recycling and had a tea party.

We were also lucky enough to go to the cinema with many other units to go see the new Little Mermaid film, and want to extend our thanks to all those involved with organising the occasion. We have thrown ourselves into camp planning and prep for our outdoor camp in September and had the joy of having a joint-meeting with the 5th New Elgin Brownies at Cooper Park, which was an evening full of group games. We also awarded a girl with her Bronze Award on our final evening of term.



## Guides

### 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Guides have had another busy year. We have worked on a number of badges including First Aid. We held a very successful bring your pet evening. We spent time remembering the Queen and also celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. We tried some new sports such as outdoor bowling with Lhanbryde Bowling Club and karate with Sansum Martial Arts. We enjoyed several trips out including Girlguiding Scotland's takeover of Blair Drummond Safari Park, the girls had a fantastic time. We paid our respects at the Elgin Remembrance Parade. To celebrate World Thinking Day we had great fun at the Girlguiding Moray Thinking Day Event in Elgin Town Hall. We enjoyed trips to the WDC Scottish Dolphin Centre at Spey Bay and Elgin Cinema to see Matilda and The Little Mermaid. As the summer drew closer we held a great Summer sleepover at Lossiemouth Guide Hall and we also went out for tea to Scribbles.



## Rainbows

### 1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart

1st Lhanbryde and Urquhart Rainbows have enjoyed a great year. It started with achieving our Pencil Express badges. We had a lovely visit to Elgin library to explore our digital skills to achieve our Google badge. We contributed several shoe boxes to the Blythwood Christmas shoebox appeal. Everyone dressed up for our Halloween party where we made some spooky ghosts and spiders. We participated in the Remembrance parade in Elgin and then achieved some retro Beatrix Potter badges! We successfully planted our trees as part of The Queen's Jubilee Tree Canopy, and we have a special plaque to commemorate our participation in this UK event. In January 2023 we started the year with some celebrations to mark the Lunar festival and then Robert Burns. We all thoroughly enjoyed the county Thinking Day celebration at Elgin Town Hall. We have made great use of our sewing machine and have achieved sewing bags, bookmarks and bunting. During our summer term we visited St. Andrew's and Urquhart Bowling where everyone had a fantastic evening where the Rainbows achieved Blue Peter sport badges. Thank you to our three young leaders who have committed their time weekly to our sessions. They along with our parent helper are a fantastic team who we could not do without.



## Guides

### 3rd New Elgin



3rd New Elgin Guides continue to be a busy unit. Since returning after last summer, we have crammed load of badges and activities into our weekly meetings.

The Guides ultimate favourite thing to do over the past year has been to make s'mores to eat! We have made these at the beach, on bonfire night, for a Promise night and many other times! Our favourite crafts have been learning to sew and making small felt pencil cases which the Guides were very proud of. We had a brilliant evening making tie dye bags that looked amazing. Most of our unit attended a Christmas craft sleepover at Lossiemouth Guide Hall and we had 12 Guides attend County Camp at Inchberry where they had a great adventure, learned new skills and made many new friends.

We celebrated World Thinking Day by attending the Moray County Event and by making postcards for our Guiding friends at local trefoil Guild and Brownie units. For our service to the community, we have done lots – once again we had several sessions tidying the leaves in the garden at the Oaks. We have fundraised for Abbie's Sparkle Foundation and supported the shoe box appeal. We welcomed Moray School Bank to one of our meetings and helped them with a few jobs. We now have a rail of preloved uniform at our hall that we will maintain and look after.

We also carried out a big litter pick for The Kings Coronation Big Help Out. We were really lucky and had a visit from 4 local paramedics who brought lots of kit and their ambulance. We were taught some valuable first aid skills and had such fun. Garry from Out of The Darkness Theatre Company also came along one evening to run some fun confidence building drama games. We have celebrated pancake day, Chinese New Year, bonfire night (with over 100 sparklers), cooked outdoors, make zip lines for our teddies and carried out lots of experiments.

As a unit we attended both Moray County cinema trips to watch Matilda and The Little Mermaid films which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The highlight of our year must be celebrating our units first ever Gold Awards.

We invited parents along for an evening of bingo, games and s'mores on the outdoor fire and were very proud leaders to present three Guides with their Gold awards, one silver award and 5 bronze awards along with lots of theme awards and interest badges.

It isn't only the Guides who have been receiving awards, Fiona our leader received her 10-year award for her leadership with our unit.

We are really grateful for everything Fiona does for our unit; we are lucky to have her as our leader. We finished the summer term with a trip to Roseisle beach where we completed our Out & About Make a Splash badge.

We have some exciting things planned for the terms ahead and look forward to giving the Guides more amazing opportunities!



## Jennifer McLean

Laich & Lossie District Administrator

1st Burghead Rainbows – 1st Duffus Rainbows – 1st Hopeman Rainbows  
2nd Lossiemouth Rainbows – 1st Burghead Brownies – 1st Hopeman Brownies  
1st Lossiemouth Brownies – 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
1st Hopeman Guides – 4th Lossie Guides



## Rainbows

1st Duffus

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It was time to weed our Rainbow garden again and we are looking forward to watch our new planted seeds grow. In June as part of Moray Guiding's contribution to King Charles III's 'Big Help Out', to celebrate his Coronation, we did a beach clean and litter pick at Hopeman with our families. Once we had collected all the litter we created our own stone Rainbow on the beach. We think our families enjoyed this event just as much as us! Our end of term treat was an ice-cream kindly donated by Stew N' Drew of Hopeman. Our icecreams were delicious and a perfect treat to end our Rainbow year!

