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

Winter really does seem to have set in with frosty mornings and even some snow this week. We can still get out and about though and it is a great opportunity to remind girls of what to wear in this type of weather to keep safe and maybe talk about the challenges faced by the homeless particularly at this time of year.

This week we have had a really good county advisers meeting and talked about what we would like to be doing in county moving forward. One of these is to provide our members with a list of email addresses for advisers which can be shared so you all know how to get in touch with the appropriate adviser if you have a question. Look out for this list in our next service email. We will also be introducing you to some of our more recently appointed advisers in coming emails.

As always thank you for all you do to make Bucks the great guiding county it is,

Best wishes,
Sue Berry
Interim county commissioner
countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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Volunteer information

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.

County webpage

Are you interested in webpage design and set up? Could you help Alison with our county website? We are looking for someone, preferably with previous experience of websites, to help with our website and keeping it updated, if you would like to find out more please contact Alison at website@girlguiding.org.uk

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings

Sat 30 Nov - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes) - Fully booked

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.

New procedure for adding 1st response trainings to GO records

As the 1st response trainings which are organised by us in county are delivered by an external provider it will now be necessary for each person to add their own training onto the learning platform when they receive their certificate and course attachments. The training will then be verified and added to your record.

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.

High Wycombe Gang Show

High Wycombe Gang Show needs to close their cast list for 2025 soon as they need to know final numbers so they can finalise their plans. Please circulate the information to girls and leaders who might be interested. Click here

Dates of interest

November
23 - Girlguiding Bucks afternoon tea and awards
29/30 - Milton Keynes Gang Show

Messages from Anglia Region

Girls Advocate Panel (GAP) member - Are you aged 16-25years? Could you be our county representative?

Girl's Advocate Panel (GAP) is a new region youth panel offering the opportunity for twelve 16-25 members, with one representative from each county in our region, to have their voice heard at region level. The youth members will work alongside the assistant chief commissioner to play a key role in shaping future strategies, promoting Girlguiding and collaborating with the region team. It is crucial to consistently place girls at the forefront of our initiatives, ensuring that every decision, regardless of its magnitude, is guided by the perspectives of our girls and young women. The role information can be found here. Contact Sue - countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk - if you or anyone you know is interested by the 28th November.

Messages from Girlguiding UK

Youth awards

We have reviewed our youth awards to make sure that they are fun and relevant for girls. As a result, we will be retiring the Commonwealth award on Wednesday 4 December. Watch out for an announcement in the New Year about our new youth awards.

Interest Badges

The recent survey about our programme showed the girls love interest badges so the number available are going to be doubled across each section in the New Year, that is 72 new interest badges. Interest badges were originally created to only be completed outside of your unit meetings. But now, we encourage girls to complete them wherever they want! Including at unit meetings or on guiding adventures. They were also originally created so girls could do something individually. But girls told us they enjoy badges more when they get to do them with friends and family too. So they can now complete them with other people.

To get a sneak peek at some of the new badges take a look in the new Guiding magazine that was sent to everyone this week.

Community Board
North West
Chilterns

We at Girlguiding Buckinghamshire would like to say a huge Thank you for the 1% contribution we have been allocated from North West Chilterns Community Board towards the refurbishment of our beloved County Home - Ellesborough. Without such monies these works would never have been possible - so we really do appreciate such a boost to the funds.

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, email the office

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