

HAVE YOU DONE THE MOTIVATE CHALLENGE?

Motivate is a personal challenge that you can complete with friends and other members. Set your own goals and try out some new activities to achieve them.

Since its launch many members have taken the opportunity to complete amazing and fun things that they have enjoyed alone or with others. We have now awarded over 300 badges! However, we still have plenty left if you want have a go.

This is an ongoing challenge with no time restriction.

It is friendship and fun while challenging yourself to step outside your comfort zone, pushing boundaries wide, wider or widest to truly see what you are capable of.



Our region secretary is pictured here hanging over the side of The Edge in New York. It's the highest building in North America and is 100 stories (over 1,100 feet) high.

Our region PR, having enjoyed a relaxing sauna, heads for a cold dip!



Get out and about to enjoy friendship and fun with others.

WYW members from Todmorden enjoyed a fun day out with a trip on the 'Spirit of Guiding' barge as part of their challenge.

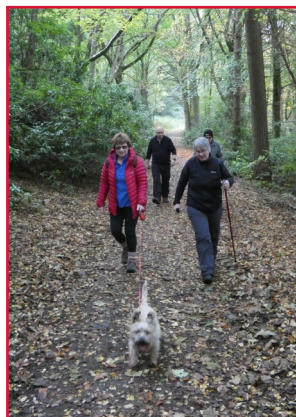


Taking a stroll through the woods with friends and your dog.



Discovering historic facts whilst walking the Guy Fawkes trail around the City of York.

You never know who you are going to befriend when you are out and about having fun!



Trefoil Guild

North East England

NORTH EAST ENGLAND

53rd ANNUAL REPORT

2024



Over 260 members attended the 52nd region annual meeting in 2024 at the impressive Cutlers Hall in Sheffield, whilst enjoying the four aims of Trefoil



A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGION PRESIDENT



At our annual meeting last year, held in the magnificent Cutlers Hall in Sheffield we said thank you to Dianne Bollom who had come to the end of her appointment as our region chair and we welcomed Lesley Haworth as our new region chair.

On behalf of everyone I wish Lesley and her team every success during their time as our region team.

Whilst our membership numbers might be dwindling slightly, the commitment of members to the Trefoil Guild and Girlguiding UK never dwindles!

The events, holidays and adventures which members organise and take part in never ceases to amaze me, it is all about caring for others, fun and friendship with the odd cream cake or two here and there!

Best wishes
Sheila Jackson

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW REGION TEAM

Our first advisers team meeting was held in September 2024. We discussed ideas, sent in by members, made plans and set budgets as part of our 5 year action plan.



Around the table from the left:

Dawn Rogers—PR

Ann Durham—programme

Molly Barton—secretary

Lesley Haworth—chair

Emma Crowely—international

Margaret Millar— treasurer

Lyn Brooman—Key user

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

WEST YORKSHIRE WEST

A year of growth, of friendship's bloom,
New Chair, new dreams, a vibrant room.
Crafts and journeys, theatre's light,
From poppies knitted to stars at night.

Through walks and talks, we've shared our way,
Supporting causes, brightening each day.
A year of challenge, awards, and cheer,
Motivate, adventure, all held dear.

Together we rise, each step we take,
In Trefoil's spirit, memories we make.
Here's to more, as new paths unfold,
With courage, compassion, and hearts of gold.



WEST YORKSHIRE SOUTH



WYS Trefoil Guilds have had a busy year out and about having fun .

They have enjoyed knife and axe throwing, a walk around Scout Dyke reservoir, a Murder Mystery evening, a tour round Leeds City centre on a "Who Dunnit" treasure hunt and enjoying the Horbury Heritage trail by candlelight.

It's good to see the guilds supporting local charities. They have handed over a cheque to the Samantha Sykes Foundation Trust for £885 , collected items which they donated to the "Love of Grace Charity", making Happiness Kits and using their local charity shops to bag a bargain.