Well done Duffus Rainbows for being such enthusiastic Rainbows and fulfilling your Rainbow Promise. We are looking forward to more Rainbows joining our Unit and working on more of our badges in August.



## Brownies

2nd Lossie

2nd Lossiemouth Brownies were active in their community this year from contributing handmade poppies to the Remembrance display, donating food hampers to the Mrs Santa Christmas appeal, as well as doing First Aid training and a litter pick. We completed Challenges ranging from World Thinking day, the pencil express challenge, to the Out and About Challenge 2023 – Make a Splash.

We made boats and snow globes and a great selection of yummy things from Pizza and shortbread to sherbet and gummy sweets. Our paper chains and bunting decorated our hall for our King Charles' coronation celebration, we joined the County for its lively Thinking Day Event, and we were entertained at the Matilda mighty movie screening



## Rainbows

### 2nd Lossiemouth

2nd Lossiemouth Rainbows enjoy tasting a treat when celebrating, be it St Andrews Day, Burn's Night, Chinese New Year or King Charles' Coronation! Some of our pencil express challenge pictures were displayed at Elgin library and our Rainbows and pots of gold are still on show in our hall.

We enjoyed a variety of crafts from paper cup robots, monster sock puppets, Christmas angels to tooth fairy collection shells. We contributed recycled plastic poppies to Lossiemouth community's remembrance display and donated cosy bunny socks and handwarmers for the children in Ukraine. We had a 'crazy' time at the County Thinking Day Event and a 'magical' time at the Matilda mighty movie screening.



## Brownies

### 1st Hopeman

1st Hopeman Brownies have had a great year. The girls participated in lots of programme activities and earned 2 skills builders. The girls particularly enjoyed doing the positivity pebbles. We also did the sock puppet activity and put on a show for parents afterwards. In September the girls all did their local history badge, and we were given a walking tour of the village by a local historian. It was interesting, and the girls loved to hear about times past. Our Halloween mad scientist night was a bit crazy and great fun however the tidying up afterwards wasn't quite as much fun!

The girls took part in the Thinking Day event at Elgin Town Hall and it was a great afternoon which they all enjoyed. In June we had a wonderful night celebrating the King's Coronation. We had our own mini coronation ceremony which was hilarious and finished off with a proper tea party. Looking forward to starting back and another year's fun



## Rainbows

### 1st Burghead

Another fantastic and busy year for the Brochers in 2022-23! Along with working our way through the program and completing purple, blue and pink theme awards, we also gave out over 25 interest badges! We particularly loved making butter with the Rainbows and cross-stitching with the Brownies, and we will never forget the hilariously dramatic accident scenes the girls concocted to show off their new first aid skills. We had one Bronze, four Silver and seven Gold Awards to present across the two units too. We are incredibly proud of all our girls regardless of badges, but it is lovely to see such hard work and enthusiasm being rewarded. Outwith the program, we had some awesome activities to keep us busy! We partied our socks off, making clay lamps for Diwali, snowflakes for Christmas, and decorating biscuits at Easter. We were crafting like there was no tomorrow too, particularly at our Christmas sleepover in Roseisle Hall with games, glitter and marshmallows. We were creative, getting involved in the Pencil Express challenge and with some girls lucky enough to have their work displayed in Elgin Library.

We went digital and had great fun programming robots with the RAF and zooming them around our meeting hall. The girls loved the STEM focus, and we loved showing the range and variety of fun Girlguiding has to offer. Venturing out from our meeting hall, we helped our community by taking part in the Big Beach Clean and running a coffee morning fundraiser to support our units. We were part of a larger Girlguiding family on the county meet up days, swapping bracelets with new friends on World Thinking Day. Some of our Brownies were lucky enough to head to Blair Drummond Safari Park too, having great fun on a humungous slide, seeing the animals, and visiting a brilliant dinosaur exhibit. Finally, we enjoyed two trips to the cinema and loved seeing Matilda and The Little Mermaid – we enjoyed the popcorn too! We are so grateful for our lovely Guide helpers, Caitlyn and Caley, who encourage and support the girls every week and who always get involved in everything we do – we particularly loved the TikTok dance session they led. We are already looking forward to another year full of activities and fun and can't wait to get started.



## Brownies

### 1st Burghead



## Rainbows

### 1st Duffus



For our first meeting back after the summer holidays we had a Rainbow Nature Hunt which was our second activity towards our 'Have Adventures' Nature Interest Badge. This involved our Rainbows exploring the outdoor grounds of Duffus Church, to create their own unique transient art pictures. In September we were happy to complete the 'Pencil Express' challenge. For drawing ourselves we received a special pencil and another Badge. We were delighted to see our work displayed in Elgin Library.

We were so proud of the confidence, teamwork and thoughtfulness the girls demonstrated to create their display poster. November was a busy month for our Rainbows. In preparation for our annual Remembrance Day Service at Hopeman Memorial Hall we all made our own poppies to decorate Hopeman Memorial Hall. We were really proud to walk up Harbour Street, with the other Guiding and Scouting Organisations, carrying our Rainbow flag.

As part of our 'Be Well' First Aid Stage 2 Skills Builder Badge we had a visit from Kayleigh, and Freddie the teddy, from Mini First Aid. We learnt what should be in our First Aid Kit, how to apply plasters and bandages, the importance of 'sit, chop and chew' when eating, who to phone in an emergency and the importance of knowing our address and how to put each other in the recovery position. In December we were excited to wrap our seasons calendar which we had created from handprint trees and different coloured fingerpainted foliage. Our families were delighted with their gift and we were awarded our 'Have Adventures' Nature Interest Badge.

Following on from our visit from Mini First Aid visit we completed another activity towards our 'Be Well' First Aid Stage 2 Skill Builder Badge. This involved us using our special teddies as a Breathing Buddy. Alongside this we learnt a fun poem 'Dot Dot, Line Line.'

