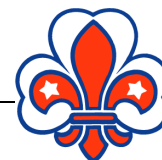


**PROFILE 2024**  
**NSGF UNITED KINGDOM**



<b>Name of NSGF</b>	National Scout and Guide Fellowship UK
<b>Abbreviation</b>	NSGF UK
<b>Region</b>	Europe
<b>Sub-region</b>	West Europe
<b>Affiliated since</b>	1953
<b>Office</b>	No office, contact <a href="mailto:worldbureau@isgf.org">worldbureau@isgf.org</a>
<b>Structure organisation</b>	Independent Joint National Committee.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.nsgf.org.uk/">https://www.nsgf.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://bp-guild.org.uk/">https://bp-guild.org.uk/</a> <a href="https://sagf.org.uk/">https://sagf.org.uk/</a>
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<b>221</b>	<p><b>Census as per 31 December 2024</b></p> <p>Baden-Powell Guild UK: 180 members          Scout and Guide Fellowship UK: 41 members</p>
<b>Do you have a Newsletter?</b>	
<p>Guild News Bi-Monthly.          SAGF Summer and Winter newsletters; email correspondence in between.</p>	
<b>Cooperation and support to Scouting and Guiding in your country</b>	
<p><u>Support to Scouting:</u>          Donations given to Scouts to be able to attend International camps and Jamborees.          Helping to build a new Scout HQ in Henfield.          Grants to Scout groups for camping equipment. Helping as Marshalls to Scouting events.          Raising funds for Scout explorer units. Promoting the Founder of Girlguiding.          Helping to rebuild a Scout camping site.</p> <p>Members of SAGF are heavily involved in supporting Friends of Scouting Europe, including acting as the National Co-ordinator for the UK and promoting the organisation by holding events and delivering activities at Gilwell Reunions. Financial and practical support is given to one of the Scout County Campsites which is being upgraded to meet new Health and Safety Regulations. Members are part of a network of fundraising civic/charitable groups which makes awards to Scouting groups and individuals as well as to other community-led groups. Some members are still active youth group Leaders and hold various posts within Scouting.</p> <p><u>Support to Guiding:</u>          Donations to Guides for Guide Neckers.          Raising funds for Guides to attend International Events in Finland.</p>	



Several SAGF members are still active youth group Leaders, working with Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at various units across the country, where they incorporate their commitment to International Guiding into the activities within the youth programme. Most of the female members are also members of the Trefoil Guild, the adult section of Girlguiding UK, which in addition to having an adult-specific programme also provides support for local Girlguiding groups and helps at large-scale events. One member is the Trefoil Guild International Adviser for her Region. Several members have been involved in the fund-raising activity to secure the former Girlguiding Training Centres (Foxlease & Waddow) for ongoing Guiding and community-based youth use. Through membership of Friends of Sangam UK support is also given to the Girlguiding World Centre in India.

#### **Cooperation and support to the community?**

Delivering Christmas presents to children. Putting on afternoon tea for Senior Citizens. Collecting used and unwanted Christmas trees and composting them. Supporting Friends of Camphill for disabled children. Supporting the office to cover for lost persons at a garden show. Supporting a member cycling the World. Providing a BBQ at a village fete.

Individual SAGF members are distributed widely across the country and do not operate as geographic Guilds; most local community activity (e.g. fundraising, litter picking, community gardens, supporting Christmas Tree Festivals) takes place as part of the Girlguiding, Trefoil Guild or Scout support group programmes rather than specifically as a SAGF event. SAGF held its face-to-face AGM at Shrewsbury Historic Railway Station and provided a donation to support the ongoing development of the Museum and Resource Centre there.

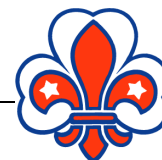
#### **Support to a Project**

Support to: the Prajwal School in Nepal; the Holiday Homes Trust; friends of Scouting in Europe; the Ukraine Relief Fund; the International Scout Badge club

The SAGF Commonwealth Together Challenge continues to be used to both promote international activities in Scouting and Guiding groups of all ages and as a fundraiser from the sale of badges. We made a donation to the Girl Guides of Tonga at the beginning of the year to support their recovery following the recent volcanic disruption, which they have used to repair the Guide HQ and to purchase tree seedling for the Guides to plant as part of their "Green Clean World" project. We also contributed to the sponsorship of Leaders from the islands to attend the WAGGGS Asia Pacific Development Gathering in Fiji in December (as did our friends from NSGF Australia). Of the 17 attending from Tonga 12 were school teachers who had not previously been involved in Guiding, and they have now spreading the "Guiding Light" in their own areas to continue to "Grow Guiding".

