



# Annual Report

## 2015-16

### Adroddiad Blynddol



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## County Commissioner Report for 2015-16

Good evening and welcome to both our invited guests and members of Girlguiding Clwyd.

2015 was a year without any guiding centenaries. Falling between the Brownie and The Senior Section Celebrations. But of course Girlguiding in Clwyd haven't seen this as an excuse to take things easy so many other activities and trips have taken place. Girls with their leaders have stayed near home including at our own County House Ty-Clwyd, others have ventured further afield. At least three groups went to Adelboden and literally bumped into each other while there! Brownies from Rhyl have been to Paris and Holywell Guides went to the Czech Republic.

Several new units have opened during the year including new Rainbow units in Acrefair, Sandycroft & Rossett has re-opened. Twenty-three ladies have completed their Leadership Qualification. We have another sixty-seven ladies working towards their leadership qualification, and further seventy volunteers processing through Join-Us! Five of our Senior Section members have gained their Young Leader Qualification. One of our Vice Presidents Miss Dilys Roberts received BEM on the New Years Honors List for Services to Guiding. Our oldest member May Alderson during February celebrated her own Centenary having joined as a guide in 1927! Myfanwy Higgins another of our Vice Presidents for Girlguiding Clwyd sadly passed away earlier this year, so many of us will miss seeing her at events.

For the first time in several years we have one of our leaders achieve her Queen's Guide Award. Unfortunately Kathryn isn't able to be here for us to present the award this evening due to her studies in Swansea. We have another nine young ladies working on their Queen's Guide award, with one of these very close to completion. The Baden-Powell Challenge Award is the highest award a Guide can achieve, twenty-four guides in Clwyd have achieved their BP Awards in this last year; the five guides from Wepre were also awarded Connahs Quay Town Council Awards for their commitment to guiding. Three Guides from Wepre have also gained their Patrol Camp Permits during 2015; Lucie Jones, Amy Letley and Vicki Langdon. Thank you to all the leaders who have made this possible it is with your encouragement that these girls have been able to achieve. We hope these Guides will (if they haven't already) move up to The Senior Section and continue to enjoy Guiding in Clwyd.

Outdoor activities in Clwyd have always been popular and this last year has seen many activities taking place. We have had many opportunities available enabling girls to attend camps, residential and international experiences. This year the number of girls actively engaged in working towards Queens Guide, Duke of Edinburgh and BP qualifications has risen. Our outdoor weekends and county cookouts have run successfully and we hope this will encourage more to participate this coming year. Lead by Jane Bevan, Clwyd has an active and dedicated team of outdoor activity and programme Advisers; which is reflected in the type and scale of opportunities we can offer at a county level. Greatly helped of course, by having our fabulous county facilities at Ty-Clwyd.

Many girls aged from five years and upwards have had the opportunity to away on both residential and camping events during the year. To take girls away leaders need to work towards their Going Away modules this last year seven leaders have attained various Going Away Modules. During 2015 we held two rainbow overnights at Ty-Clwyd to encourage Rainbow Leaders without a Going Away license to bring their rainbows. From this event one leader has since gained her Going Away License and another is considering! Katie Dutta a leader in Colwyn has been on a GOLD project (Guiding Overseas Linked with Development). Two Guides from East Flintshire Division were successful in the International Selection process for 2015. Anna Preece of Wepre Guides went to Korea and Caitlin Lewis of 2<sup>nd</sup> Buckley Guides went to Estonia. Katie and Anna will both be telling us about their experiences this evening. Dawn Pavey leader of 7<sup>th</sup> Wrexham Guides is going to Peru on a GOLD project this summer. Applications from guides and senior section members have been received for International Selection for next year.

Many of our members have joined in with activities run by Girlguiding Cymru. These have included a Sports Camp held at Ty-Clwyd, Bring-it-Home event held at Denbigh (please see the photo on the front of this report), Chill Fest and other events held at Broneirion. Several of our leaders enjoyed helping at the events leading up to Christmas at Broneirion. Nine of our Senior Section members attended the G15 training and returned as Sports Educators laden with Equipment. Apparently there was some hilarity loading everything for the journey home! As Sports Educators the girls can come into units to teach Physical Literacy (Similar to Peer Educators).

