

## Nominee 4

### **Reason for nomination**

What is it that makes this member or recognised volunteer 'Stand Out'? What is exceptional about them or their service?

*\*\*\* has been a member of Girlguiding since starting Brownies, aged 7, and is now a 16-year-old Ranger. She has \*\*\*\*\* (a very rare genetic condition with a unique gene mutation) ASD and has more recently developed epilepsy. Her mobility, sight and speech are impacted by her conditions.*

*\*\*\* throws herself into anything she attempts with great determination and enthusiasm. She joins in with every activity on offer, supported and encouraged by her family but ALWAYS with tremendous independence.*

*\*\*\* loves being in the outdoors and her family are involved in a range of sports. Just before the first lockdown she got her first bike - a tow along tricycle. She and her mum have worked hard to develop her coordination and muscle strength to the point that she now has an independent, adapted trike of her own that she has learned to ride - her personal target this year was to 'conquer the hills' on the route from Canterbury to Whitstable. This has also helped to build her skills and confidence in walking longer distances.*

*\*\*\* decided that she wanted to join a team working towards a virtual challenge goal that ran this year, to walk, run or cycle the length of the UK, going through all the National Parks - 1,588.3 miles in 134 days. She, her mum and her team of carers shared the target between them. \*\*\* completed more personal miles than anyone thought would be possible. To build her miles, one of the targets she set herself was to walk to Ranger meetings - approximately a mile and a half. She managed this once but was so exhausted that our usually chatty, lively Ranger who gets involved in everything the Rangers and the Guides are doing just sat on a chair quietly recovering!*

*Another achievement that she has completed this year, linked to this challenge, is her Bronze D of E Award. She is very proud of this significant accomplishment.*

*\*\*\* is a vibrant, vivacious member of our unit who always manages to bring a smile to faces of everyone around her. We believe that she truly 'stands out' in so many positive ways and would be thrilled for this to be recognised by the awarding of an 'I Stand Out Award'*