Remember:

The website is the go to place for anything you need to know about Trefoil. It is easy to navigate and informative allowing current and prospective members the opportunity to find out more of what is happening across all our guilds, counties, regions and countries.

It allows you to share your stories, news and photographs on your own county pages, via the region PRA, plus keeping all members up to date with current and future events. Visit: www.trefoilguild.co.uk

As members of North East England Trefoil Guild we look forward to continuing our commitment to supporting Girlguiding and Scouting, offering support to our local communities and charities, across our region and beyond, whilst enjoying the four aims of Trefoil.

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

SHEFFIELD

Members from Sheffield visited Mayfield Alpacas and met the ponies, pigs, rabbits, ducks and goats, and lots of alpacas, which enjoyed the food we had purchased for them in the coffee shop.

We held our annual World Thinking Day service where we examined care of the environment within the theme "There is no planet B"

Our county was well represented at the region trip to Hautbois where we all enjoyed the trips and activities on offer.



SOUTH YORKSHIRE



Guilds have enjoyed their meetings with a wide variety of speakers, trips out and activities.

County activities have included a day where we met to complete clauses for the Motivate challenge, including kite making and flying, bubble painting and balloon modelling. Christmas trees were made from coloured glass at our Craft day. Lots of fun with our Trefoil friends.

County events enabled us to make a donation to Woodhead Mountain rescue team.

WEST YORKSHIRE NORTH

We decided to try a county activity day this year (it had stopped during Covid) and it was a great success.

Our other county events included our AM and Lunch in September and the Friendship Service in October.

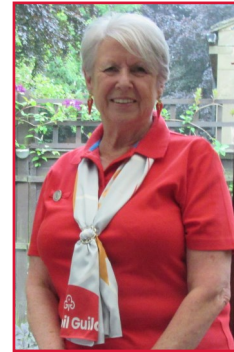
Guilds continued to enjoy varied programmes with some taking part in the Motivate challenge in many different ways, including trips out and food!

Some guilds had visits from speakers and enjoyed many other interesting activities.

Long may it continue.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR REGION CHAIR



I can not believe it was a year ago, at our last AM in Sheffield, Dianne announced I would be taking over the role as your next region chair and follow in the footsteps of past inspirational region chairs.

My aim from the start of my role was to develop and support the work of the Trefoil Guild, to encourage and motivate all of our members to participate in the activities, challenges and adventures that are being planned for us all to enjoy, from national, region and county levels, as we speak.

Although we have not been successful in executing a region activity event as yet, my amazing team are hard at work behind the scenes with plans for exciting things to come.

We held a productive region executive and planning meeting over a weekend in February, in Skipton.

16 of our counties were represented giving those present a voice in the plans for our future events and activities.

I would like to thank everyone who attended for giving up their time to support me and secure a great future for all our region members.

Together we look forward to promoting flexible opportunities across our counties to encourage a more diverse membership and securing a thriving Trefoil Guild in our region for the future.

I am looking forward to attending the National AM in Belfast in June '25 and getting some tips for the next National AM which will be held in our region in June 2026.

This will be a massive event for NEE, and once the venue has been announced, I do hope that you will all be able to support us in our plans to show off and promote our fabulous region.

I am grateful for and very much appreciate all your support.

Thank you
Lesley Haworth



REGION ACCOUNTS & REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

North East England Treasurer's Report Year Ending 31st December 2024

Financial Report

The funds of North East England Trefoil Guild are managed by the trustees in accordance with accounting practices as set out in the handbook and finance policy of the Trefoil Guild. The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statement, which was approved by them on 08.02.2025. The accounts have been independently verified.

Income

The main sources of income are membership subscriptions and investment interest. Membership subscriptions reflect a reduction in the region levy of £1 per member compared with the previous year and a further fall in membership of sixty-six. Investment interest amounted to £890.

Investments

Reserve funds are invested in a savings account. Interest rates have been reducing during the year reflecting the reductions made by the Bank of England.

