



Birk Crag Centre Bulletin 7 February 2020



Happy World Thinking Day 2020

On behalf of the Friends of Birk Crag Centre we would like to wish you a very happy World Thinking Day 2020.

What is World Thinking Day?

World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship, when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world come together with one voice, speak out on issues which affect girls and young women and help to fundraise for the 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world.

22nd February was chosen to celebrate World Thinking Day as it was both the birthday of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout Movement, and Olave Baden-Powell, who was the World Chief Guide.



The theme for World Thinking Day 2020 is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Within Girlguiding we value and respect each person for who they are, regardless of their race, nationality, ethnicity, region, age, ability, appearance, gender, identity or experience.

On World Thinking Day especially member of Girlguiding recognise the importance of working together to build a world where this is true for everyone, wherever they live.

The new Birk Crag Centre will help Girlguiding North Yorkshire West to put equity and inclusion into practice, and to help us to celebrate diversity in our community and beyond.

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Building Update

After the Christmas break work recommenced on site on the 7th January. Despite the recent poor weather we are still making huge progress on site. Upstairs windows are now in, walls are being built, the backfill at the front is nearly complete and the flat roofs are finished.



If you have driven past recently you will have seen a lot of blue! This is the breathable membrane which prevents moisture affecting the inner walls and will shortly begin to be concealed behind a combination of metal cladding, larch boarding and coloured render.



Since the break work has continued on the roof and we are now fixing all the bits you can't see - i.e. fascias, soffits and hidden flashings.



Our bricklayers have completed the retaining wall to the car park and are now working on the remaining stonework to the main entrance.



The timber lining to the first floor is complete and the metal gutters are also now fixed.



Funding Update

Thank you to our amazing supporters we have now raised nearly £1.1 million pounds and we are continuing to work towards our target.



Thank you to Morrisons Starbeck for allowing us to bag-pack in their store this January and to all the girls and their leaders from across Harrogate & Knaresborough who came to help. We raised £612.27.



Birk Crag Open Day

Saturday 21st March
10.30am - 3.30pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and see the progress of the project



Many thanks to the Woodland Trust. We were delighted to be awarded with a community tree pack including 30 trees towards a hedge and 30 trees to put into a copse area.

The trees will be arriving later this year.

Orla's Great Swim for Birk Crag

Why not support Birk Crag by sponsoring one of our amazing young members Orla McPartland who has decided to enter the Great Swim in Windermere to raise money for the Birk Crag Centre. You can find out more about Orla's story at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/orla-mcpartland>



You can donate online at our JustGiving site or you can send a cheque made payable to 'Girlguiding NYW Birk Crag' to Birk Crag, Girlguiding North Yorkshire West, Community House, East Parade, Harrogate HG1 5RR

Thank you for your continued support of the Birk Crag Centre.