Ty-Clwyd continues to have improvements amongst those made during 2015 new mattresses have been purchased and additional chairs donated by "Friends" (Do please consider joining their 123 club, you may win a prize and proceeds go into improving our county house) The fire alarm system has been upgraded and improvements to the outdoor electrics are in progress in preparation for County Camps. Many thanks to Judith Standing and the Ty-Clwyd team who keep everything ticking along you can be assured Ty-Clwyd is in "safe hands".

Thanks to Hazel Webb and her team who organize our trainings/workshops within Clwyd. We have held two County Days with a total of over 120 leaders attending these. Leaders enjoyed a variety of activities together with lots of section trainings. We have also had several 1<sup>st</sup> Response Courses and Safe Space sessions, with a total of eighty-six people completing 1<sup>st</sup> Response and fifty-five completing the Safe Space training. Other trainings held have included a Leader and her Sixers Day, again very well attended. A Food Hygiene information evening was held which was attended by ten leaders in preparation for Camps and Holidays. Risk Assessment training was held and sixteen attended. A special thanks especially to Jackie John who continues to deliver 1<sup>st</sup> Response, training the majority of these ladies. A special Thank you too to Tracey Evans of Wrexham who continues to train leaders in Wrexham with 1st Response assisting our County with it's aim to adhere to the Girlguiding guideline of ensuring there is a leader at all meetings and events with an in-date qualification in First Aid.

Our PR team has a new identity that of Growing and Promoting Guiding (GaP Team). They are now having meetings again and are looking for keen and enthusiastic members to join them. We have units around the County needing new and/or additional leaders. Together we must work towards ensuring these seventy volunteers on Join-Ups are placed within suitable units and welcomed into our Guiding Family. In areas where there are extensive waiting lists we need to look towards opening new units possibly though using these new volunteers, bearing in mind we have over eight hundred girls wanting to join us in Clwyd!

During the last year four units in Clwyd were asked to take part in a Pilot Quality Standards Audit "Being Our Best". It is wonderful news for Girlguiding Clwyd that these four units are the first to complete in the UK! Many Congratulations to the leaders and girls from these four units: 1<sup>st</sup> Gwernaffield Guides, 1<sup>st</sup> Kinnerton Rainbows, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhosddu Brownies and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prestatyn.

Thank you to all our five hundred and twenty-six adult members for ensuring that the two thousand, eight hundred and forty-six girls we between us have at our weekly unit meetings; are able to enjoy guiding in Clwyd and are given so many learning opportunities within a safe environment to develop new skills and have fun.

Isabel Blore  
County Commissioner

**Girlguiding Clwyd** - Comprises of seven Guiding Divisions in the top North-East corner of Wales.

**Berwyn Division**

**Commissioner - Alison Roberts**  
**Assistant Commissioner - Denise Morris**  
**Commissioner Designate – Cath Moore**

**Llangollen District**

**Commissioner - Louise Clark**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
2	3	2	1

Llangollen is famed worldwide for its annual International Eisteddfod. The district has units based in both Llangollen and Chirk.

**Maelor District**

**Commissioner - Roz Benny**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
2	4	2	0

Maelor District has units in the villages of: Bronington, Marchweil, Hanmer, Holt and Overton-on-Dee.

**Ruabon District**

**Commissioner - Emma Rushton**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
4	5	2	1

Ruabon District has units in the villages of: Acrefair, Johnstown, Rhosllanerchrugog, Rhosymedre and Ruabon.

