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

A huge welcome back after the summer. We hope that you have had time for adventures and time for relaxing.

The new term is great for a fresh start but we recognise that new starts can sometimes feel difficult. We hope that you know that being part of Guiding means being part of a wide team and so we encourage you to reach out to other team members across the county with anything you need help with.

Yours in guiding

Girlguiding Bucks county team

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Volunteer information

Welcome

We are pleased to announce the following new team members:

Sarah Pearce is appointed **Young Leader Coordinator** for the Young Leader Development programme. If you have any questions about the programme please contact Sarah on yl@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Bonnie Knight has been appointed **district commissioner for Aylesbury Akeman district**.

Hayley Thomas has been appointed **district commissioner for Aylesbury Quarrendon district**.

County commissioner

By now you should have all received a special mailing with a note from our region chief, Karen Johnson, explaining that our county commissioner, Sam Barrington, has made the difficult decision to step down from her post. We thank Sam for her passion and hard work in the role.

At the moment, this means that there is no county commissioner in place for Buckinghamshire. Please continue to use the ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk email with any queries that you need support with as county team members will be happy to help.

Karen Johnson, Anglia region's Chief Commissioner, will be working with Bucks' trustees to appoint a team for the next 3 to 6 months whilst a new county commissioner is recruited.

If you, or anyone you know, may be interested in applying for the post of county commissioner, invitations for applications have been sent out from region today. This is a vital role to keep the county going and we strongly encourage members to consider applying for and nominating for the role.

Bucks subscription charge 2025

In recognition of the challenging financial times that many Buckinghamshire leaders are facing, county trustees unanimously agreed to absorb the increased costs of HQ and Region. This means that the county element of the subscriptions was set at a reduction to £9.50 per member - resulting in no change to last year's subscription of £57.

[Find out more about subscriptions](#)

County celebration event postponed

Unfortunately the county celebration event, including banner ceremony, planned for the 6 October has now been postponed until 2025. We will keep you informed with a new date and further details when they become available.

Get involved with Gang Show

Gang show is an important element to Girlguiding (and Scouting) history and on **Sunday 20 October**, High Wycombe Gang Show are offering a free, fun and no obligation session for girls, volunteers and members to get a taste of just what it is all about. Please note, this is a change from the previously advertised date of September. The first Gang Show took place in London in 1932 and such shows now exist all over the country. They offer opportunities for guiding and scouting members to perform and/or help with back stage duties of variety shows which include, dance, music, comedy and drama. The shows are run by volunteers and also raise money for charities in their communities.

To find out more about the High Wycombe Gang Show and fun session click the button below. You may also want to look into a Gang Show taking place closer to home.

[Find out more about High Wycombe Gang Show](#)

Leader information

Old young leader qualification support change

With immediate effect, please can all units working with the 'old' Young Leader Qualification make sure that you contact the county office using the ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk for anything in the first instance. This includes any packs that need submitting or any questions that that you may have about the old qualification. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Updates to our parent and carer welcome journey (From Girlguiding UK)

Girlguiding UK has updated the parent and carer service welcome pack to reflect new branding and other recent changes to the programme and uniform. Nothing big is changing - just a few small tweaks.

Parents and carers will now also receive 2 new emails in the week or so after their child's role has been activated in GO. The first email is a dedicated welcome pack about uniform, and what else they can get from the online shop.

The second is more information about the programme, badges and what their child might get up to in Girlguiding.

Both of these emails aim to further support volunteers by setting expectations of guiding and giving parents and carers the information they need to have the best Girlguiding experience. The plan is to launch these updates by the end of September.

Vacancies

Are you looking for a new challenge? Please visit our [website page listing all our role vacancies](#) 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.

Messages from Girlguiding Anglia

Final places on peer education training weekend

There are a few remaining spaces left for Anglia's peer education training weekend in October. This training is for peer educators aged 14-25 and the weekend is all about building mental wellbeing and growing resilience and how they can pass that on to the Brownies, Guides and Rangers they work with.

If you, or anyone you know may be interested in taking part in this training event then please **sign up by 20 September** to ensure that this event can proceed.

Click on the button below or use this link bit.ly/3HHmCkI to book.

Sign up for peer education training
weekend

Messages from Girlguiding UK

Odeon screening of Moana 2

Girlguiding news has recently announced that the next Girlguiding screenings with ODEON will be Disney's Moana 2 on [Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December 2024](#).

National are also asking volunteers what they'd like to see from the communications so they can support members with booking tickets and planning trips. Please complete this [survey](#) so communications can be tailored as much as possible in the run-up to screenings.

Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

Sat 28 Sept - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)

Sat 19 Oct - Beaconsfield

Sat 16 Nov - Princes Risborough Guide Hut

Sat 30 Nov - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)

Please see the [county calendar](#) for details. Click on your preferred date and follow the instructions.

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 or click on the links below.

Dates of interest

September

21 - World gratitude day

30 - County trustees meeting

October

Whole month - Black history month

- Breast cancer awareness month

10 - World mental health awareness day

11 - International day of the girl

20 - High Wycombe Gang Show fun session

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