



# GIRLGUIDING NORTH WEST ENGLAND'S

# 50th

# BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE



# WELCOME TO GIRLGUIDING NORTH WEST ENGLAND'S

## 50th Birthday celebration challenge!

In 2021 our wonderful region, one of the 9 countries and regions of Girlguiding, will turn 50 years old! To mark the occasion, Express!, our region's youth forum, have created this celebratory challenge. This fun challenge celebrates the fabulous region that we are part of in the North West, as well as all things 50!

We hope you have lots of fun taking part!



# FAQS

## HOW TO COMPLETE THIS CHALLENGE:

The 50th Birthday challenge is suitable for all sections to take part in, and can either be undertaken individually, or as part of a unit meeting. You can choose to complete activities as a Six, Patrol, unit... or another grouping of your choice!

The badge is split into 5 sections - county, collaborate, challenge, create and celebrate. Whilst we would like you to challenge yourself to complete as many activities as possible, the goal is to achieve 10 points per section to receive the corresponding badge. Collect 50 points by completing each section to complete the challenge and achieve your celebration centrepiece badge.

Remember: You, our young members, should decide which activities you would like to do. Why not get everyone together for a Rainbow Chat, Brownie Pow Wow, Patrol Meeting, Rangers' planning meeting or just a simple discussion. This is a fun badge, not a qualification, and a flexible approach is required. As long as you have taken a full and active part in the challenge, you should receive the badge.

## HOW TO ORDER YOUR BADGES:

The outside badges are 40p each and the central badge is £1. Badges can be ordered from the Girlguiding North West England online shop.

## WHY NOT TRY SOME OF OUR TOP TIPS TO MAKE THIS CHALLENGE PRINTER FRIENDLY:

- Print multiple pages to one sheet - make sure you can still read them though!
- Set your printer to double-sided, for optimum paper economy
- Only print the pages and sections you need
- Use our print-friendly version which can be found alongside this on the region website



# ADAPTING THIS CHALLENGE PACK TO THE HOME, DUE TO COVID-19

During the current pandemic, we understand the need to be flexible with the activities we undertake. With that in mind, please feel free to adapt this challenge pack to suit you. Please only complete the activities you are able to, using materials you are able to access easily and safely. Discuss as a unit which activities you feel would be best to undertake virtually and which ones you feel might be best completed in the unit meeting place, once guiding returns to normal. Alternatively, if your unit isn't meeting at the moment, leaders may wish to choose a few activities for girls to do at home, while reserving some activities for when guiding units are back up and running as normal. Or, parents/carers may wish to support their daughter(s) to complete the challenge independently.

Remember, many of the activities that would traditionally be done face to face can also be done virtually.

With any activities involving outdoor contact, we highly advise any members involved to wear a mask and gloves and ensure that they observe social distancing rules and any developing UK Government Guidelines, both nationally and appropriate to their local area.



# COUNTY

ACHIEVE 10 POINTS TO RECEIVE THIS SECTION OF THE BADGE

Create a quiz about your county, division or district and share it on the region Facebook page or tag us in your quiz on Twitter or Instagram, so that other units can complete it. Can you think of 50 questions to ask? \*You could use Quizizz to help you.

POINTS =



Find out 5 things that are special about your own county. You could go exploring at the beach, at a country park, to find a historical landmark, or to another place of your choice.

POINTS =



Research your county standard flag and find out the meaning of the images used. Then create your own standard for your unit, district or division. Or why not create a modernised version for your county, or even for the region.

POINTS =



Complete a quiz created by another unit in the region and see if you can learn something new. Why not challenge yourself and take a quiz about a county that's not your own.

POINTS =



Research each of the 17 counties in our region and find out something special about each county.

POINTS =



# COLLABORATE

ACHIEVE 10 POINTS TO RECEIVE THIS SECTION OF THE BADGE

Research another organisation or charity in your local area that is turning 50 in 2021. Can you think of a way to work with them to celebrate our milestones? Why not send them a birthday card to get the conversation started!

POINTS =



Take part in our 50 50 challenge and raise all important funds for Girlguiding North West England. Why not make your fundraising activity 50 themed? You could hold a virtual quiz for 50 people, sell 50 things at a car boot sale or bake 50 cakes to sell.

POINTS =



Complete 50 Random Acts of Kindness for your community. Kindness is free, let's sprinkle that stuff everywhere! Your act could be as simple as popping 50 of our kindness cards through letterboxes in your local area.

POINTS =



Complete a sponsored activity with a Gold or 50 theme. Why not walk 50 miles between all members of your unit, jump on a trampoline for 50 minutes or hold a 50 minute sponsored silence, all while wearing something gold! There are so many things you could do!

POINTS =



Become pen pals with another unit from a different part of the region. You could write postcards or swap badges. You could even get together for a joint Zoom meeting to celebrate the region turning 50 together.

POINTS =



Join up with a unit from another part of the region to complete a challenge. Try to find a unit that is in a different county, far away from yours. Together you could fundraise for a charity, celebrate with an event or have a joint Zoom meeting.

