

Girlguiding Royal Mail celebrates this year's



The Girlguiding stamps and miniature sheet, designed by Together Design and printed by Cartor in litho. The stamps measure 37 x 35mm, and the sheet 190 x 67mm.

A MINIATURE sheet containing four stamps marking the centenary of Girlguiding will go on sale at Post Office branches, Tallents House and Post Office philatelic outlets on 2 February 2010. The stamps depict girls at various stages of Girlguiding life, on a background of appropriate activities: 1st class Rainbows, 56p Brownies, 81p Guides, and gop Senior Section.

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Guides centenary The only previous British stamp featuring the Girl Guide Movement was the 29p value in the 1982 Youth Organisations issue. The Girl Guides were founded by Lord Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes in 1910. Now known as Girlguiding, it is the UK's largest organisation for girls, with over 500,000 members. The Girl Scouts of America, founded in 1912 by Juliette Low, was modelled on the British Girl Guides. Worldwide Girlguiding has a membership of over 10 million. Centenary events launched in September 2009 will continue until October 2010. A Girlguiding UK Centenary Camp will be held at Harewood House, 31 July - 7 August 2010 •

centenary with a miniature sheet of four new special stamps

Girlguiding prices

Miniature sheet	£ 2.66
Presentation pack	£ 3.20
FDC envelope	£ 0.30
Serviced FDC (UK customers)	£ 3.60
Serviced FDC (overseas customers)	£ 3.07
Stamp cards set (5 cards)	£ 2.00
Coin cover	£15.45



'We always have, and always will, put girls in the lead!'

LIZ BURNLEY, Chief Guide



Guiding has always been shaped by the ambitions and needs of girls, giving them a **voice** and providing a unique **girl-only space** where they can be comfortable just being themselves. How else could it remain **relevant** for 100 years? **Volunteers** are the engine that drives guiding. More than 80,000 individuals contribute over ten million hours to guiding

every year in the UK. More are always needed! Being a **Rainbow, Brownie, Guide** or member of the **Senior Section** is lots of fun and a great way to make friends, learn new skills and have adventures. And because they're **girl-led**, the girls' learning and activity programmes are constantly evolving. Read on to find out more!

Rainbows look, learn and laugh

They play games and do activities as part of their programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw. Everything a Rainbow does helps her to develop and think for herself within a safe, girl-only environment.

- Girls can become Rainbows between the ages of five and six and four-year-olds can join.
 - The Rainbow Jigsaw has four areas that give it balance and - Laugh and Love. Each activity a Rainbow does is based on it.
 - Rainbows do so many fun things together. They go to the zoo and they also enjoy sleepovers, which encourages them to develop a feeling of independence.
- Did you know?** The Rainbow section was introduced in 1960. More than 14 per cent of six-year-old girls in the UK are Rainbows.

“ WE PLAY GAMES, WE CELEBRATE THINGS, WE WRITE IN OUR BOOKS, WE PLAY ON THE COMPUTER, WE DO PAINTING... ”



“ IT FEELS NICE TO BE PART OF A GROUP OF GIRLS WHO HELP EACH OTHER AND ARE FRIENDLY - IT MAKES ME FEEL SPECIAL. ”



Girlguiding UK



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to take care of her and makes her feel that she belongs to something special.
The Brownie programme is called the Brownie Adventure. Brownies do so many exciting activities, including cycling, baking, painting, learning to map-read, and taking part in science and nature investigations.

Did you know? Around a quarter of all eight-year-old girls in the UK are Brownies - and almost half of all British women have been involved in guiding at some point in their lives.