



BELARUSSIAN NEWS

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On receiving a parcel from us at the beginning of September (mostly embroidery threads and tapestry wool and cards). Olga commented that the items were in time for the girls to plan their autumn Programme, so it was well received at an appropriate time. Further parcels were sent early October, Natasha received it on her birthday!!! Olga thanked the County for all the continuing support in keeping up the link, assisting them with their WAGGGS membership subscription, for all the parcels and communication saying *“I’ll pass the news about the continuing support for our organisation to the National Board. It means a lot for us. Please pass our gratitude to everyone involved.”*

With a grant from the Netherlands Embassy The Association of Belarussian Guides were able to begin a Project called YOUth DOes. The aim is to involve youngsters, aged 14-18 into a safe and active social life. The co-ordinator of a group, a young leader, will take back what they have learnt to their towns in the hope life will be a little better for them. It is aimed at the age group, not necessarily members of ABG, but hopeful that it will encourage new Units to be formed in towns where there aren’t any yet.



Belarussian Guides do not have a “Guide Shop”. Their uniform consists of a shirt and a tie according to their Section.



When they have enough new people who need a blouse (or have outgrown theirs!) the new people pay up front and the material is purchased and the blouses are made up. Those of you who read the news regularly and see photographs will probably realise that apart from their Promise Badge they do not have other badges “in stock” but use ones donated, another instance where we can be of help! Even if there is writing on the badge. Sometimes they are able to provide a badge for Camp, or a special project, but they are not usually of a good quality.