



# Welcome to Girlguiding North East England

Here in North East England we know just how lucky we are to have some of the best and most enthusiastic leaders possible. We provide a superb support network, with the intention of helping everyone develop existing skills, learn new skills and gain qualifications

Our Region team, along with our team of commissioners and trainers, are here to help give our girls and volunteers the best opportunities for personal and team development but most importantly of all -

**to have fun!**

**Our volunteers aren't paid  
but they are priceless**

# Getting to know North East England

We are lucky in North East England that our leaders have a great support network. This is offered through their county, division and district commissioners, section advisers, training opportunities and membership support.

## Region Team

### Chief Commissioner

Wendy Howard

### Deputy Chief Commissioner

Alison Cunningham

### Assistant Chief Commissioner

Amy Solomons

### Region President

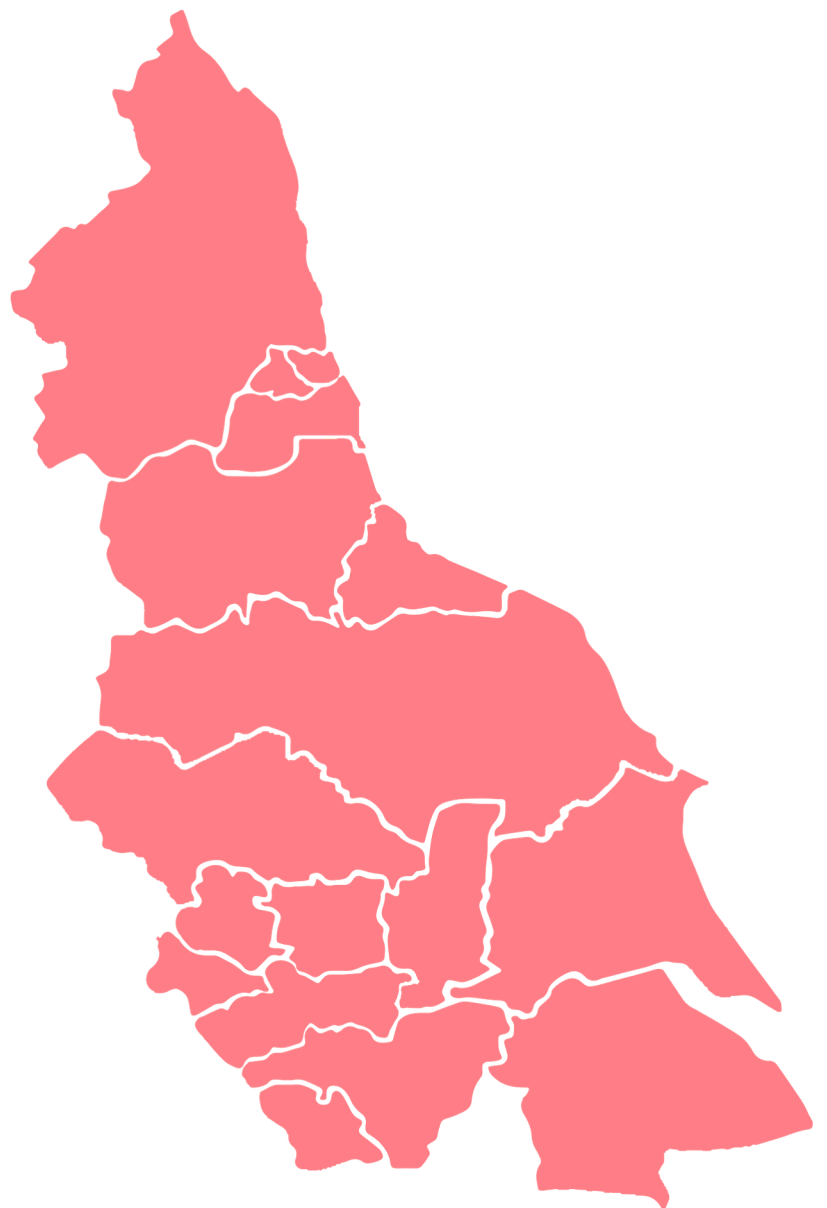
Angie Goddard

## Our Region

Girlguiding North East England is one of 9 Countries and Regions that make up Girlguiding UK.

Our Region spans from North Lincolnshire in the South to the border with Scotland in North.

We split into 17 Girlguiding Counties, each of which is managed by a County Commissioner, or in some cases a small team of Commissioners.



**Head to [girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk) to find out more information about your county and how to get in contact with your county team.**

# Key information

If you're joining a unit, here's what you need to know.

My Unit

When and where

Contacts

# What could you turn your hand to?

There are so many ways you can get involved with guiding. You might want to have adventures with girls. You might want to support other volunteers. You might want to go to every weekly meeting or you might just help out when you can.

Whatever you're looking for, we've got a role for you.

## **Leader in training**

Leaders enjoy all kinds of adventures with girls and you'll get lots of support while you train.

## **Young leader (if you're aged 14-18)**

A chance to develop your leadership skills, which always looks good on applications for jobs or higher education.

