

Report prepared by Jayne Eastwood on 19th April 2021.

I duly applied for a £500 grant from the Town Council on behalf of Watton District Guide Association as the District Commissioner. My 5 year term of office as District Commissioner ended on the 4th April 2021. My original application

For a Grant was because I was the organiser for a trip open to all the Brownies, Guides and Rangers in Watton District

To Disneyland Paris due to take place over the Easter Holidays last April (2020).

There were 60 members of Girlguiding taking part in the Trip plus a coach driver and the trip was due to last for 3 days.

Our trip in April was cancelled due to Covid. The trip was re-arranged to August as we were offered a like for like holiday In August. In July when Covid regulations were relaxed it became very apparent that the Disneyland experience wouldn't be the same as there would be no parades, no eating in at restaurants, no photos with Disney characters, no firework displays.

In addition because of social distancing we would have needed 2 coaches and a mini bus which would have more than doubled the coach costs.

On this basis and with all the uncertainty surrounding Covid we had no choice e but to cancel the trip.

We are just at the point where we can return to face to face guiding outdoors with social distancing. We can return to indoor guiding with relevant risk assessment in place but Leaders, Girls and their parents are nervous to return to indoors meetings. It is hoped that holidays in this country can return after the 21st of June. When young people can return to International holidays is unclear. Many units cannot return to face to face guiding because the venues are not open and many are not opening until September at the earliest. So many Units are continuing with virtual meetings as we have done now for the last year.

It is our intention to use the monies received from the Town Council for either an International trip[or alternatively for a holiday in the UK when we are allowed.

Thank you for the Grant and we will send a written report to the Council once we have had the opportunity to use the same.

Kind regards

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