We enjoyed being part of the Moray Thinking Day afternoon in Elgin Town Hall where we joined others from all the Girlguiding sections. The activities were based on the Theme of Friendship. We were very proud of all our Rainbows and how well behaved and enthusiastic they were when participating at this event. We began March with another badge challenge for the 'Take Action' Influence Stage 2 Skill Builder. There was lots of hilarity as we chose from a selection of dressing up clothes to create different book characters. Then we had to put our character in a story starting with 'Once upon a time...'

To continue our creativity we designed our own flower arrangement for our families from fresh flowers and oasis. What a lot of concentrating Rainbows and our families were so pleased with their gift. To end Term 3 we had an outdoor sensory Easter Egg Hunt. Dressed up as Easter Bunnies we had to search for 11 Easter eggs thinking about all the sounds, textures and colours we saw and heard around us. We were delighted that this was the final part of our 'Be Well' Healthy Mind Interest badge and enjoyed our chocolate treat! Our final term of the year started with a discussion as to how we could celebrate the Coronation of King Charles.

We decided we wanted to create our own coronation crowns and bunting, make up a 'Congratulations' song and have a final Coronation Picnic celebration wearing our finest party clothes to toast our new King. We were all certainly 'dressed up' to celebrate. Finally we created a special card for King Charles with photos of all our Coronation activities and sent it to Buckingham Palace.



## Meryls King

Forres & Kinloss District Commissioner

1st Forres Rainbows – 2nd Forres Rainbows – 1st Forres Brownies  
2nd Forres Brownies – 2nd Kinloss Brownies – 5th Forres Brownies  
1st Forres Guides – 3rd Forres Guides – 1st Kinloss Guides – Forres Rangers



## Brownies 1st Forres



What a busy bunch of brownies we have had over the last year! They have all been working hard completing activities to gain various badges, with great achievements from lots of girls who have gained their bronze and silver awards and are excited to keep up the hard work to gain their gold awards.

We started the year off by making the most of the light nights and enjoyed trying bowling at Grant Park bowling green, beach cleaning at Findhorn followed by a well deserved ice cream. We explored some reptiles with a visit from Rex's reptiles, we have some very brave girls in the unit. We enjoyed getting crafty for Halloween with material provided from JoJo Crafts and for bonfire night we decided to enter the "guy" competition organised by the Rotary Club in Forres and without a doubt our greatest achievement in winning the "guy" competition creating "VIP GUY". We made our own poppies to wear to attend the remembrance parade and joined 5th Forres Brownies for a fun night raising £72.16 for children in need.

As the darker nights drew in, we enjoyed Brodie illuminations with some hot chocolate, decorated cakes for the Girlguiding cupcake competition and joined the county event watching Matilda at the cinema.

For our Christmas night we enjoyed bowling at Pinz, as well as doing our good deed singing at Cameron Court, it was lovely to see lots of jolly festive spirit with the residents.

The world thinking day event was brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We did craft for Chinese New Year and enjoyed some silly haggis neeps and tatties for Burns Night. We were lucky girls to receive a donation from Tesco in Forres meaning we could enjoy some yummy pancakes on pancake day. We were proud girls and celebrated international women's day by sharing some kind words about all our friends at Brownies.

Kaye came along to help the girls create some beautiful mother's day cards. We enjoyed Easter with an Easter egg hunt and of course indulged in lots of yummy Easter eggs.

We had a King's Coronation tea party and joined in a beach clean to support 'The Big Help Out'. Finishing off with a county event watching the Little Mermaid which was enjoyed by both the girls and leaders, wrapping up badge work and crafting for Father's Day.

What a year with lots of exploring, challenges and achievements but most of all lots of fun!



## Rainbows 1st Forres

1st Forres Rainbows have had a very busy year.

We have completed several Skills Builders including Teddy Travels and the Good Nights activities. We also made blanket tents/dens which was great fun. A visit from Rex's Reptiles proved very popular, the girls were all very brave. We did pancake tasting on Ash Wednesday, made coronation crowns and played lots of games. We also made nut and bolt keyring for dads at Father's Day. Trips out of the unit included going to Brodie Castle to see their Illuminations in November. We also had great fun when we went to Pinz soft play.

We look forward to another great year!