Expenditure

One of the most significant expenses is staging the annual meeting, including venue hire and audio-visual provision, plus production of the printed annual report and supporting documents. Last year the region subsidized the price of tickets, which included lunch for everyone. A refund of £1000 was secured which has been used to limit the increase in ticket prices for the 2025 meeting. Increases in travel fares have impacted upon both the expenses of the regional team and payment of travel for county chairs to attend meetings of the region executive. The region pays the cost of accommodation for delegates attending national conferences, whilst Trefoil Guild covers the cost of travel. The number of delegate places allocated varies from year to year according to the nature of the event. Designated accounts for holidays and events are operated with the aim of breaking even.

Summary

At the end of the financial year there was a deficit of £11299, but this included payment to Hautbois of the sum of £7658 from advance instalments carried forward from the previous year. There was an overall net cost to the region of £3573. In the present financial climate the trustees have been looking for ways to support members to participate in future regional events.

Margaret Millar



SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

NEWCASTLE



Newcastle Trefoil are delighted to welcome our new County chair, Wendy Snell, pictured renewing her promise at the handover at the Collingwood monument.

The NOT (North of Tyne) Guild enjoy walking, trips out and meeting on an ad hoc basis. Our other Guilds are more traditional, meeting once a month enjoying an agreed programme for the year. They have investigated Geomorphology, played crazy golf, visited the Tyne theatre for a back stage tour, the North East Sea, Land and Air Museum and the Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade Headquarters.

All our members have enjoyed meals out, crafts and various other activities. Many members work towards interest badges including Motivate.

NORTH TYNESIDE



Our Guilds continue to follow an active and varied program including:

The Arts and History; with visits to local art galleries and landmarks.
Enjoying a guest speaker talk about our Local Lifeboat Association.
Craft activities; including making Poppy badges for Remembrance Day.



Eating; with fish and chip walks, edible campfires and decorating biscuits.
Community support; some members held a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' and donated food and household items to a local food bank.

NORTHUMBERLAND

In a county with very diverse needs programmes incorporate differing aspirations and needs. We welcomed a new guild in Alnwick and Ponteland guild has expanded to incorporate a new group in Tynedale.

Members met at Newbiggin by the Sea where they enjoyed afternoon tea at the Maritime Centre.

The inspirational speaker at our annual meeting was Anna Heslop, first female helm of the Cullercoats lifeboat. Proceeds from the raffle were donated to the RNLI.



SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

NORTH YORKSHIRE NORTH EAST



Despite mobility challenges and hesitant drivers, members enjoyed outings, museum visits, talks, and crafts. Whitby Allsorts Guild enthusiastically pursued Motivate badges. Two members planned a trip to Sangam and the Golden Triangle.

NYNE Friendship Day featured quizzes, a buffet, and interactive sessions with reptiles, including a python and a tortoise. Guests also met owls, from Colin the Little Owl to Willow the Asian Brown Wood Owl. The day was filled with learning, laughter, and shared experiences.

NORTH YORKSHIRE SOUTH

The County has come together on three occasions this year; Thinking Day, Yorkshire Day and Christmas. Each event was filled with friendship, fun and food.

The individual guilds have also worked hard collecting gifts and helping charitable causes. Martin House, Carecent and the Lullaby Trust were all helped over the past year.



Unfortunately our county chair had to retire due to ill health. We thank Myra for all her hard work and wish her well in the future.

NORTH YORKSHIRE WEST

Over the past year our three guilds have covered a variety of activities from visits to a recycling plant, walks and trips to cafes. We continue to support various charities focusing on Birk Crag (NYW's GGA rebuild of their residential and activity centre in Harrogate) and Waddow Hall.



Ripon hosted a Christmas lunch for the county at Hazel House, whilst Harrogate ran a successful Strawberry tea and Skipton held a fun craft day. The more energetic members in Skipton took part in the 2024 London Monopoly Run which has sparked an interest with other members who are ready to sign up for one of the Girlguiding monopoly challenges in September planned in 5 locations across our region..

