

## **Report for Freeland Parish Council on Guides from April 2016 – April 2017**

This year, Freeland Guides saw 2 girls represent Girlguiding UK at a camp at service project in Iceland and 2 girls will be attending Jamborees in Mexico and Canada during July and August this year. A separate report is attached from the girls who went to Iceland. Thank you to the Parish Council for supporting the girls in these amazing opportunities.

We currently have 26 Guides and a waiting list and now have also opened a Senior Section Unit for girls aged 14-18 which runs at the same time as the Guides. There are 14 girls at present in the Senior Section Unit. During meetings the girls take part in a wide range of activities during both in the hall and outside during the summer term. These evenings are organised by outside guests and the girls themselves. We recently had a visit from Swindon Reptile Rescue, it was an amazing evening with girls holding snakes ranging from corn snakes to Royal Python's, everywhere you looked around the hall there were girls with snakes around their necks, in their hair and a few even went down their tops!!

The girls took part in a camp during October half term in the tented village at Youlbury which was great fun, the amount of bacon and eggs which disappeared at breakfast with 40 girls attending was a sight to be seen. Luckily Tesco delivered to the campsite!!

This year a further 8 girls have completed their Baden Powell Award and 2 more who will be completed within the next term. This is the highest award that a Guide can earn and is the results of much hard work on the girls' part, organising evenings, completing interest badges and taking part in camps and community events.

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