## Brownies 5th Forres



We were very busy as we started back after the summer holidays. The Brownies worked on the Skills Builder "Make your case" the girls did very well and made a pencil case/purse. We also did our annual beach clean at Findhorn with Lorna from the Whale and Dolphin Association Spey Bay. The girls get really excited for our beach clean. During the winter term we arranged for Rex's Reptiles to visit us. The girls learned all about snakes, lizards and spiders. The girls were very brave and held all the reptiles whilst butterfly stood in the background taking photos. The girls really enjoyed this and then had a spider or snake on their Christmas list! In November we arranged a Children in Need night with Kinloss Brownies and 1st Forres Brownies where we had a bake off, best dressed and colouring competition. Such a fantastic night. The leaders were the bake-off judges. We tried so much cake that we didn't need any supper that night! We also had our annual visit to the "Brodie Castle Illuminations". The girls love going to see the maxing light show which gets better and better each year. Afterwards they have a hot chocolate too. As we moved towards Christmas, the girls made Christmas cards, did some Christmas baking. On the last night of Brownies before we broke for Christmas we took the girls to Pinz Bowling. Such a brilliant night the girls were very good hitting the skittles. We also stayed for some food too. In the New Year we invited Molly from Molly Powney Fitness to come along. The girls learned to use the pound sticks and worked together in groups to make up a dance routine using the sticks. It was very noisy but was a good night. For World Thinking Day the girls made 3 postcards each and sent these to various brownie groups in England. Some of the girls received responses back from the units and were invited to be own pals. We also attended the County Thinking Day event in Elgin which the girls loved. We celebrated Chinese New Year by trying various Chinese takeaway meals. A lot of the girls had never tried Chinese before and loved the experience. We were lucky to be given the loan of a dragon where the girls were given the chance to go under it. The girls also decorated candle bags to put a tea light in. As Mother's Day approached the girls also started making cards for their mums and invitations to a very special 'Mother's Day Tea'. This was a really special event to which all 23 mums were invited. Butterfly did all the baking for all 23 mums, 23 Brownies and unit leaders. The girls arrived early to our meeting and made the sandwiches. They all worked very hard. The girls also served the food to their mums during the evening. The mothers all loved their afternoon tea and were also given a gift to take home for Mother's Day too. The mums said this was a really special event and something they would also remember for a long time. As the Spring Term progressed, we worked on various Skills Builders including 'Suss out the symbols'. We also had 12 girls make their promises too. We celebrated the King's Coronation by making crowns and taking part in The Big Help Out by carrying out a big beach clean. We also had a coronation tea party at Grant Park with Kinloss Brownies. They played various coronation games and also had tea party food. As the Summer approached, we worked on some UMAs including Magic Moving Postcards, Excuses Excuses and Count Bubbles not Sheep. We also worked on Skills Builders Exploring Emojis and Standby Standup. We worked on Father's Day Cards. The girls also made a keyring made from nuts, bolts and washers, made a personalised stone with either a picture of dad on it or a lovely Father's Day message. To finish the term off on a high we an end of term party with music and snacks. It has been such a hectic and full year learning new skills, making new friends and building our confidence. We are looking forward to more of the same next year.



## Brownies

### 2nd Kinloss

2nd Kinloss Brownies have had a fun-filled year. The girls have enjoyed learning new things, taking part in activities over a few different themes and have gained Live Smart, Make Change and Explore Skills Builders. We joined in with the Moray County World Thinking Day Event, making new friends and exchanging friendship bracelets we made in the unit. The Brownies earned their local history badge which included an informative visit to Nelson's Tower in Forres. Fun was had with Sand Art with Moyra, with the girls making their own sand art. To celebrate the King's Coronation, the Brownies enjoyed a picnic in the park with 5th Forres Brownies, wearing the crowns we made as part of the King's Coronation Challenge Badge. We took part in the Big Help Out by doing a litter pick along Findhorn beach where we all enjoyed a lovely ice cream at the end as a well done. We joined along with other units in Girlguiding Moray at the Moray Playhouse for exclusive showings of Matilda: The Musical and the live action remake of The Little Mermaid. As part of the Make a Splash Girlguiding Scotland Challenge, we enjoyed learning about water, the sea, rivers and tides and had a lovely walk to the River Findhorn in Kinloss. To finish the badge, the Brownies enjoyed playing with water and having a water fight for our end of term summer fun. We were all treated to a burger or hot dog from the Snack Shack after a tiring fight.



## Guides

### 1st Kinloss



1st Kinloss Guides have had a fun and exciting year. We started off the year completing the Pencil Express Challenge from Girlguiding Scotland and submitting our drawings to go up at Elgin library. The Guides have enjoyed completing activities over a few themes and have gained the Live Smart and Make Change Skills Builders. The girls had fun during a relaxing and informative visit to Nelson's Tower in Forres. We celebrated Halloween and Christmas with our annual parties. Along with other units in the county, we enjoyed exclusive screenings of Matilda: The Musical and the live action remake of The Little Mermaid at the Moray Playhouse. Friendships were renewed and new friends made when Kinloss Guides attended the Girlguiding Moray World Thinking Day event at Elgin Town Hall. The girls had fun exploring their creative sides while making sand art and we explored our family tree and King Charles' family tree while completing the Kings Coronation Challenge Badge. 12 girls had an amazing weekend at the Girlguiding Moray County Camp in May at Inchberry Hall. They learned Archery, backwoods cooking, made woggles, took part in drumming and enjoyed a silent disco. Along with a relaxing tea party the girls were able to let loose with a disco and a fun photo booth. The unit took part in the Big Help Out by doing a litter pick along Findhorn beach finishing the evening with an ice cream. Our last night of term to finish before the summer holidays was busy and exciting. Enjoying a water fight and have dinner treated to us by the Snack Shack, the girls had a blast. Our year ended on a high with the County Commissioner presenting one of our girls with a Gold Award, the first for the unit. Two of the Guides were also presented with Hero Awards by the County Commissioner for their commitment to Girlguiding and their fellow Guides.

