

29 Oct 2024

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

As we begin the half-term break I hope you will all be able to take some time out for yourselves. I know some of you will be going away with girls from your unit or having days out with them, so thank you for giving them these opportunities.

Please do send us a short report about anything you have been doing with a photo we can use as we are hoping to feature short articles about divisions, districts or units in the Whizz in coming months.

As always thank you for everything you do for Girlguiding in Bucks and your local areas.

Best wishes,
Sue Berry
Interim county commissioner
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Volunteer information

Banner competition 2025

After the success of this year's banner competition, we will be launching another Thinking Day banner competition for 2025. This year we want to see your division & district banners out and about at local landmarks, pictured alongside as many of your members as possible! The photos will then be judged by an independent panel to decide on a winner.
To find out more about our historic banners visit our banner website page.

Buckinghamshire banners

Leader information

Approved venues

Did you know that if you are planning a residential we already have a list of approved venues. You can download the handy list from the 'all about residentials' page on our website or using the button below.
Venues that are not purpose-built for residentials need to be approved annually for this additional purpose, so it is worth being aware that, just because you hold your unit meetings at a venue, this does not necessarily mean that you would be able to hold a sleepover event there.

If you have any questions about residentials or venues, please contact our adventure team:

- Toni/Kathryn joint adventure coordinators – adventure@girlguidingbucks.org.uk
- Hilary – Guide/Ranger residential adviser - raguides@girlguidingbucks.org.uk
- Jacqui – Rainbow/Brownie residential adviser - rabrownies@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Residentials

Grant applications

There is still grant funding available in our county and we wanted to remind leaders that grants can be applied for a range of needs, not just camps and excursions. For example, grant applications could also be used to fund uniform. For more information about grants, click the button below.

Grant applications

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.

Bucks Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

Sat 16 Nov - Princes Risborough Guide Hut
Sat 30 Nov - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)
2025
18 Jan - Beaconsfield
8 February - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)
8 March - Princes Risborough

Please click on the button below to see the county calendar for details. Click on your preferred date and follow the instructions to book.

County calendar

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

November

2 - National stress awareness day
5 - Guy Fawkes/bonfire night
11 - Remembrance day
11/12 - Residentials virtual meetings
15 - 21 - Anti-bullying week
18 - BBC children in need
20 - Universal children's day
23 - Girlguiding Bucks afternoon tea and awards
29/30 - Milton Keynes Gang Show

There will be no further county mailings this week.
Happy half term everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read the whizz. If there's something you'd like us to consider including in future copies of the Whizz, then let us know:

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