Girlguiding Buckinghamshire

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

As we celebrate Earth Day this week, we are reminded of the impact we can have on our planet when we come together with purpose and passion. We know that girls want to take action for the environment. Girlguiding Anglia celebrated Earth Day with outings to the RSPB's nature reserves which I know many of you enjoyed. This weekend I was with Brownies on an outdoor adventure with eco-friendly crafts. Through engaging activities, we can instil a love and respect for nature that will last a lifetime.
We have also seen the launch of our new environmental plan which outlines our vision of a safer liveable world for girls to thrive in. You can found out more about this on the national girlguiding website.

Yours in guiding
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Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner
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Volunteer information

Summer social bbq for everyone

This year, as part of National Volunteers Week, Girlguiding Bucks would like all volunteers to have the chance to come together, meet each other and celebrate the time that they put in to this amazing organisation.
Bring a guiding friend, or come alone and make some new ones, then enjoy the professionally-cooked BBQ.
Check out the details on the events page of the county website. Don't delay, book today.



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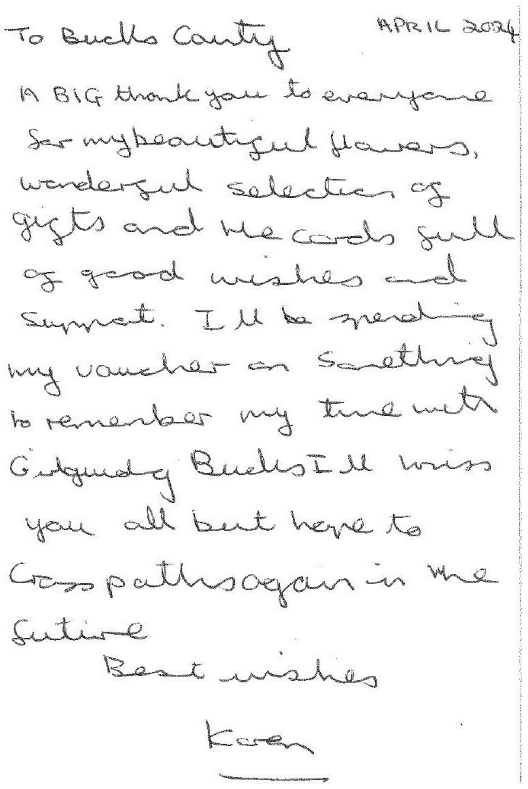
Share your thoughts on Ellesborough

The team at Ellesborough Guiding Centre are interested to know your thoughts about how how and why you use the centre. Please complete their short survey to help the committee make plans for the future.

Fill out the Ellesborough survey

All volunteer call

The next all volunteer call will be on **Tuesday 7 May**, from **7:30** to **8:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity for all adult volunteers to join the national call. Girlguiding will share the latest updates on uniform and discuss their environmental plans. All adult members are invited to attend. You can find out more about the all volunteer call on the national website.


To Bucks County APRIL 2024
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Best wishes
Karen

Thanks from Karen

Many of you generously donated to Karen S' (county office manager) leaving collection back in March. We wanted to share with you the lovely letter that has been received in thanks for her gifts.

The letter reads:
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Leader information

Comptition hike & Rainbow ramble

Don't forget to enter your teams for the hike and ramble events.

Entries close on Friday, 3rd May. All the details and forms can be found on the Girlguiding Bucks website





Anglia photo and video shoot call out

Our regional team (Anglia) have secured an opportunity to create a 'hero' region video, for their recruitment campaign. The video will lead the promotional activity for Volunteer's Week.

The challenge is the short time frame, filming for will take place at Hautbois Activity Centre, Norwich on 4 May 2024, with an early (10.30 – 3.30pm) or late (2pm to 8.30pm) session. It will include Hautbois activities and some self/volunteer lead activities, finishing with a campfire sing-along.

Region have invited all counties - so, would any volunteers or units enjoy a free day at Hautbois? All attendees must have full photo permissions. Email Bonnie on hello@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk before **Wednesday 1 May 2024.**

Leader in training

Do you need more information on the new leader in training/leader development programme?

Air and share evenings, run by the leader in training team, will be taking place in central and south Bucks, so save the dates.

- Wednesday 5th June
- Thursday 20th June

Sessions will be open to commissioners, mentors, prospective mentors and leaders in training. For more information about these sessions, please contact our leader in training coordinator.

Recognition & rewards

Queen's Guide Award

We were invited to the annual Scout dinner on 13th April. As part of this celebration event, 2 of our members were presented with their Queens Guide Certificates. The Queen's Guide award is the highest attainable award for members of Girlguiding. Countess Howe - Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire presented the awards to Flo and Elsie.





Vacancies

We now a 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:

Residential Adviser (Rainbows and Brownies)

Do you want to support leaders as they provide girls with their first experiences of residential trips? Do you want to promote safe and fun residential experiences for units across the county? Then this role could be just for you.

We are looking for a Rainbow and Brownie county residential advisor. The role involves promoting and encouraging volunteers to confidently provide residential opportunities which ensure that the standards and administration of all aspects of Rainbow and Brownie residentials. Find out more about the role on our county website vacancies page.

Anglia vacancies

There are currently 3 Anglia volunteer vacancies available.

- Membership and growth lead volunteer,
- Commissioner support lead volunteer
- Membership support volunteer team leader.

The application packs can be found on the region website under volunteer vacancies.

Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

11 May - Beaconsfield
18 May - Bletchley
29 June - Princes Risborough

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.

Girlguiding Anglia's pyjama party

Have you seen the exciting news? Girlguiding Anglia have announced plans for a pyjama party in 2025!

Anglia’s chief commissioner team would love as many members as possible to take part in pyjama parties across the region to celebrate World Thinking Day 2025. There are so many party possibilities and it’s up to each unit or even district or division to decide how to host it.

To find out more about the event, and support available to volunteers wishing to take part please visit the pyjama party page on the Girlguiding Anglia Website



Dates of interest

May

Month of May - National walking month
1 May - Deaf awareness week
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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