## Guides

### 1st Forres



What a year it's been for 1st Forres guides! This time last year we were enjoying a week in Kent at the International Jamboree. Where to begin! We had a 10 minute burst of rain and wind that could trump a thunderstorm here in Scotland! Soaked was an understatement! The girls were all hanging on to parts of the gazebos to prevent them from flying away! Our first full day there we spent in London sightseeing, Big Ben, Buckingham palace and a highlight seeing the Lioness's' doing an open topped bus tour around Trafalgar Park after winning the Euros. We enjoyed a picnic lunch in Regent's Park, before more sight-seeing and a short walk to our transfer coach back to camp. We even won the sub camp challenge where we had to prepare a red feast for the sub camp street party. In the heat the red slushie prize was very refreshing! The girls loved the on-site entertainment each night, from music gigs to dodgems and food stalls, there was also a massive tent dedicated to guiding and scouting history where the girls could earn 2 extra badges by completing the quizzes. Some keen beans renewed their promise with the subcamp at sunrise. Our 'Shrek the Halls' Christmas weekend saw the guides enthusiastically dress up as Shrek characters and participate in lots of fun activities including a green 'swamp' chocolate fountain. The Guides loved going to the Girlguiding Scotland takeover of Blair Drummond Safari Park. Members from across Girlguiding Scotland took over the safari park for the day, what a time we all had. Some Guides spent a weekend at Fyvie Guide house, and visited Fyvie Castle and spent a great afternoon building dens in the woods. Girlguiding Moray allowed the girls to enjoy time spent together at the Matilda cinema event, Thinking Day and County Camp a great opportunity for them to meet up with other guides from across Moray. Later in the year we took 10 girls to PGL Dalguise for the weekend, they climbed massive trees earning their height badge, zip lined and learned how to do archery amongst other things. We had plenty time outside of the hall doing backwoods cooking, scavenger hunts and a litter pick, canoeing and raft building. We have spent lots of time doing program work where the girls enjoyed doing skills builders and unit meeting activities. This year so far, we have presented one Gold award, 3 Silver awards and 8 Bronze awards. One of the silver awards being presented at the top of the Tolbooth in Forres after a tour around and a fantastic history lesson. We welcomed new Guides who were the first to make their promise to the King a special evening for them. We can't wait to see where the next year takes us. Already it's looking busy as some of the Guides get ready to travel to Switzerland. We hope the girls will continue to come along and enjoy the adventure that Guides brings them.



# Guides

3rd Forres



3rd Forres Guides continue to be a small but close nit group.

As we started back after the summer holiday, we took part in the Girlguiding Scotland Pencil Express Challenge.

Before the nights started drawing in, we went to Culbin Forest to practice the new navigation skills we had gained and also took the opportunity to try our hands at Geocaching. At the top of the viewing tower, we all remade our promise.

We had a Halloween themed activity night when we carved pumpkins, bobbed for apples and ate donuts suspended from strings.

We enjoyed two trips to the cinema with Girlguiding Moray to see Matilda and The Little Mermaid.

We joined other units to pay our respects to the dead at the Remembrance Day Parade.

At Christmas we went to the Mosset Tavern for dinner. This was something new for the unit and the girls thoroughly enjoyed getting dressed up and going out. We once again took part in the Girlguiding Moray Christmas Cupcake Challenge. We had no winners this year but enjoyed taking part.

In the New Year we celebrated Chinese New Year by cooking two different sweet and sour dishes from scratch and by making some Chinese lanterns.

We celebrated Burn's Night by eating haggis neeps and tatties, we even made our own pompom haggis.

We had a fantastic time at the Girlguiding Moray World Thinking Day Event in Elgin Town Hall when we joined around hundreds of guiding members from around the county for an afternoon of fun and friendship.

We went to Forres Town Hall to see one of the girls in the Highland Youth Theatre's production of Snow White. We had a lovely evening.

We celebrated the King's Coronation with a tea party and took part in his Big Help Out initiative by completing a litter pick on Roseisle Beach.

Some of the girls attended the Girlguiding Moray county camp at Inchberry. They had a fantastic time despite the best efforts of the weather. The photobooth was a great hit.

Over the year we have made pancakes, held a taste testing evening, made paper flowers, planted seeds and corms, painted coronation pots, made Easter chicks and rabbits we even made and sent a card to the new king and queen, and were delighted to receive a reply from the palace.

Our last meeting before the holidays was a Penny Hike and an

ice-cream treat. We are looking forward to lots more fun next year.



# Rainbows

2nd Forres



2nd Forres Rainbows continue to amaze us every week. Their enthusiasm to learn new things and give everything a try is so encouraging. Another busy year of fun and adventure.

The girls made remembrance cards recalling their memories of her majesty the Queen.

This also made them aware of loss and the empathy in their messages was heartwarming.

The Rainbows had lots of fun nights at Forres library enjoying the use of the library while quiet! They have looked for the different birds on their display; made bookmarks and designed a town

and then built it out of Lego some great designs, working on the construction badge. Christmas cake baking and crafts, at our annual craft day made for a busy day making 10 different crafts!

The girls also enjoyed Carol singing at Cameron Court.

County events to the cinema to see The Little Mermaid and Thinking Day allowed the Rainbows to meet up with lots of members from across the County.

They had a lovely evening doing an Easter egg hunt at The Tolbooth in Forres visiting the cells in search of hidden eggs! Eight new Rainbows made their promise to the King.

Teddy travels was a great activity with the girls learning about passports and travelling - the girls did enjoy the international food tasting experience - tortillas and Guacamole in Mexico; Yorkshire pudding, digestives and cheddar cheese in England; Switzerland had salami and chocolate marshmallows and India delicious Burfi sweets made by Meerkat. Involved with the Big help Out the Rainbows did a litter pick on Hopeman Beach.

Along with a visit from Spey Bay Dolphin Centre the girls learnt lots of new things and enjoyed exploring dolphin bones.

They celebrated the coronation of King Charles with a party, making crowns and eating some very special soldier biscuits.

The Rainbows had great fun at the end of year sausage sizzle, soaking Meerkat with wet sponges to complete their water challenge badge. Roasting marshmallows to make S'mores finished a busy year.

Another exciting year ahead can't wait to share it all again.



## Brownies

### 2nd Forres



2nd Forres brownies have been working towards their bronze awards.

They have taken part in a range of Skills Builder activities and Unit Meeting Activities. Some of the girls have also achieved interest badges in the past year - they have been doing these at home and presenting their work and outcomes in the unit meetings.