For many years SAGF UK has had links with the Mityana Community Development Foundation in Uganda. Many of their Trustees and supporters are Scout Leaders in the UK & Uganda. A legacy left to SAGF UK was donated to the Foundation to cover the costs of some urgent work at the school and in the surrounding community (Sanitation training in "beat the bugs" and first aid, extension of the urinals at the community centre, refurbish the school latrines, replacement of school laptops, Scout district training and support with camp). We anticipate providing more support in the coming year. Our joint project with BP Guild Uganda for rabbit-rearing is now self-sustaining and the fundraising stage and input from the UK is over.

Members have supported the Maher Women's and Disabled project in India, which has strong ties to the Girlguiding World Centre at Sangam.



Funds have also been sent to the Kenyan Trefoil Guild for their project to support grandmothers with responsibility for their orphaned grandchildren, providing material for handicrafts that can then be sold to raise much-needed finances for the families.

This year we have supported our Danish counterparts, the Sct. Georgs Gilderne, in their “Reach Out” project which is raising awareness and providing teenaged girls with reusable hygiene items, so they don’t have to miss school one week in every month. Following their very successful launch in Sri Lanka the focus now moves to Pune, and we hope our donation to the project will be used to continue this valuable outreach work in India.

Following the news coverage that huge areas of eastern Africa had been devastated by very severe flooding, the SAGF Committee made contact with the World Scout Parliamentary Union Kenya branch (WSPU) to see if we could help support some of the relief work the Scouts are doing for people in the informal townships who have literally seen their homes and possessions washed away.

Thanks to the SAGF UK donation the WSPU have been able to visit some of the worst affected families and provide them with basic foodstuffs, hygiene equipment, blankets and mosquito nets. The NSGF UK sent funds to NSGF Italy to support their ongoing work to bring Scouts and Guides from the Ukraine to events in Italy.

#### **Support to Fellowship Day**

The B-P Guild Central Branch that meets monthly online, always organises a special online event for Fellowship Day, often in conjunction with another NSGF and with an invitation to all Guild members to join in.

Although SAGF usually hosts an online Fellowship Day meeting, this year we decided to send our greetings by email to old friends and those whom we had met so recently at the World Conference. Messages from other countries and the World Committee were shared with our members.

#### **Support to Thinking/Founders Day**

The B-P Guild Central Branch that meets monthly online, always organises a special online event for Thinking/Founders Day, often in conjunction with another NSGF and with an invitation to all Guild members to join in.

SAGF held a successful on-line meeting for Thinking Day, with participants from several overseas countries including Uganda, Kenya, Denmark and Greece.

#### **Support to the Peace Light**

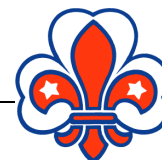
We give this event publicity in our Newsletters, Facebook page and Website.

SAGF does not take part in the Peace Light activities.

#### **Support to the Stamp Bank**

We do not support the ISGF Stamp Bank, we donate our stamps to a Brownie Unit that collects them for a cancer charity. If we had clear information on the ISGF Stamp Bank we would consider support.

SAGF used to be involved in the Stamp Bank activities but has not continued with this since the death of the member who was the UK coordinator.



### **Participation in Twinning**

NSGF UK is Twinned with NSGF Spain and NSGF Uganda, however it is not an active Twinning.

SAGF maintains close links with the BP Guild Kampala (part of NSGF Uganda) through the Rabbit rearing project. Several members have active friendships with individuals in other countries, although these are not formally registered as “twinning”.

### **Participation in ISGF events (Conferences and Gatherings)**

B-P Guild Members attended the Central Europe Sub Region 11th Gathering in Slovakia.  
NSGF UK Members attended the ISGF World Conference in Granada Spain

SAGF members attended the World Conference, and Jane Wardropper acted as Teller in support of the Conference Chair and Secretary. Jane was also a longstanding member of the ISGF Legal Team. Some SAGF members contribute to the International Ambassadors Guild and those at the World Conference supported the meeting/presentation which resulted in several new people joining the Guild. Some members are looking forward to joining the 2025 IAG General Assembly in Brussels, the Western Europe Gathering in the Netherlands and the Nordic Baltic Gathering in Norway.