## **Unit helper**

Use your skills to support a unit, whether working with girls or helping to keep essential admin on track.

## **District/Division administrator**

Be a vital part of the local team, helping with everything from running events to updating GO (the membership database)

## **Unit administrator**

Manage unit records, balance the books and get involved in fundraising initiatives, opening up more opportunities for girls

# What else can you do?

Do you have specific skills and experience that you'd like to share with girls or use to help other volunteers? Event planning expert? You could run and fun day for Rainbows and Brownies. PR pro? You could help get Girlguiding in the news. Juggler, programmer or Rubik's cube whizz? You could run a workshop for girls. Speak to your commissioner and get involved

# Action Plan

Why complete an action plan? New volunteers will want to know what is expected of them in the short, medium and long term. By agreeing goals you'll be helping your volunteers to focus on the most important tasks so their efforts have a positive and significant impact. The action plan is also a great way to outline who can help your volunteers and where they can find this support.

Volunteer name:

Agreed with:

Date:



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Goal	When do I need to do it by?	Who can help?	What will I need?	Comments

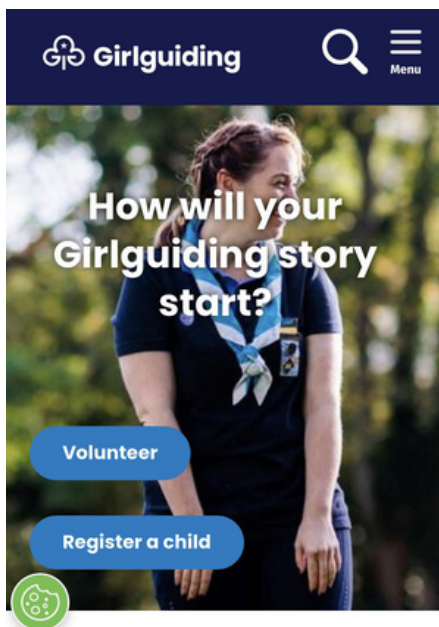
# Keeping in touch

Girlguiding is a busy place, where we are always doing something new for our members. Here are a few ways we'll keep you updated about what is happening and where you can find the information you need.

Look out for our e-newsletters landing in your inbox – You'll get newsletters from Girlguiding HQ monthly and a termly newsletter from North East England region. These round up all the most recent goings-on in guiding, important updates and membership changes.

To receive newsletters you'll need to have selected the correct mailing options on GO. Login to your profile and under marketing preferences you can opt in for newsletters and other mailings.

Girlguiding news - all about our refreshed brand



Got a question about guiding? Chances are the answer will be on the Girlguiding website: [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) Or your local commissioner will be able to help.

For events, trainings and other local level information the region website will hold the answers [girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](http://girlguidingnortheast.org.uk) Or you can call or email the region office on [Info@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:Info@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk) 01904 676076

**Keeping in touch works both ways.**

Share your photos, videos, and stories with us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok (where you can also get all the latest news and updates from us).

**@Girlguidingnee**

# Region Contacts

## Our Staff Team

We have a staff team who cover finance, GO and Join Us, Safeguarding Compliance, Events, and Marketing and Communication.

The staff team are contactable by email at [Info@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:Info@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk) or phone on **01904 676076** from 9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday.

## Our Lead Volunteers

We have a number of lead volunteer who specialise in helping you deliver great guiding in all sorts of areas.

Girl Experience Lead Volunteer: [GirlExperience@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:GirlExperience@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Inclusion Adviser: [Inclusion@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:Inclusion@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

International Adviser: [International@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:International@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Inspire Coordinator: [Inspire@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:Inspire@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Outdoor Adviser: [NEEOutdoorActivityAdviser@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](mailto:NEEOutdoorActivityAdviser@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk)

Peer Education Coordinator: [PeerEd@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:PeerEd@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Safeguarding: [Safeguarding@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:Safeguarding@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Thanks and Recognition: [ThanksAndRecognition@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk](mailto:ThanksAndRecognition@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk)

Young Leader Coordinator: [youngleaders@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk](mailto:youngleaders@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk)

# Induction checklist

Use this page to check you have everything you need to get stuck in!

Volunteer name:

Date:

- I've attended a 1-2-1 meeting/welcome event/ received a phone call
- I've been introduced to the opportunities available and chosen the most suitable role
- I've seen the Welcome to Girlguiding video (search 'Welcome to Girlguiding' on YouTube)
- I've completed my disclosure check (if required)
- I've submitted details of two referees
- I know who to contact and how if I have a problem
- I've been introduced to local volunteers in my unit/area
- I've been made aware of important dates, meetings and learning and development opportunities available to me
- I've met with my buddy
- I've been shown websites, social media pages and online groups that I may find useful, including [guiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen](http://guiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen)
- I know where to find guiding resources
- I understand where I fit in the structure of guiding
- My contact details and best way to contact me are up to date
- I've been given a tour of the building my unit uses
- I've been made aware of any upcoming training and development opportunities
- I've been told how to submit an expenses claim
- I've talked to my commissioner about what I need to wear
- I've completed A Safe Space training Level 1
- I've visited a unit



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