We continue to support our county Girlguiding at camps and other activities.

A COPY OF THE REGION ACCOUNTS



North East England Trefoil Guild Financial Statement Year Ending 31st December 2024

2023		2024
INCOME		
£5,025.00	Region Subscriptions	£3,218.00
£2,113.00	Region Annual Meeting including tours	£5,580.00
£8,300.00	Region Trip Hautbois	£11,878.20
£7,003.00	Region 80th Newby hall	
£728.96	Bank Interest	£890.03
£0.00	Activities	
£0.00	Donations / Gifts	£415.00
£0.00	Fund Raising	
£0.00	Air Ambulance Appeal	
£505.00	Sale of Goods and Badges	£188.00
	Annual Meeting 25 Advanced bookings	£30.00
	Unpresented cheque	£42.00
£23,674.96	Total	£22,241.23
EXPENDITURE		
£3,849.40	Region Annual Meeting including tours	£8,027.07
£653.80	Region Trip to Hautbois	£19,416.05
£7,311.55	Region 80th Newby Hall	
£0.00	Activities - Team day re Motivate	£594.50
£25.36	Gifts/Sundries	£420.20
£858.51	Travel County Chairs	£876.94
£850.21	Management / Executive Expenses	£1,702.49
£69.15	Miscellaneous Admin Costs	£105.99
£240.00	Conferences	£255.00
£374.00	Fund Raising	
£231.45	Purchase Goods	£247.50
£978.80	80th Thanksgiving Service	
£1,700.00	Rebate to Counties	
	Stationery	£72.21
	Annual Meeting 25 venue deposits	£1,166.20
	Grants to Members re TOPAZ	£500.00
	Residential Event Butlins 25 site visit	£87.00
£17,142.23	Total	£33,471.15
£6,532.73	Surplus / Deficit	-£11,229.92
£48,742.09	Add Balance Brought forward	£55,274.82
£29,086.93	Balance at Year End	£16,966.98
£26,187.89		£27,077.92
£55,274.82		£44,044.90

Prepared by

M.A. Millar

Date: 16.01.25

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PROGRAMME AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISER REPORT



My report from 1st July 2024 to 31st December 2024

When I was asked by Lesley to take on this role and support her, I readily agreed. Our friendship, which started through Guiding, spans almost 40 years.

Next year I will have been in Guiding for 50 years, holding many different roles, mostly in the Outdoor section. I gained my Mountain Leader qualifications through Guiding and have used it to train and lead groups overseas and at home. These included trips to Nepal and the Arctic.

I ran a successful independent Outdoor Adventure business for a few years training students for each level of the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. I continue to support guiding with their D of E programme as an examiner and lead walks regularly. One of my greatest achievements was to be a guest at Buckingham Palace celebrating Adventurers and Explorers.

Living outside Skipton on the moor tops in between Lothersdale and Cononley, I enjoy the beautiful countryside around me walking daily with family, friends and my dalmatian dog, Bruce.

At the beginning of July we asked our members what they would like to see being planned for holidays and activities. My first challenge was to plan a break away at Butlins in Skegness, suggested by a member. Unfortunately, it was too expensive and probably not the right venue for a lot of our members. I am continuing to plan alternatives for 2025 and beyond.

I am enjoying my role, meeting all of you, planning adventures and exciting challenges for the future. See opposite.

VOYAGE AWARD

One of my roles is coordinating the Voyage Award, which is very much like D of E for our members. I am enjoying it very much and love reading all the exciting and adventurous things you do. We have new members signing up all the time to do this award and I would like to encourage more of you to have a go in the future.