POINTS =



# CHALLENGE

ACHIEVE 10 POINTS TO RECEIVE THIS SECTION OF THE BADGE

Use your bodies to make a human 50 or birthday picture. Be creative! Can you challenge yourselves to take a picture on Zoom, or to each take individual pictures to stick together?

POINTS =



Visit 5 key places in your county. If you have already visited lots of places in your own county, why not choose another guiding county and visit 5 places there. You could even give yourself an extra challenge to travel on 5 different modes of transport to get there and whilst you are there!

POINTS =



Create an obstacle course with 50 things. Could you make your obstacle course guiding themed? Why not challenge other members of your household to give it a go!

POINTS =



Put 50 items of clothing on at the same time. Just for fun! Why not have a race with your unit to see who can do it the quickest!

POINTS =



Join in with the #50Challenge and complete 50 consecutive days of challenges related to our 50th Birthday!

POINTS =



Create a Bucket List of 50 guiding things your unit would like to complete in 2021 and try to tick them all off throughout the year. This could be anything from making your promise somewhere special to sewing a badge on a camp blanket or leading a song at a campfire.

POINTS =



# CREATE

ACHIEVE 10 POINTS TO RECEIVE THIS SECTION OF THE BADGE AND BE SURE TO SHARE YOUR CREATIONS WITH US!

Bake a birthday cake for the region's 50th Birthday. Send your photos in to [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk), or tag us on social media, to enter our Virtual Birthday Bake Off competition.

POINTS =



Host a gold or 50-themed craft night for your unit. From birthday cards to gold (bead) bracelets, the possibilities are endless! Be as creative as you can and don't forget to share your creations with us.

POINTS =



Create a wordsearch for your unit to complete. It could be themed around 50 things, a birthday, Girlguiding, the region, your county, your district, division or your unit. Why not share your wordsearch with us on social media, so other units can have a go.

POINTS =



Make a collage of a guiding symbol or a 50th Birthday picture using gold items or 50 themed things.

POINTS =



Create a birthday sign to wish the region a Happy 50th Birthday. Take a picture of you or your unit holding the sign and send it to [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk) or tag us on social media. Look out for your picture in our celebration video at the end of the year!

POINTS =



# CELEBRATE

## 10 POINTS!

Host a party to celebrate 50 years of Girlguiding North West England. You could hold a talent show, throw a unit party, attend a county party, host a Zoom party or celebrate in any way your unit would like. The important thing is to party, have a great time and celebrate 50 years of fun in the North West!

Have fun!

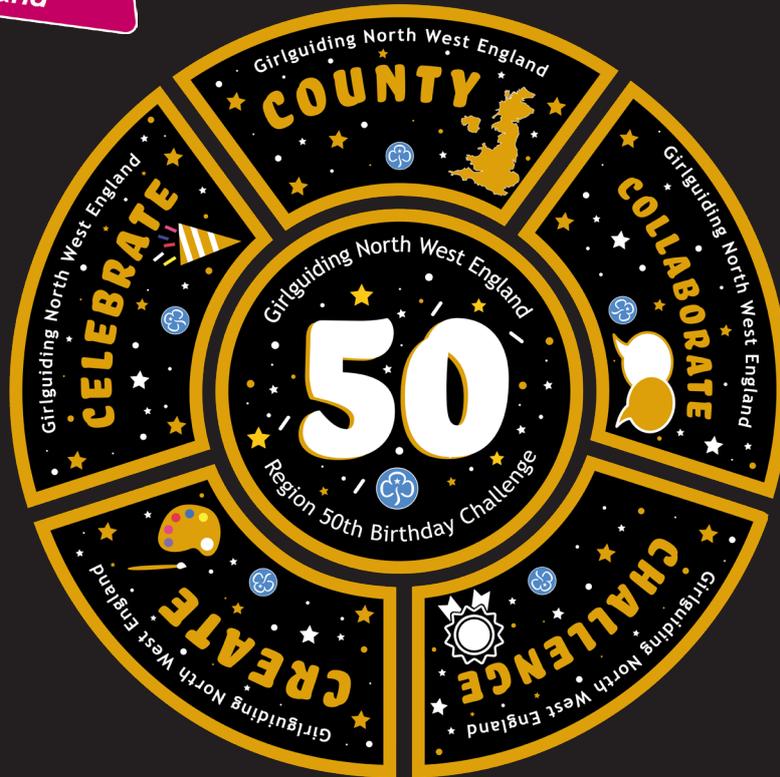




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## WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE ACTIVITIES IN THIS PACK AND HAD LOTS OF FUN CELEBRATING OUR REGION'S 50TH BIRTHDAY IN STYLE!

We would love to hear how you got on and to see some photographs of you doing the activities, so that we can share them on our Girlguiding North West England website and social media pages, in the press, online and in our promotional material, so that our members of all ages, potential members and potential supporters can be inspired by everything you've done.

Share your story with us by emailing [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk).

Once available, badges will be available to purchase via our region online shop:  
<https://shop.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/>

Badges are also stocked at our region store which you can visit once we re-open as usual:  
Girlguiding NWE, Guiding Road, Preston, PR2 5PD.

For now, we suggest using our online store.

We value your feedback so that we can continue to improve our challenge packs. Please spare a few minutes to complete the short survey upon completing the challenge.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ggnwe50>