**Colwyn Division**

**Commissioner – Serena Broughton**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
4	8	2	1

Colwyn Division has units along the North Wales coast: Colwyn Bay, Llanddulas, Llandrillo Yn Rhos, Abergele and Old Colwyn

**East Flintshire Division**

**Commissioner - Christine Dwerryhouse**

East Flintshire Division continues to grow. There are now 49 units. During the last year a new Brownie unit and a new Rainbow unit have opened in Hawarden District. A Rainbow unit has reopened in Hope District. Hawarden District have had many new leaders who are all now progressing well towards completing their LQ's along with other new leaders in the other 3 districts in the division. Several leaders have gained their LQ during the year. One leader received her qualification at Our Chalet in August. Others received their BP awards and one girl received her Chief Guide Challenge Award. Two girls from the Division went on International trips representing Girlguiding Cymru: - Anna Preece of Wepre seniors went to Korea and Caitlin Lewis of 2nd Buckley Guides went to Estonia. Forty girls with their leaders went to Switzerland for a week in August 2015. This was very successful and a lot of fun was had by all. A lot of friendships were made and a lot of fears were conquered. Lots of units also went away, visiting Chirk and Ty Clwyd and venues further afield.

**Buckley District** **Commissioner - Sally Daly**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
3	6	3	1

Buckley is a small town the district has units in Buckley and the surrounding villages of: Bistre, Mynydd Isa and Drury

**Deeside District** **Commissioner - Linda Hoban**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
2	4	3	1

Deeside is known as an industrial area. There are guiding units in: Deeside, Golftyn, Connah's Quay, Shotton and Wepre.

**Hawarden District** **Commissioner - Beverley Davies**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
3	6	2	0

Hawarden District borders close to Cheshire; units are based in the villages of: Broughton, Hawarden, Sandycroft and Saltney Ferry

**Hope District** **Commissioner – Wendy Salt**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
5	5	3	2

The guiding units in Hope district are based around the area with units in: Cymau, Hope, Kinnerton, Leeswood and Pen-y-Ffordd.

**North Denbighshire****Division****Commissioner - Lynda Walmsley****Commissioner - Emily Webster****Prestatyn District****Commissioner Designate:****Charlotte Frobisher**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
3	4	4	0

Main towns/villages: Prestatyn, Meliden, & Rhuddlan.

A new Senior Section unit opened in Prestatyn in October 2015 which serves North Denbighshire Division. Prestatyn District have held/taken part in several events since last year: a Sandcastle competition on the theme 'Alice in Wonderland' in June, an outing to Jump Warehouse in Warrington in July, an outing to Techniquet in Wrexham in November, a trip to the see Cinderella at Rhyl Pavilion Theatre with Rhyl District in December, a Thinking Day celebration on the theme 'Connect!' in February, and a Swimming Gala in April!

**Rhyl District****Commissioner - Chris Hunt**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
4	6	3	0

Main towns/villages: Rhyl

Rhyl took part in their Annual sponsored walk in June 2015, the money raised was shared between the units (the units kept half of the money they raised towards funds) and Cuddles; The Special care Baby Unit at Glan Clwyd. A cheque was presented later in the year for £1000 to Cuddles. We ended our term year in July by a District trip to Tir Prince Fun Park Towyn. We attended the Remembrance Service at St Thomas' and then processed to the Garden of Remembrance where the duty years laid a wreath.

Visit to Rhyl Pavilion Theatre to watch the Pantomime.

Held a Thinking Day celebration doing craft from around the world

**South Denbighshire****Division****Commissioner - Beth Taylor**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
1	5	4	0

**South Denbighshire**

The division continues to flourish with a Division team in charge. We have recently had a change round of the jobs and it is good to see people taking on different roles. We were sad to see Lynn Denny standing down but she certainly deserves a rest!

Trefnant Guides have moved to St Asaph for their meetings taking Guiding back to the town after a big gap. Ruthin has new Guide and Rainbow units in the pipeline hopefully opening in September.

Altogether we enjoyed a Division Thinking Day sleepover which enables the girls to see the wider family of Guiding spread over our beautiful Vale of Clwyd.