Very many congratulations to the following members who successfully completed their Gold Voyage Awards in 2024/2025

July 24 —Hilary Pickering from Ripon Guild in North Yorkshire West
August 24 —Pauline Stork from Bridlington Guild in East Yorkshire
October 24 —Carole Falcus from Newcastle East Guild in Newcastle
November 24— Deborah Brown from Teesdale Guild in Durham South
January 25—Anne Gould from Cramlington Guild in Northumberland
January 25— Frances O'Neill from Rockcliffe Guild in North Tyneside

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

EAST YORKSHIRE



The Guilds have continued to meet regularly throughout the year with activities, speakers and trips out.

Over forty members travelled to Sheffield to the NEE Annual Meeting.

We held the County Fun Day and Annual Meeting in August and it ended with a Birds of Prey Display.

In October we held our annual County Dabble Day where members could choose to do four out of eight Christmas crafts and have lunch. Guilds

Christmas meeting marked the season in various ways such as singing carols, meals out and parties.

LEEDS COUNTY



Our 11 local Guilds held regular meetings enjoying activities that support the aims of the Trefoil Guild.

In addition: We started "Leeds County Walks". Four Guilds organised a walk in their area open to all County members allowing people to explore outside their own neighbourhood, learning a little about the history of the area and meeting members not in their own Guild.

In September we visited The Arium – Leeds City Nursery for an informative tour of the greenhouses followed of course by cuppa and cake in the cafe!

LINCOLNSHIRE NORTH

2024 has been a relatively busy year for us.

Most Guilds meet regularly each month, having a wide range of activities: – meals, parties for special events, visits, crafts etc

As a County we held a very enjoyable Thinking Day at Brigg (food and activities) and our Annual Meeting at Scunthorpe included an excellent lunch.



We held a fabulous pre Christmas event. Walks have been enjoyed and several members attended the NEE AGM at Sheffield, travelling by train.

SNAPSHOTS FROM OUR COUNTIES

CLEVELAND

Our handover AM in June was a lunchtime afternoon tea where we welcomed both Dianne and Lesley.

Other county events included a summer picnic and our annual Friendship Day which, this year, was based on the 'Motivate Challenge.'

Steering a remote controlled car, hook a duck and decorating pots to plant bulbs were popular activities.

A Christmas 'Get Together' with a Christmas decoration demonstration followed by a 'make your own' simpler version, carols and mince pies ended our year.



DURHAM NORTH

Our five guilds have been enjoying a variety of interesting activities.

These range from summer walks, meals out, crafts, badgework and visiting speakers. Talks by Paws For Thought, Guide dog training, 4 Louis – a stillbirth and child bereavement charity and many more. Watching the sunrise at the beach on Thinking Day and a county visit to Hylton Castle culminating in a tasty afternoon tea.

Food, fellowship and fun at the heart of all our meetings.



DURHAM SOUTH

'Friendship and Fun' Has been shared at meetings at local and county level with various crafts, activities, inspirational speakers, trips and meals out.

'Give Support and Get Involved' Congratulations to Debby Brown on achieving Gold Voyage award, Trischa Child and Jane Fisher on achieving Silver Voyage award, well done ladies. We have supported Girlguiding in Durham South and North at Blue Bell day. Guild's have been very active in raising awareness and holding various fund raising events for local charities.

'Get Active' Our County friendship day had the theme Motivate and our speaker shared a great presentation of his many adventures that encompassed land, sea and air. This ticked a clause for us all on the Motivate challenge.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2025 & BEYOND

In September the region executive team held a planning meeting to set out their objectives and suggested future events for the next 5 years.

NEE region highlights of suggested future events

REGION AM'S

MAY 25	–	QUEENS HOTEL IN LEEDS
MAY 26	–	DURHAM OR DARLINGTON
JUNE 26	–	NATIONAL AM IN OUR REGION
MAY 27	–	YORK
MAY 28	–	HULL
MAY 29	–	TBC

ADVENT SERVICES

NOV/DEC 26	–	HALIFAX MINSTER
NOV/DEC 28	–	NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL

REGION ACTIVITIES

OCT 25	–	ACTIVITY & FRIENDSHIP WEEKEND – SKIPTON HOTEL
SEPT 26	–	BIG DAY OUT – BEAMISH
MAY 27	–	WALKING/HOLIDAY IN THE ISLE OF MAN
SEPT 27	–	TRIP TO OUR CHALET FOR FRIENDSHIP WEEK
MAY 28	–	ROTTERDAM for a two night stay following the AM meeting
JULY 28	–	ACTIVITY DAY – WETHERBY RACECOURSE
JAN 29	–	WINTER WONDERLAND TRIP TO SWEDEN/ARTIC

Please note these dates and venues are subject to change

These are only some of the ideas set out in our 5 year plan.

