

Service Mail



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You have received this mail because you are a volunteer with Girlguiding Buckinghamshire.

Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "Volunteer" }}

I would like to introduce myself to you as your interim Count Commissioner for Girlguiding while the process for appointing our new County Commissioner is completed. I know many of you will know me but for those of you who don't I am looking forward to working with you during this time. If you would like to contact me please use my email - countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk. Do invite me to your events as I would love to see what you are doing with the girls. Also, if you have any ideas for the county, particularly suggestions for where we should go for our next Bucks Big Day Out do let me know.

Thank you for all you do for Guiding in your area and our county.

Best wishes

Sue

Girlguiding Bucks interim county commissioner

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Messages from county

County office

The county office is now open on **Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am-1.00pm** and Karen (Seegoolam) has kindly agreed to help us as our office manager for the foreseeable future. You can contact the office on ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Subscriptions

Hopefully you will have seen by now the rate for subscriptions for 2025. The county element has been reduced this year allowing the cost to remain the same as last year. This means 2025 subscriptions will be **£57** per member.

Ellesborough closure

Ellesborough Guide Centre will be **closing for refurbishment from the 22nd October 2024**. The plan is for the centre to reopen in May 2025.

Whilst it is unfortunate that Girlguiding Buckinghamshire will be without a residential venue for this time, it is really good news that the long awaited refit is finally happening. The house will be fully upgraded to become a more up to date, more welcoming environment whilst retaining its traditional features. The grounds and outdoor toilet block at Ellesborough will still be available for use during the time of refurbishment.

Please contact the team at Ellesborough on ellesboroughbookings@girlguidingbucks.org.uk if you need any further information.

Residential event notice forms

Just a reminder that some residential event notice (known as REN) forms do need to be signed by the county commissioner. These can be sent by email to countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk or you can complete the online version and mark it for the county commissioner.

A county commissioner must sign REN forms if the district commissioner is attending the event and there is no division commissioner to sign the form, or if the division commissioner is attending the event.

Please click the button below for further information about REN forms.

More about REN

County connections

We would like all our members to feel connected through our communications. There are a few things that you can do to keep in touch with all that is going on across the county.

- You can change your settings on Go and **opt in** to marketing so that the county team can include you in future mailings.
- You can join or follow Girlguiding Buckinghamshire on Facebook and Instagram.

We have a special facebook group just for Girlguiding Buckinghamshire members which you can join using the button below.

Join members group

We also have a public facing page called **GirlguidingBuckinghamshire** which replaces our old public page. This page can be viewed by anyone. You can follow us using the button below.

Follow the facebook page

Use the button below to check out and follow us on Instagram.

Follow us on Instagram

Training dates

Upcoming 1st response trainings

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

Upcoming events

We run a number of events across the county for our members. We even have dates in the diary for 2025 for our competition hike and big day out. Click the button below to visit our events page.

Buckinghamshire events

Messages from Girlguiding Anglia

All members call

The fourth and final Anglia members call of the year will be held on **Wednesday 4 December 2024**. Book your space using the button below.

Book your space now

Messages from Girlguiding UK

Changes to Go

- Girlguiding UK is making a change which means that young leaders' roles will automatically change to 'unit helper' on GO once they've turned 18. One less admin job for you to do!
- In response to feedback, they're also making it easier to record programme achievements. You'll now have an option to record completed interest badges and skills builders all in one go, rather than always having to record every stage or activity separately. Hopefully this saves you time.

If you have anything you would like us to consider for future mailings, please contact pr_and_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

If you no longer want to receive these emails, please log onto GO and update your marketing preferences.



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