

## **My Guiding Highlights**

I have been a member of Girlguiding since starting Rainbows at the age of five and now volunteer as a Brownies Leader in Manchester. I have had so many amazing opportunities through Girlguiding, and I have enjoyed looking back at some of my highlights!

### **National Scout and Guide Concert Band**

I have taken part in the National Scout and Guide Concert Band course twice, and it has been one of my favourite Guiding experiences. I have performed with the band in various venues around Birmingham where the course is held, as well as at the Guard's Chapel in London. I have met some of my closest friends through the course, as we have a love of music and Girlguiding in common!



### **Girlguiding Celebrates**

I had the opportunity to perform at the first Girlguiding Celebrates as part of the National Scout and Guide Big Band. It was a great event to be part of, and I am looking forward to playing again at this year's event!

### **Volunteering at the King's Coronation**

I was lucky to be one of the volunteers selected to volunteer at the King's Coronation in May 2023. I was part of a team of Girlguiding members from across the UK stationed in Hyde Park, and it is definitely a day I will remember!



## **Brownie Pack Holidays**

I have been on four Pack Holidays since I started volunteering as a Leader and they have all been brilliant weekends away! We have been to a variety of places in North-West England, and our themes have included the Commonwealth Games and Disney. They have been a great way for the Brownies to get to know each other better and try things that we wouldn't usually do in our weekly meetings.

## **Leadership Qualification**

Completing my Leadership Qualification has been one of my biggest achievements in Girlguiding. I started my qualification while my unit was meeting online in 2020 and finished it with a different unit after moving to university in 2021, so I had to adapt to a lot of changes along the way!



## **Tartan Gig**

I went to Tartan Gig twice while I was in Rangers, and the 2017 event was my first time going to a concert. We saw lots of amazing acts including Jess Glynne, The Vamps, Pixie Lott, Lewis Capaldi and Birdy!

## **Baden Powell Award & Chief Guide Award**

I achieved my Baden Powell Award as a Guide, and my Chief Guide Award while I was in Rangers, and really enjoyed working towards both awards. I attended my first large scale camp for my Baden Powell Adventure, as well as learning to crochet for one of the clauses, which I still enjoy now.

## **Chamboree**

In 2018 I attended Chamboree with a group of Guides and Rangers from across Scotland as part of an IntOps trip. It was a great week with a huge variety of activities, but one of the highlights was drumming with Bear Grylls (which remains as my claim to fame!)



### **What's Next?**

I have been working on my Queen's Guide Award for the last two years and I am looking forward to working on the remaining challenges, which will hopefully include completing my Going Away With qualification. I will also be going on my first International trip to Paris with our Brownies at the end of July before attending the National Scout and Guide Concert Band course again!