At the start of the year, we went on a trip to see The Little Mermaid at the cinema in Elgin, the girls had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We also celebrated World Thinking Day alongside all the other Girlguiding Moray units of Brownies, Rainbows, and Guides in Elgin town Hall. We exchanged friendship bracelets with each other and took part in lots of fun activities.

Around the same time, we celebrated the Chinese New Year with lots of fun activities.

Last term, the girls spent time going to the library, learning about dolphins with Spey Bay dolphin group and celebrating the King's coronation.

Alongside doing Skills Builders and Unit Meeting Activities. The girls have enjoyed a huge range of different crafts, plenty of baking and a whole lot of games.

As is tradition with our unit, the girls finished the summer term with a cookout and took part in a lot of outdoor based unit meeting activities. They particularly enjoyed the ones that involve throwing water at the leaders.

## Rangers

### Forres



Over the past year Forres Rangers have been super busy doing lots of fun activities. A big highlight was our trip to Kent International Jamboree. We had a day trip to London, we went to a music concert, plus a silent disco. We were also acquainted with so many people and that came with a bunch of new friends! Next up was a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park. Girlguiding took over the park for the entire day!! There were headbands, dinosaurs, food, doughnuts, pedalos, parks and of course ANIMALS!!!! 3 of us even became #famous!!! on the Girlguiding Scotland socials.

A few of us were applying for jobs, so as one would, we spent an evening creating CVs using 'Barclays Lifeskills' as a useful source to help make these. Then there was the Christmas camp! Which was an amazing experience, for every one of us, as it was the perfect way to celebrate Christmas with one another. We decorated Christmas cupcakes, watched a movie, painted our nails (Christmas themes of course), and played just dance.

In March we went to the town hall and listened to the witches stories. It was an experience that we will never forget... as it was utterly horrifyingly interesting. Some other activities to round us off are cooking on trangias, creme egg decorating, marble runs, creating our VERY OWN BAND!! And we called the band 'The Speedways'.

A sandcastle building competition on the beach when it was too hot to stay in our usual accommodation. And who could forget the night that we ate almost 12,000 chips.

We rounded off the year with a cookout at Broom of Moy with 1st Forres Guides. We had great fun cooking our own sausages and burgers, they were super yummy, not one of us got food poisoning! Luck was on our side and so was fun!

The sun shone in our eyes it was wonderful, just lying there in the sun while eating delicious burgers and sausage rolls and it was the BEST way to end the year.

## Janet McDoanld

Keith & Speyside District Commissioner

1st Keith Rainbows - 4th Keith Brownies - 1st Aberlour Rainbows



## Rainbows

### 1st Aberlour



The 1st Aberlour Rainbows have had an extremely busy year working through three of our interest badges. To help us achieve our badges we have completed lots of fun activities. We are still a large group of 20 rainbows with a ever growing waiting list.

The girls were great supporters of the local community this year as we had some fun at the moray school bank garden and then supported the school bank by spending a night donating for the winter campaign and helping package up some school supplies.

During Christmas time the girls made a trip to the local care home where they chatted and sang to the residents.

The girls also had lots of fun experiences and days out this year including a trip to the local fire station to find out more about fire fighters and their jobs, a visit from Speyside falconry which the girls loved! We also had a visit to the local library to support our book lover badge.

We celebrated the coronation with a party and had our own rainbow day out to rainbow castle in Elgin. We have had a great year and plan to continue having much more fun sessions this year and have lots more visits to places in the community.

We plan to continue to support the community in any way we can and create more memorable experiences and opportunities for the girls in our unit.



## Brownies

### 4th Keith

4th Keith Brownies have enjoyed working towards our Have Adventures and Take Action theme award. We went to the local church to sign the condolence book for the Queen. We took part in our local Remembrance parade and joined all of Moray Guiding to celebrate Thinking Day. Celebrating the King's Coronation we created our own crowns and had some cake. We had our first pack holiday and a sleepover since Covid, great enjoyment was had. We had brilliant fun with the Take Action theme award and creating fashion out of trash.

Our final night of Brownies we went bowling!

Congratulations to our leader Holly for completing the Adult Leadership Qualification!

Congratulations to our Brownies, Faye and Holly who received their Gold Award.



## Rainbows

### 1st Keith

1st Keith Rainbows have been busy completing their Stage 1 Skills Builders this year. For the Coronation we joined up with the Keith Trefoil Guild to complete a Coronation Patchwork Quilt and we all enjoyed some cakes afterwards.

As always, we entered our crafts to the Keith Horticultural Society Spring Show with our pipe cleaner art and decorated crowns.

We have also been exploring our surroundings with a treasure hunt and trips to the park while the sun has been shining. We finished the term before the summer holidays with a surprise visit from the ice cream van.



## Trefoil Guild Moray

The Trefoil Guild has reached its 80th Anniversary and in Moray appears to be in good health. The four guilds are maintaining their numbers and providing programmes with ample depth and variety. All have utilised the ideas provided by the national team to meet up, tackle challenges and further friendships.

Some of the highlights include, the Buckie Guild visiting the Fochabers Heritage Museum, making knitted flowers to contribute to the display put on in the square by Buckie Pool, and making American style chocolate mug cakes in the microwave.

The Forres Guild were fascinated by their speaker Andy Dornie who related information about his time as a prison chaplain, had members join a trip to Switzerland which always proves a delight and took advantage of the fact the Scottish AGM was reasonably near at hand in Perth to take a trip.

The Keith Guild went a bit further afield than Buckie to visit their heritage museum with a trip to the Highland Folk Museum at Kingussie with a suitable coffee stop at the Heather Centre at Carrbridge, became energetic with a bowling session in Elgin not forgetting the coffee stop at Fochabers and joined in activities with Rainbows back home in Keith.