**West Flintshire Division****Commissioner - Nicola Barlow****Flint District****Commissioner - Kathryn Cocking**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
1	2	2	1

The units in Flint District are based in Flint and Northop

**Holywell District****Commissioner – Helen Partington**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
3	5	3	3

Holywell is a small town the district has units within the town and surrounding villages of: Carmel, Llanasa, Caerwys and Halkyn,

**Mold and Moel Fammau District**

**Commissioner - Sarah Clements**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
4	4	2	1

The District has units based in Mold, Gwernaffield and Nannerch.

**Wrexham Division**

**Commissioner - Barbara Jones**

**Assistant Commissioner - Brenda Lewis**

**Allington District**

**Commissioners - Heather Owen and Judith Hudson**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
3	3	2	1

Allington District comprises of the units based in Gresford, Marford and Rossett.

**Offa's Dyke District**

**Commissioner – District Team**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
2	4	3	0

Most of the units based with Wrexham Town are in Offa's Dyke District.

The units primarily meeting at Wrexham Guide HQ and around Acton.

**Yale District**

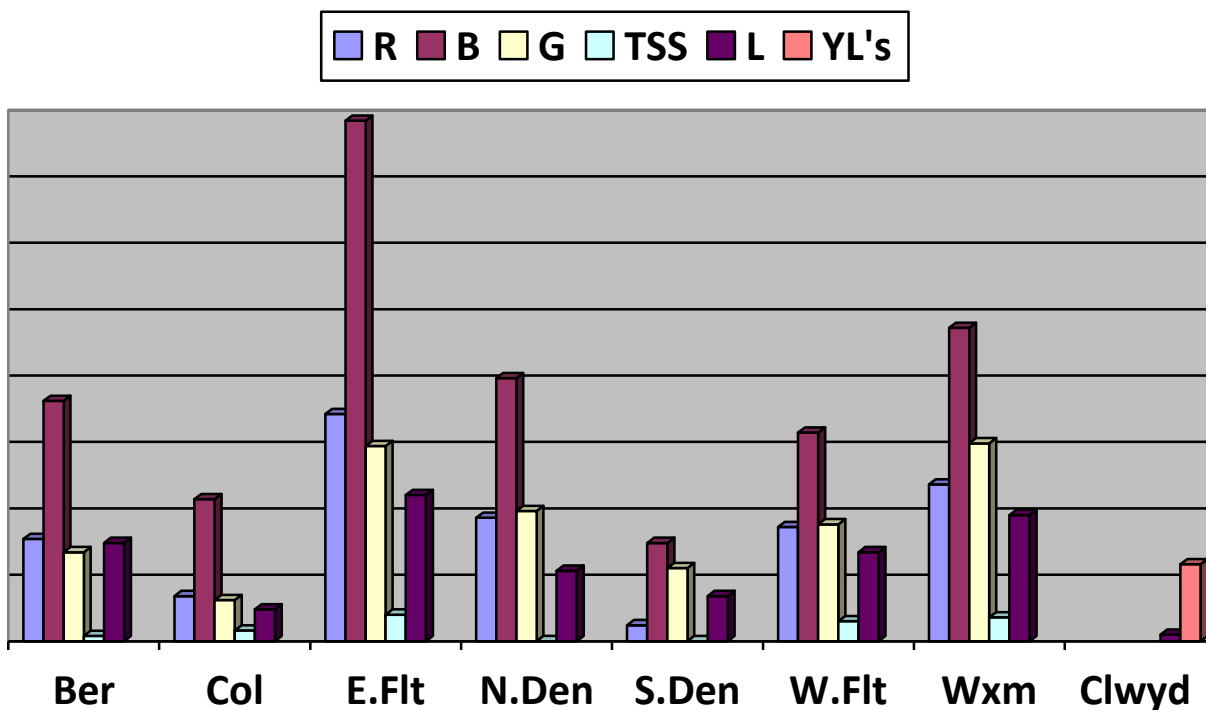
**Commissioner - Lucy Edwards**

Rainbow Units	Brownie Units	Guide Units	Senior Section Units
4	5	4	1

Yale District has a few units meeting at Wrexham HQ and at the RC Scout and Guide HQ on Sontley Road. But the majority of the units are in the local villages of Bradley, Summerhill, Brynteg and Coedpoeth.



