

Birk Crag Centre Bulletin 9 September 2020



## **Community and Kindness**

During these uncertain times Girlguiding members continue to spread kindness and make a positive difference in their communities.



Members from across North Yorkshire West took part in Clap for Carers to say a huge thank you to all NHS Staff and Key Workers.



Inspired by Captain Tom's fundraising efforts Lily from 14<sup>th</sup> Harrogate Rainbows scooted, walked and run up and down her street 10 times a day for over 4 weeks to raise over £240. Well done Lily!



Our volunteer leaders have embraced 'virtual guiding' to keep unit meetings running. Determined for girls not to miss out our County Outdoor Team even organised a virtual camp! The Sunflower Challenge was a big success and spread sunshine across gardens in our area.



Girlguiding North Yorkshire West continues to offer life-changing experiences and support for girls and young women. By adapting our programme, we endeavour to allow girls to continue to have fun, learn new skills and to keep in touch with their friends.



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## **Building Update**

Our fantastic project team have been working really hard to keep as much work as possible progressing on site over the last few months.





The main activity during August was to apply the coloured render to the lower walls around the building.

The rendering was carried out in unbelievably hot weather with the sun beating down all day on the south and west elevations - so much so that work continued to 9pm each evening to take advantage of shade and cooler temperatures.

This was followed by two weeks of miserable weather which prevented any more external work.





These photos mark a really special moment in the build - the **very last** piece of stone being bedded to the wall at the side of the front.

September will see lots of smaller jobs completed as well as work to the end elevation, which is seen as you walk up the drive.

With rendering now complete the team can also finally fit rainwater pipes and lay the storm water drains.



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## Funding Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to support the Birk Crag Centre during the last few difficult months.

We still have £300,000 to raise in order to completely finish the building. Although our opportunities for fundraising have undoubtedly decreased, we are still applying for grants and we are embracing virtual fundraising!



We held two online bingo events in May and June. Between the events we raised £1,562. Thank you so much to everyone who joined in.

## Thank you RamEco!

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to RamEco Ltd who helped complete our rendering for us. All the materials were given to us free of charge. It looks fantastic and we can't thank you enough!





Thank you also to everyone who took part in our Bumper Online Auction. We raised an amazing £1,147.



Thank you to Hazel and April for collecting so many used cartridges from Ripon. We have raised over £450 for Birk Crag through Recycle 4 Charity. If you have any used cartridges please let us know and we can arrange collection. If you are able to do so, you can still donate online at our JustGiving site



Don't forget you can also raise funds for Birk Crag by shopping with easyfundraising.





Saturday 5th December 2020 Birk Crag Zoom Christmas Quiz

More details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support and care. We look forward to when we can safely welcome you back to the Birk Crag Centre again.