Gillian gets to Scout out Windsor Castle



A YOUNG woman whose career in the Scouts began in Insch enjoyed a royal day out recently.

Gillian Swarbrigg, a final year student at Strathclyde University, attended a day of celebration and achievement at the St George's Day parade of Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle.

Gillian's family from Huntly watched as the parade was reviewed by Prince Michael of Kent. The event was attended by Chief Scout Bear Grylls and the UK Chief Commissioner Wayne Bulpitt.

The band of the Scots Guards played as the parade of just under 600 Queen's Scouts entered the quadrangle at Windsor Castle.

After the review the Queen's Scouts paraded to St George's Chapel for the national Scout service, which celebrated the

Gillian Swarbrigg in the parade of Queen's Scouts.

values of Scouting including the reaffirming of the Scout promise led by the Chief Scout. The service focused on the theme journey and achievement.

The parade then left Windsor Castle and made its way through the streets to the applause of spectators, made up of parents, friends, and tourists.

Gillian completed her Queen's Scout Award with Paisley and District Scout Network and was a member of Insch Explorer Scouts until she left to go to university.

She is currently an assistant Scout leader with Paisley Abbey Scouts and this summer will spend two weeks as a leader at the Blair Atholl jamborette which will welcome 1000 Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Leaders from all over the world.

Gillian is studying production engineering and management at Strathclyde University and will graduate next month.



Gillian Swarbrigg outside Windsor Castle.