The Chart below shows the breakdown of section numbers in each of the Clwyd Divisions  
As on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016



#### Annual Census on 22nd February - 2006 to 2016

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2015-16 Increase/decrease
Adult Members	413	520	503	507	533	567	491	488	521	520	526	6
Senior Section	118	116	144	138	129	79	59	62	64	72	65	-7
Guides	793	791	807	756	674	653	668	691	722	706	635	-71
Brownies	1657	1611	1485	1440	1308	1387	1406	1399	1355	1362	1345	-17
Rainbows	435	432	408	389	411	410	486	528	543	589	591	2
Totals	3416	3470	3347	3230	3055	3057	3163	3330	3365	3429	3372	-57

## Long Service Awards

Girlguiding Clwyd would like to recognize the following Adult Leaders for their continuing commitment to guiding, their communities and for the enthusiasm shown in supporting and implementing the Guiding Programme to our members:

### 5 Years

Amy	Henderson	1st Gellifor Guides
Annie	Edwards	1st Garden Village Brownies
Annie	Holdsworth	1st Gresford Brownies
Caroline	Nichols	1st Acton Rainbows
Christine	Cummings	1st Llanasa Guides
Courtney	Aspinall	11th Rhyl Brownies
Helen	Kerr	2nd Broughton Brownies
Jane	Phillips	1st Cymau Rainbows
Jayne	Edmonds	1st Rhosymedre Rainbows
Joyce	Jones	1st Denbigh Brownies
Laura	Williams	1st Rhyl Rainbows
Mair	Jones	1st Brynteg Rainbows
Natasha	Mackune	2nd Chirk Guides
Natasha	Williams	9th Wrexham Guides
Nicola	Conway	1st Gresford Brownies
Penny	Dell-Smith	1st Gresford Rangers
Rachel	Quayle	1st Ruabon Brownies
Rhiannon	Gordon	4th Rhyl Brownies
Sarah	Quayle	1st Ruabon Brownies
Sian	Brown	3rd Flint (St.Mary'S) Brownies
Sophie	Greatbatch	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Tracey	Davies	3rd Rhuddlan Guides
Verity	Shingfield	1st Mold Guides
Wendy	Haines	Llanasa Senior Section

### County Thanks Badges

Alison	Roberts	Berwyn Division Com.
Ann	Lovatt	Hope District Com.
Ashleigh	Woodland	Dyfodol Rep. for Clwyd.
Audrey	Jarvis	2nd Prestatyn Brownies
Belinda	Mortel	1st Kinnerton Rainbows
Brenda	Trickett	Clwyd Trefoil Chairman
Denise	Morris	Berwyn Division A.Com.
Donna	Jones	West Flintshire Div. Com.
Emily	Webster	Prestatyn District Com.
Fiona	Hallam	2nd Rhosddu Brownies
Heather	Owen	Allington District Com.

### 10 Years

Ailsa	Knight	1st Gwernaffield Rainbows
Amy	Kelly	Bishop's Own (5th Wxm) Guides
Cerys Ann	Jones	1st Bistre Rainbows
Helen	Smith-Jones	1st Marchwiell Guides
Jen	Royle	3rd Mold Brownies
Kirsty	Williams	1st Ceiriog Valley Brownies

### 20 Years

Gemma	Parish	Yale District Senior Section
Jenny	Maxwell	1st Bistre Rainbows
Marie	Carrington	2nd Holywell Brownies
Sally	Daly	2nd Bistre Brownies

### 30 Years

Brenda	Lewis	9th Wrexham Brownies
Dorothy	Brookfield	4th Wrexham Guides
Jackie	John	1st Mold Guides
Karen	Morris	1st Llandyrnog Brownies

