

# Girlguiding Airthrey District

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In July 2008 Angela Gardner from Bridge of Allan led an 11-strong team of Girl Guides from all parts of Scotland to Ghana, as part of a "building links" project.



Angela Gardner

This environmental and educational project has been running for 17 years and has three aims: to plant trees, to provide sustainability and education, and to promote Girlguiding in Ghana.

The project was an amazing success, thanks to the hard work of Angela and her team as well as the Ghana Girl Guides supported by local Guiding. During their four weeks there the team planted nearly 2,000 trees across the eastern and central regions of Ghana. Funding was also made available for the continuation of tree planting projects once the team had returned to Scotland.

Education and promotional activities on Guiding were incorporated into a badge programme produced by the team before leaving Scotland. The "Tree for Life Badge" was the first badge ever specifically designed for Ghana Guides and consisted of three sections with the themes: "Why are trees important?", "Looking after trees", and "Trees in the community".

The team appeared on Ghanaian television, parading through villages with brass bands. They sang Scottish songs and performed for some of the village chiefs.

While in Ghana, the team distributed gifts donated by friends, families and work colleagues around schools and hospitals. They also managed to find time to sightsee, visiting beaches, the infamous slave castles of the Gold Coast, and Kakuam National Park.



One of the Ghana Guides

Angela was a member of 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge of Allan Guides until she left to attend university in 2001. She is now a Graduate Environmental Engineer for W.A. Fairhurst and Partners in Glasgow.

Girlguiding is a worldwide movement - for more details on Angela's trip please visit [www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingscotland.org.uk). If you are interested in joining us please visit our Girlguiding Forth Valley website ([www.ggfv.co.uk](http://www.ggfv.co.uk)) or telephone 01786 832981.

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