Girlguiding
North East England

Welcome to Girlguiding North East England

At Girlguiding we know just how lucky we are to have so many amazing volunteers. Girlguiding North East England provides a superb support network, with the intention of helping all our volunteers develop existing skills and gain new ones.

Our region team, along with our team local of commissioners, are here to support our girls and volunteers to have the best opportunities for personal development, new adventures, and most importantly of all -

to have fun!

Our volunteers aren't paid but they are priceless

Structure of Girlguiding

There are more than 300,000 members of Girlguiding around the UK. To ensure all members are well supported, Girlguiding breaks down into gradually smaller groups who support the delivery of good guiding in their area.

Countries and regions	My region is: North East England
Counties	My county is:_____
Divisions	My divison is:_____
District	My district is:_____
Unit	My unit is:_____

Our sections

Girlguiding units splits into our four different sections for different age groups.

Rainbows	Brownies	Guides	Rangers
North East England	North East England	North East England	North East England
Age 4-7	Age 7-10	Age 10-14	Age 14-18

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

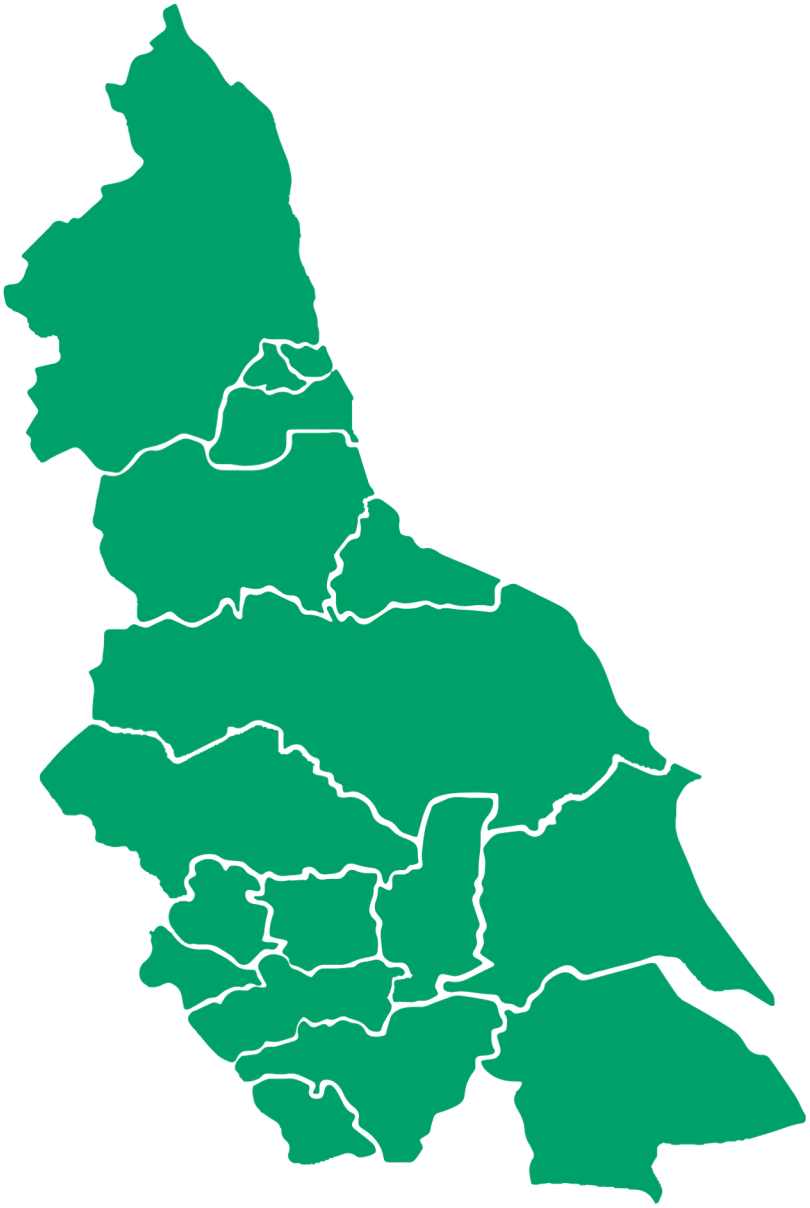
Region president
Angie Goddard

Our region

Girlguiding North East Enland 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 to find out more information about your county and how to get in contact with your county team.

What could you turn your hand to?

There are many ways you can get involved with Girlguiding. You might want to have adventures with girls or volunteer behind the scenes. 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.

Roles volunteering directly with girls

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

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

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.

Roles supporting behind the scenes

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?

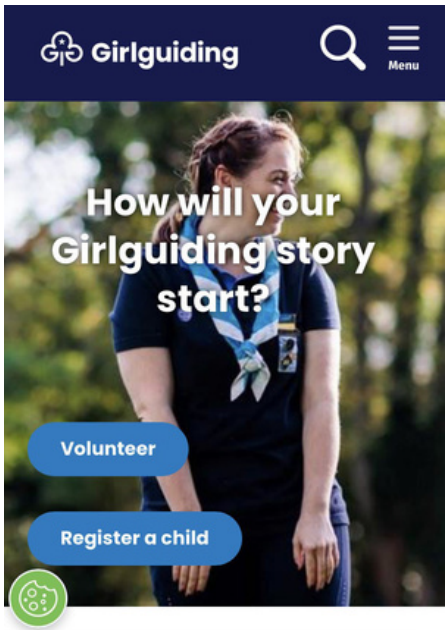
Do you have specific skills and experience that you'd like to share with girls or use to help other volunteers? Event planning expert? You could run and fun day for Rainbows and Brownies. PR pro? You could help get Girlguiding in the news. Juggler, programmer or Rubik's cube whizz? You could run a workshop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

Keeping in touch

Girlguiding is a busy place, where there are always loots of things going on. 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.



Got questions?

Lots of information can be found on the Girlguiding website, or ask your local commissioner or a member of your unit team.
You can also find lots of information on our region website, or you can contact us by emailing Info@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk or via phone on 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

Key information

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

My unit

When and where

Contacts

Action Plan

Volunteer name:

Agreed with:

Date:

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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.

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

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
- [ ] I've completed my disclosure check (if required)
- [ ] I've submitted details of two referees
- [ ] I've completed safer guiding training
- [ ] 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
- [ ] 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 on GO
- [ ] 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 visited a unit

Region contacts

Your local district division and county teams will be happy to support you with any questions, and we also have a team of volunteers and staff members at region who are here to support you.

Our staff team

We have a staff team who support with the general running of the region who are happy to help general queries.

The staff team are contactable by email at **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

Inclusion adviser: Inclusion@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

International adviser: International@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

Inspire coordinator: Inspire@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

Outdoor adviser: NEEOutdoorActivityAdviser@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

Peer education coordinator: PeerEd@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

Safeguarding: Safeguarding@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

Thanks and recognition: ThanksAndRecognition@GirlguidingNorthEast.org.uk

Young leader coordinator: youngleaders@girlguidingnortheast.org.uk

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