The Moray Guild had an outing to Moravia where Uncle Bob and friends educated all of us on the aircraft exhibits which was followed by a meal at the Mosset Tavern in Forres where they cut a 30th Birthday cake for the guild, there were speakers on Metropolitan policing and NESS - the sensory services and paper weights were made using felting skills.

The opportunities to meet other Trefoil groups this year were great with members attending the Scottish AGM in Perth and the National AGM in Glasgow. The Coronation afforded us the chance to hold an afternoon tea party with suitable indulgent goodies for all on the 7 May at the Lossie Guide Hut. May I thank all for their support during my time as County Chairman and wish Meryls all the best for her term of office.

Ann Forteath



# GIRLGUIDING MORAY 200 CLUB WINNERS

## September '22

1ST GWEN MUNRO NO 161  
2ND EDITH SMART NO 115  
3RD BARBARA ALLEN NO 165

## October '22

1ST K DUNCAN MACKINTOSH NO 39  
2ND JEAN CHISOLM NO 104  
3RD CHRISTINE BARRETT NO 56

## November '22

1ST CATHERINE MACDONALD NO 22  
2ND SHEENA SHAW NO 151  
3RD ANNA PARKER NO 141

## December '22

1ST ROY LAING NO 33  
2ND GRAHAM ALEXANDER NO 121  
3RD LINDA DUNCAN NO 11

## January '23

1ST ALISTAIR FORTEATH NO 167  
2ND MARGARET HUTCHEON NO 34  
3RD PAMELA GRANT NO 108

## February '23

1ST MARION KING NO 54  
2ND AYL A HENDERSON NO 23  
3RD ANNA PARKER NO 141

## March '23

1ST HEATHER LAING NO 58  
2ND LOUISE BARRON NO 194  
3RD MHAIRI WINTERS NO 25

## April '23

1ST CARLA TOWNS NO 49  
2ND LOUISE WINDER NO 146  
3RD K DUNCAN MACKINTOSH NO 39

## May '23

1ST ANN FORTEATH NO 155  
2ND JACK MCLEAN NO 82  
3RD MARGARET HUTCHEON NO 34

## June '23

1ST HEATHER LAINGS NO 58  
2ND NICOLA AITKEN NO 140  
3RD GRAHAM ALEXANDER NO 121

## July '23

1ST IVY MACKINTOSH NO 91  
2ND WENDY SWAIL NO 189  
3RD MARGARET BLACK NO 47

## August '23

1ST CATHERINE MACDONALD NO 122  
2ND THURZA FRASER NO 8  
3RD SHEENA SHAW NO 151



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# LONG SERVICE AWARDS

## 40 Years

Janet McDonald – Girlguiding Moray

## 30 Years

Sue Sammons – 2nd Forres Brownie Unit

## 20 Years

Lorna Fraser – 1st Fochabers Guides

Dawn Coull – 1st Lossiemouth Brownies

## 10 Years

Katie Lyne – 2nd Forres Rainbows

Fiona Mearns – Hopeman Brownies

## 5 Years

Jackie Wilson – 5th Forres Brownies

Marion Stewart – 1st Keith Rainbows

Emma Lawrence – Eastern ranger Unit

Ellie Broadley – 1st Keith Rainbows

Aimee Fraser – 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

Moyra Younie – 2nd New Elgin Rainbows

Alana Lamberton – 1st Cullen Brownies

Abbie Stewart – 1st Cullen Rainbows

Megan Wilshaw – 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

Lorraine Thurston – 1st Lossiemouth Brownies

Amy Laker – 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

Jodie Raymond – 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies

Vicky Duguid – 5th New Elgin Brownies

Hannah Gordon – 2nd New Elgin Rainbows

Lisa Campbell – 2nd Fochabers Brownies

Pam Fraser – 4th Lossiemouth Guides

# QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS

## Adult Leadership Qualification

Lynda Clark – 1st Cullen Rainbows and 1st Cullen Brownies

Christine Barrett – 6th Elgin Guides

Emma Wilson – 1st Aberlour Rainbows

Kelly Munro – 1st Aberlour Rainbows

Ellie Broadley – 1st Keith Rainbows

Holly McWilliam – 4th Keith Brownies

Marion Stewart – 1st Keith Rainbows

Sam Wheatley – 1st Buckie Brownies

Abbie Stewart – 1st Cullen Rainbows

Lorraine Mighten – 2nd New Elgin Brownies

Katie Lyne – 2nd Forres Rainbows

Sophie Adam – 6th Elgin Guides

Hannah Gordon – 2nd New Elgin Rainbows

## Going Away With Qualifications

Karen Burges – 1st Cullen Rainbows and 1st Cullen Brownies

Lisa Campbell – 1st Fochabers Rainbows and 2nd Fochabers Brownies

Christine Barrett – 6th Elgin Guides

Louise Winder – 3rd Forres Guides

## Young Leader Qualification

Lucy Paul – Elgin Landward Rangers

Charlotte Grant – Elgin Landward Rangers

Bethany Geddes – 1st Aberlour Rainbows

Ellis Boyfield – 1st Eastern Rangers

## Duke of Edinburgh Silver Awards

Georgia Grant – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Phoenix Wake – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Gemma Beange – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards

Erin Grant – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Lauren Winton – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Madison Younie – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Katie Paul – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Tia Paterson – 1st Elgin Landward Rangers

Ellis Boyfield – 1st Eastern Rangers

## GIRLGUIDING HERO AWARD

Girlguiding Heroes can be of any age and the award can be presented for a range of reasons such as: a special fundraising effort, supporting an individual or member of the community, supporting local guiding, showing fantastic citizenship and coping with adversity.

