

Friends of the ARC

Where guiding history comes alive!

Join us today!



Who are the Friends of the ARC?

Friends of the ARC support the activities of the ARC, and raise funds for specific projects. Your involvement may be just signing up, following our activities via our newsletter, social media or more active participation in a specific Friends project for the ARC.



What is the Archive Resource Centre (the ARC)?

It is the home of collections of uniforms, handbooks, flags, logbooks, unit resources and memorabilia through the ages relating to Girlguiding in Norfolk. Many of these are in 'handling' collections available so that today's girls can experience Girlguiding in the past and older people can reminisce. It does work both as a museum and as an archive. In 2023 it was awarded full Museum Accreditation.

The Archivist and volunteers deliver living history sessions to units and plan challenges suitable for all ages. Perhaps you have completed the 'Living in Lockdown' or 'Cotton reel wartime' challenges?

Could you be a Friend of the ARC?

Guiding has played an important part in the lives of girls and women since 1910. Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and Leaders – all have played a part in Girlguiding and Girlguiding has played a part in shaping their lives. Has Girlguiding played a part in your life? Or maybe it hasn't but you would like to support the amazing work done now.



Our funding

Our funding comes from sessions and talks delivered by ARC volunteers, sales of badges and resources, donations and specific fundraising events. The shortfall is met each year by Girlguiding Norfolk.

Here are some examples of what Friends funding could buy for the ARC:

- £10 could buy two archive storage boxes.
 - £20 could pay the travel expenses for an ARC volunteer to lead an event/training.
 - £30 could buy archive-standard storage for photos or film.
 - £50 could pay for cleaning and cleaning materials for a month.
 - £100 could buy a steam cleaner for uniform.
- ... in addition to larger projects.