



Birk Crag Centre Bulletin 8 April 2020



Stronger Together

On behalf of the Friends of Birk Crag Centre we send everyone our best wishes during this unprecedented time. Here are a few of the ways our members have been joining together.

Guiding Lights

Guiding members are joining together to place a lit candle in their windows every Sunday evening from 7.10pm - 8.20pm whilst Guiding activities are suspended to keep our 'Guiding Light' alive.

The time is 1910, the year Guiding started, through to 2020!

Please share and join with us in lighting a candle for Guiding.



Spread a Little Sunshine

North Yorkshire West has launched a County Sunflower Challenge. Our members are being encouraged to grow sunflowers in their gardens to share a little sunshine with those around them.

The Sunflower Challenge pack is for everyone to join in and can be found on our County website at www.girlguidingnyw.org.uk/sunflower-challenge

Window Wellness

Members of Guiding have been decorating their windows with arts, crafts and rainbows to make their neighbours smile whilst they are out for a walk (and social distancing).



Now more than ever is the time for Guiding members to live their promise to serve their community and to help other people.

Building Update

Following official guidelines, the Birk Crag site is now substantially shut down but our team are endeavouring to continue where safe and possible to do so. In the office our team are working hard preparing tender documents and sending out enquiries for future packages of work.



The outdoor eating area is now really taking shape even if the entrance is now boarded up for security.



The circular foyer and adjacent stores have now been set out. Studwork shown in the distance is for the store and county office.



Main meeting halls

The windows and screens are now complete in the meeting halls.



The county meeting room

Just before the lockdown, the larch cladding was delivered and is acclimatising before being fixed.

Progress is hampered by most merchants being closed and so we are finding it difficult to get materials. We are lucky in that our main timber supplier is still trading and we can get one delivery a fortnight at present. We will soon be erecting our scaffold tower and fixing a sample panel of the larch boarding.

Thank you so much to our fantastic joiners and all our project team for keeping as much work as possible progressing in such difficult circumstances.





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Funding Update

At this time our greatest priority is to support all Guiding members, everyone involved in the Birk Crag site and our local community.

We still have over £300,000 to raise in order to completely finish the Birk Crag Centre and so we are busy applying for grants and we hope that those who are able to will continue to support us, if they can.



While you're not able to shop in person you can still help Birk Crag by using easyfundraising if you're buying anything online! Over 4000 retailers will send Birk Crag a donation whenever you shop at no extra cost.

Birk Crag Open Day

Unfortunately, our Open Day planned for Saturday 21st March had to be postponed. However, please visit our social media platforms to take a tour of our site with our County Commissioner, Angie Lockwood.

If you are able to do so, you can still 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



Virtual Fundraising Ideas

We appreciate that many fundraising events can no longer take place. If you are bored at home why not try some of these ideas for virtual fundraising that you can do from home instead to raise money for Birk Crag or other deserving causes at this time:

Virtual Pub Quiz - Use Skype, FaceTime or Google Hangouts to hold a virtual pub quiz. Ask guests to make a donation to take part.

Ebay your Clutter Away – Now is a good time to declutter. Sort your cupboards & wardrobe and, if safe to do so, sell your items online on Ebay or websites like Music Magpie, which will give you cash in return for your old CDs and DVDs.

Online Tutorials - Share your skills with others through online tutorials. You could do cooking, a foreign language or flower arranging. Ask for a donation in exchange for sharing your skills.

Virtual Book Club - Take your book club online or set up your own online book club. Donate the money that you would've spent on drinks and snacks.

Connect Over a Cuppa - Invite your friends to make their own tea/coffee and to join you online for a chat. Donate the money that you would have spent buying drinks.



We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Birk Crag Centre during this difficult time and we hope that you and your loved ones keep safe and well.