



BELARUSSIAN NEWS



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Greetings have been passed between Belarus Guides and Hampshire North since the beginning of the year. Parcels sent out arrived in time for them to celebrate their Christmas, on January 7th.

In January they held a Training for New Leaders: " **basic training on training of team leaders has been completed. We have 8 new trained leaders from Brest and Minsk regions.** 🎉 Congratulations to all participants on successful completion of training and wish you to join our friendly guide family as soon as possible! 🍀 And, of course, we look forward to new squads of birds, guides and rangers " 🐦 Guiding in Belarus is growing!



In February a Thinking Day event was held with Members from all regions of Belarus attending. – they call it The Day of Reflection:

"A large interregional guide company celebrated the Day of Reflection this weekend in the city. Minsk! Guiding is a joy! Thank you all for our long-term friendship!"



Over 2 weekends in March Senior Patrols from the WIND Unit spent time learning about Orienteering and using a map. They experienced Spring weather of snow as well as rain and some sun!

Another Unit spent time in a Folk Museum, learning traditional weaving and a Folk Dance



At the County Trefoil AGM for the International aspect the International Adviser suggested members take craft items to be sent to Belarus so that the Guides know we think about them. 7 bags and 2 boxes of craft and stationery items were collected and these will be sent out in 2kg parcels over the next months, some will be in time for them to use the contents of the parcel at their Camp which is being planned for the summer. We will look forward to hearing about their camp.

It is good to know that Guiding in Belarus is expanding and meetings continue regularly, usually at weekends.

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