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Welcome to the Trefoil Guild. Whether you are a new member or an experienced Chairman, this handbook is designed to provide information about our organisation. It tells you who and what we are, and where to find help and information. It also includes practical advice and ideas for making the most of your membership.

Aims

The aims of the Trefoil Guild are:

- to keep alive among members the spirit of the Guide and Scout Promises and Laws
- to carry that spirit into the communities in which members live and work
- to give practical, financial and moral support to Guiding and Scouting

The Guide Promise and Law

The Guide Promise

I promise that I will do my best
To love my God
To serve the Queen and my country
To help other people and
To keep the Guide Law

The Guide Law

- 1 A Guide is honest, reliable and can be trusted.
- 2 A Guide is helpful and uses her time and abilities wisely.
- 3 A Guide faces challenge and learns from her experiences.
- 4 A Guide is a good friend and a sister to all Guides.
- 5 A Guide is polite and considerate.
- 6 A Guide respects all living things and takes care of the world around her.

Support, Fun, Friendship and Challenge

The main aim of the Trefoil Guild is to support Girlguiding UK. It provides friendship, fun and activities for its members as well as opportunities to support guiding and the community.

Membership offers opportunities to meet with friends, develop interests, tackle new challenges, enjoy outings and holidays together and help with District, Division, County, National and International activities.

Membership of the Trefoil Guild

Full membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has been a member of Girlguiding UK or the Scout Association or who makes the Guide Promise.

Associate membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who holds either a Leader's Appointment or a Commissioner's Appointment in Girlguiding UK or a Warrant in the Scout Association.

Affiliated membership is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has not made the Guide or Scout Promise but who subscribes to the aims and principles of the two Associations.

All Trefoil Guild members are members of Girlguiding UK but maintain a separate identity as follows:

- 1 The Trefoil Guild has its own constitution and Council, is financially independent, is a registered charity and is administered independently.
- 2 Trefoil Guild members pay their annual subscription to the Trefoil Guild. They do not have to pay an additional subscription to Girlguiding UK unless they wish to do so. (Associate members of the Trefoil Guild with a Commissioner/Leader role in guiding will need to be counted and paid for with Girlguiding UK as well as Trefoil Guild).
- 3 The Trefoil Guild admits men as full members and there is no upper age limit for either women or men.
- 4 The Trefoil Guild has its National Office in Commonwealth Headquarters in London with its own Office Administrators.
- 5 The Chairman of the Trefoil Guild is appointed by the Chief Guide and is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee of Girlguiding UK and the Chief Guide is a member of the Executive Committee of the Trefoil Guild.

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