

## BELARUSSIAN NEWS

## **JUNE 2022**



Message received from Anya, Leader of one of the Units who meet in the Library in Zhodino:

May  $21^{\text{st}}$ : This weekend, the girls put the guide's uniform in order: they sewed on the

stripes in the correct order, placed the badges on the pockets.

We remembered what guide symbols mean, what traditions girlguides have.

Special thanks to our friends from England for the green backpacks. We also sewed stripes on them. (*The Stripes mentioned are actually the* 

WORLD badges which we were able to purchase for them as well as for all the girls in the

New Units in BREST).



Note the old style Brownie badges of ours being used, as well as the Hampshire North one (blue/pink Camp & residential) and the Belarus/Hants Link badge from 2019





It is good to see so many new Guide shirts being worn as well as just a necker.



The Units are meeting weekly, on a Saturday or Sunday,



sometimes both days. They are getting more and more local people in to show them different places, and different activities like Kayaking.



One of the recent visits of the Paddington Bear group was to the Museum of History of the Private Collecting in another Region of Belarus – VITEBSK. According to Anya, the Leader: "Paddington Bear threw all his stuff through the museum. To help the bear find all her belongings, our girls specially came to the town. A most exciting quest – and all Paddington's belongings were found by the girls."

On another visit to the local Ice Cream factory, Paddington went too! The girls enjoyed an ice cream too.





None of our Guiding friends have been affected by Covid, life seems to go on as normal. Some items are becoming scarce in the shops and the prices have gone up for a lot of items. It is hoped to get some news of how everyone is by the next Newsletter.

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