Over the last year our County Commissioner, Louise, has been honoured to present eight of our young members with Hero Awards.

The girls named below have shown that they fully embody the traditional values of Girlguiding and thoroughly deserve recognition for their endeavours on behalf of others.

We send our congratulations to all of them!

**Mollie Sutherland – 2nd New Elgin Brownies**

**Sophie Campbell – 2nd Fochabers Brownies**

**Charlotte Smith – – 2nd New Elgin Brownies**

**Matilda Fickling – 2nd New Elgin Brownies**

**Emily Thomson – 2nd New Elgin Brownies**

**Delilah Clark – 2nd Buckie Brownies**

**Millie Brenton – 1st Kinloss Guides**

**Arkira Barclay – 1st Kinloss Guides**



## SCOTTISH CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S AWARD

The Scottish Chief Commissioner's Award is an award for Girlguiding Scotland members who have made an outstanding contribution to Scottish Guiding, for meritorious conduct or for outstanding service in the face of adversity.

We are thrilled that

**Janet McDonald**

has been recognised for her exceptional commitment and contribution across her many years and roles within Girlguiding Scotland.

We have all benefited from her wealth of knowledge and her infectious enthusiasm.

We send our **congratulations** to her on receiving this very special award.



## GOLD AWARDS

Faye Stables 4th Keith Brownies  
Holly George 4th Keith Brownies  
Ada Carmichael 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Evie Collins 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Harlea Roy 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Sophie Allan 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Rosie Gordon-Duff 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Orla Hepburn 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Poppy Bethell 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Lucie Anderson 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Mollie Sutherland 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Amber Younie 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Lilly Hepburn 2nd New Elgin Brownies

Rosie Gordon-Duff 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Orla Hepburn 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Poppy Bethell 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Lucie Anderson 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Isla McWilliam 1st Cullen Rainbows  
Evie Renton 1st Forres Guides  
Ivy Fraser 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Iris Stewart 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Emily Candy 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Matilda Fickling 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Lexie Higgins 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Ayla Henderson 2nd New Elgin Brownies

## SILVER AWARDS

Jessica Barrett 6th Elgin Guides  
Esme Robertson 1st Cullen Brownies  
Charlotte Pendery 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Amber Wilson 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Poppy Bethell 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Lucie Anderson 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Roslyn Ure 2nd Forres Rainbows  
Isla McWilliam 1st Cullen Rainbows  
Caitlyn Duncan 1st Forres Guides  
Caley McLeod 1st Forres Guides  
Evie Renton 1st Forres Guides

Ivy Fraser 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Iris Stewart 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Emily Candy 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Daisy Clark 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Lexie Higgins 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Matilda Fickling 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Amelie Henderson 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Emily Thomson 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Amy Cruickshank 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Sophie Gordon 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Sophie Allan 2nd Fochabers Brownies

## BRONZE AWARDS

Skye Gibson Wormald 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Sophie Anderson 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Teddi Agar 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Mia Gerrard 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Frankie Ogg 1st Fochabers Rainbows  
Charlotte Nelson 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Poppy Bethell 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Eva Harper 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Lucie Anderson 2nd Lossiemouth Brownies  
Roslyn Ure 2nd Forres Rainbows  
Isla McWilliam 1st Cullen Rainbows  
Chloe Marshall 1st Forres Guides  
Aimee Stewart 1st Forres Guides  
Esther Douglas 1st Forres Guides  
Caitlyn Duncan 1st Forres Guides  
Caley McLeod 1st Forres Guides  
Katie Ronald 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Sadie Lauriston 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Amelie Henderson 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Emily Thomson 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Amy Cruickshank 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Faye Dickson 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Bella Butterfield 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Elena Fionda 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Holly Paget 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Ariana Baretto 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Robyn Byiers 2nd New Elgin Brownies  
Aimee Milne 6th Elgin Guides  
Mia Pattinson 6th Elgin Guides  
Kimi Morrison 6th Elgin Guides  
Bella Jack 1st New Elgin Rainbows  
Freya Walton-McLeod 1st New Elgin Rainbows

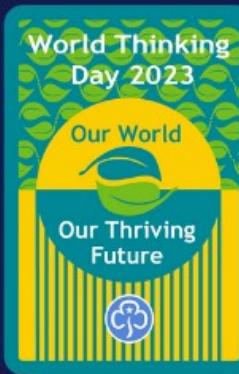
Lucy McKay 1st Cullen Brownies  
Sienna Farren 1st Cullen Brownies  
Esme Robertson 1st Cullen Brownies  
Erin Allan 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Lily Willets 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Iona Whitton 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Hannah King 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Luci Brown 3rd New Elgin Guides  
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Louisa Smith 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Katie Pike 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Lexi Forbes 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Sophie Gordon 2nd Fochabers Brownies  
Aria Agar 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Aimee Paterson 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Aurelia Weston 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Josie Cooper 1st Duffus Rainbows  
Gracie Lang 1st New Elgin Rainbows  
Honour Adebayo 1st New Elgin Rainbows  
Maisie Dobson 1st New Elgin Rainbows  
Olivia Roy 1st New Elgin Rainbows  
Morven Clark 3rd New Elgin Guides  
Asia Main 1st Cullen Brownies  
Robyn Hay 1st Cullen Brownies  
Maddie Miller 1st Cullen Brownies  
Lily Dunbar 1st Cullen Brownies  
Chloe Smith 1st Cullen Brownies  
Abigail Smith 1st Cullen Brownies  
Zara Wood 1st Cullen Brownies  
Riley Borland 1st Cullen Brownies  
Hollie Lamberton 1st Cullen Brownies



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Account Name: Laich District Northern Division

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