If you, the members, would like to suggest further options, offer your skills, knowledge or experience to assist in the planning of any of these events please discuss at your guild meetings, pass on your ideas to your county chairs who, will in turn, inform the region team at the next executive meeting.

Please note that all of the activities planned will only succeed with your support and commitment to participate.

Remember:

The Voyage Award is available for all Trefoil Guild members. The above events could help towards your achievements.

You can apply online directly, or download the application form which can be sent to the Trefoil office. For full details of the award visit: trefoilguild.co.uk/voyageaward.



Ann Durham

INTERNATIONAL ADVISER REPORT



Two Trefoil members from our region, Liz Purt from Leeds and Dot Salmon from North Yorkshire North East attended successful TOPAZ trips in 2024.

Liz Purt visited Sri Lanka in August 2024 with three other members of the Trefoil Guild and said

"I had only met them twice before. We worked and laughed together, as a team, as though we had been friends for years, and continue to keep in touch. Being a Trefoil member is like having good friends everywhere in the world, and doing amazing things, together that we could never do alone. Thank you to

Trefoil Guild NEE for helping me along the way."

Dot Salmon was part of a team who went to Lesotho, visiting cultural sites and schools to work with lots of brownies and guides.



They also ran training sessions for young leaders and the Trefoil Guild with those attending making their promise and planning to set up local guilds.



I helped at the TOPAZ & TRIO weekend at the Abney Scout and Guide Centre last November as caterer and first aider and talked about my previous TOPAZ trip to Thailand. Two members from our Region attended the weekend and they have both been selected to be part of the next 2 TOPAZ trips.

Dawn Rogers will be part of the group continuing Dots work in Lesotho this summer and Diane Goldby will be travelling to Thailand in January 2026 to help promote the Trefoil Guild and Girlguiding too. Please support them.

Emma Crowley



Remember:

If you would like to take up an opportunity for your own personal development get involved in **TOPAZ** (Trefoil Overseas Partnership: Adventure with Zest) project - it's out

there waiting for you.

For further details about TOPAZ, TRIO weekends and other international opportunities please visit: trefoilguild.co.uk/international.



PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER REPORT

A first year in the role of PR Adviser and I am now getting into the swing of it.

There have been many varied events and challenges taking place across the region, celebrating all that Trefoil has to offer; annual meetings, holidays, walking weekends, county days, guild meetings, special birthdays, awards and much, much more.



It has been great to see some of the wonderful pictures that have been sent and reading all the fabulous stories which accompany them.

I have loved sharing these on our social media and website pages, as it shows everyone the amazing spirit that shines across the region.



Congratulations to Dianne Bollom, shown here, cutting her cake at the celebration of her being awarded the Silver Brooch by her county members in Sheffield.

Moving forward I would like to try get more of our pictures into 'The Trefoil'. I am on hand for anyone who would like assistance with completing the form.



Remember, visit: www.trefoilguild.co.uk to check regularly for up to date information about what is happening in your region and to find details of up and coming events.

If you are interested in being part of the PR team and would like to help create next years report and presentation; or if you have a passion for photography; or you are familiar with Publisher and/or Canva etc; or you are a keen social media user and would like to help build our presence across the country, then please contact me at: neetrefoilpra@gmail.com

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to this report and presentation for our 53rd annual meeting. I could not have completed it without all your help. See your county snapshots.



Dawn Rogers