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Dear {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "volunteer" }}

This week, Girlguiding shared their [election manifesto](#), 'For all girls'. Girlguiding are asking the next government, regardless of party and Prime Minister, to sign up to meet the needs of all girls in the following 4 areas: girls' safety, cost-of-living, mental health and the environment.

At the elections last week, I worked as a Count Assistant, witnessing firsthand the power of community engagement and the importance of ensuring that every voice is heard. It was a reminder that we can all get involved in the next election in whatever way you feel comfortable.

Have a wonderful week, enjoy the sunshine and best wishes to the 156 walkers competing in competition hike and the 70 Rainbows doing the ramble.

Yours in guiding

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Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

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Volunteer information

Bucks County Show - Guiding volunteers wanted

Buckinghamshire Uniformed Youth (BUY) have once again organised space for Girlguiding Bucks to showcase how amazing we are at the [Bucks County Show](#) on Thursday 29th August. We need volunteers to be at the stand, talking to people and representing all that we are and all that we do for girls in the county. The county show is one of the best 1-day agricultural shows in the country and one of Buckinghamshire's main summer attractions. Volunteering at the event will give you access to enjoy everything that the show has to offer. To find out more about volunteering at the show please email growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Nominate your unsung Guiding hero

We want to recognise unsung guiding heroes. Maybe it's your best friend who volunteers weekly at Brownies, your aunt who runs the most adventurous Rangers group, or your neighbour who helps at your local Rainbow unit. Whoever it is that makes a difference to girls' lives, we want to hear about them!

You can [now nominate](#) your guiding peers for the opportunity to attend Girlguiding Celebrates 2024 by sharing who they are and the amazing things they've done in

Summer social bbq for everyone

You must have been enjoying this splash of sunshine and slightly higher temperatures recently. Well, June is right around the corner, so get you ticket to the Girlguiding Bucks summer social BBQ - come together, meet like-minded people and celebrate the time that you put in to this amazing organisation.

Check out the details on the [events page](#) of the county website. Don't delay, book today.



[Find out more](#)

Grand opening of new facilities at Ellesborough Guide Centre

All leaders, Trefoil members and Rangers are invited to celebrate and view the new external toilet and shower block now available at Ellesborough Guiding Centre. The grand opening of the new facilities is taking place on [Sunday 2nd June at 3pm](#). There is no charge for refreshments but donations towards further projects at Ellesborough are gratefully received.

If you're planning to go along, please email ellesboroughguidecentre@gmail.com

Leader information

7 weeks left to complete end of year accounts

All guiding units and levels must prepare annual accounts. Accounts must be independently reviewed and should be available to view if anyone asks. Girlguiding financial policy means that accounts must be sent to commissioners for independent review no more than three months after the end of the financial year - that's the end of June. There is plenty of help and information about [how to complete end of year accounts](#) on the national Girlguiding website.

Brownies moving to Guides

We would like to increase the number of girls moving from Brownies into Guides across the county. So we are looking for information from leaders about what you do that works well for encouraging more girls to move up. We'd also like to know how county can support you to keep more girls in guiding. Please complete the [online form](#) here to give us your feedback.

Recognition & rewards

Long service award

This is Barbara Miller getting a lovely surprise while receiving her long service award!

Barbara was presented with her 50 year service award at 1st Winslow Rainbows in a service which had been kept a complete secret from her.

Not only has Barbara completed this amazing achievement, but 42 of those 50 years service were completed in Winslow!

Well done Barbara, you're amazing - pass it on!



Vacancies

We now have a [website page listing all our role vacancies](#). Please visit the webpage to see if there is anything that interests you. Remember, our volunteer county roles are flexible and offer a great opportunity to extend and build skills in wide variety of subjects.

Our focused role this edition is:

Assistant Archivist

Do you have a passion for guiding, the history of the organisation, and a keen interest in keeping track of historically significant documents? You could be just the person we are looking for to assist our county archivist and heritage consultant.

We are looking for an assistant archivist who can assist the county archivist with all aspects of looking after our county archives. You don't need any specific qualifications, but you do need to be passionate about preserving the history of Girlguiding in Buckinghamshire. This is an ideal role for two volunteers to hold as a job share. Find out more about the role on our county website [vacancies page](#).

Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

[11 May - Beaconsfield](#)

[18 May - Bletchley](#)

[29 June - Princes Risborough](#)

Leaders in training - air and share

The learning development programme has been with us for over 12 months, but we realise that some of you may still have questions around what it's all about.

Come along to our "Air and Share", to hear of others experiences, share good practice and find out what's going on in county and nationally.

Open to all and prospective mentors and LiTs welcome.

- [Wednesday 5th June](#) Stokenchurch Scout and Guide HQ, Park Lane, Stokenchurch, HP14 3TQ
- [Thursday 20th June](#) Ellesborough Guide Centre, Missenden Road, Butlers Cross, HP17 0UP

Both sessions will be 7.30-9.00pm.

To find out more, or to book your place, please email lit@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Bookings closing today for peer education training weekend

This is a final reminder that bookings close today, **Friday 10 May**, for Anglia's next peer education training weekend, **5-7 July 2024**. Find out more information or sign up for the event [here](#).

Events

We often have a number of exciting events running across the county. To find out what is happening, when and where, and to get further details please visit the [events page](#) of our website.

Dates of interest

May

[Month of May](#) - National walking month

[11th May](#) - Competition hike

- Rainbow ramble

[12th May](#) - Children's day

[13- 20th May](#) - Mental health awareness week

[18 - 19 May](#) - Region office and Hautbois activity centre open day

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