### 40 Years

Carol	Smith	1st Marchweil Guides
Hazel	Webb	1st Pen-y-Ffordd Brownies

### County Thanks

#### Badges

Helen	Walker	Offa's Dyke Dist. Com.
Kathryn	Lovatt	Dyfodol Rep. for Clwyd.
Jacqueline	Duffield	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Jenny	Hawken	2nd Rhosddu Brownies
Judith	Hudson	Allington District Com.
Linda	Kelly	2nd Rhosddu Brownies
Linda	Roberts	2nd Prestatyn Brownies
May	Alderson	Trefoil Member
Pam	Sharpe	2nd Rhosddu Brownies
Rosemary	Griffiths	2nd Prestatyn Brownies
Sharon	Jones	Holywell District Com.

**Young Leader Qualification**

Catriona	Duffield	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Isabelle	Parry	1st Marchweil Rainbows
Lowri	Peters	2nd Chirk Brownies
Megan	Barber	4th Prestatyn Guides
Sian	Buckley	1st Marchweil Rainbows

**Baden-Powell Challenge**

Amelia	Salt	1st Hope Guides
Amelia	James	2 <sup>nd</sup> Holywell Guides
Amy	Letley	1st Wepre Guides
Anna	Preece	1st Wepre Guides
Caitlin	Davies	Bishop's Own (5th Wxm)
Caitlin	Partridge	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Carla	Allen-Wright	1st Wepre Guides
Charlotte	Percival	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Emily	Morgan	1st Wepre Guides
Eleanor	Yates	1st Marford Guides
Erin	Shanks	4th Prestatyn Guides
Grace	Davies	1st Hope Guides
Isabel	Lamb	1st Marchweil Guides
Jenny	Hind	Bishop's Own (5th Wxm)
Jessica	Randell	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Lucy	Davies	Bishop's Own (5th Wxm)
Maddie	Rouse	1st Marchweil Guides
Megan	Cazeau	1st Marford Guides
Sarah	Higham	4th Prestatyn Guides
Sophie	Lewis	1st Marford Guides
Sophie	Hill	1st Marchweil Guides
Sophie	Platt	1st Marchweil Guides
Tesni	McChesni	2 <sup>nd</sup> Holywell Guides
Victoria	Slugocki	6th Prestatyn Guides

**Queens Guide Award**

Kathryn	Lovatt	1st Hope Guides
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**Leadership Qualification**

Amy	Gossling	1st Marchweil Brownies
Amy	Henderson	1st Gellifor Guides
Angela	Meacock	3rd Flint Rainbows
Annie	Holdsworth	1st Gresford Brownies
Belinda	Mortel	1st Kinnerton Rainbows
Debbie	Williams	1st Henllan Rainbows
Emma	Crompton	5th Rhyl Guides
Emma	Edwards	4th Rhyl Rainbows
Georgia	Langton	1st Deeside Rainbows
Gwen	Jones	4th Rhyl Rainbows
Hannah	Evans	11th & 1st Rhyl Rainbows
Helen	Milner	1st Ruthin Brownies
Katie	Dutta	3rd Old Colwyn Brownies
Kate	King	1st Llanasa Guides
Katherine	Williams	1st Henllan Guides
Katie	Foulkes	11th Rhyl Brownies
Kirsty	Hughes	1st Caerwys Brownies
Lizzie	Hatton	7th Wrexham Brownies
Lucianna	Mee	1st Rhyl Brownies
Sian	Griffiths	1st Cymau Brownies
Sarah	Unwin	4th Rhyl Rainbows
Sophie	Johnson	11th Rhyl Brownies
Vanessa	Malia	2nd Mold Brownies

**Going Away Qualifications**

Judith	Hudson	1st Gresford Guides
Kathryn	James	1st Rhos. Brownies
Katie	Dutta	3rd Old Colwyn Brownies
Katie	Walker	1st Acton Brownies
Laura	Williams	11th & 1st Rhyl Rainbows

**Chief Guide Challenge Award**

Catriona	Duffield	1st Gwernaffield Guides
Kathryn	Lovatt	1st Hope Guides
Sian	Partington	2nd Holywell Guides