



6 March 2025

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

I was lucky to have a visit to Ellesborough this week to see how the refurbishment is coming along. It is amazing to see the difference it has made and I am looking forward to being able to stay there again in the near future. We are busy planning for the official opening by the Chief Guide. Due to space this will have to be an invitation only event but I hope you will consider using Ellesborough for your unit's weekend away either in the house or on the camp site or entering a team in the Competition Hikes - our first county event after the refurbishment. Our thanks go to the committee for all their hard work in getting this huge project completed.

Our subscriptions process is underway - thank you to all levels who have already sent their payments. We have approximately 50% paid but we need everyone to have paid by the deadline of 28th March. Please do not leave it to the last minute as with the post being slow these days it really does need to be sent in plenty of time. If you have any challenges with making the payment, please contact me - countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk - or Kate our Treasurer - treasurer@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Best wishes,
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Volunteer information

Subscriptions 2025

These are now due to be paid, please remember that payments have to be received no later than **28 March (this is received not sent)** and therefore we would like to suggest that payments are in the post by the **latest 21 March** to ensure they are received in time. Thank you to those of you who have already paid.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday 14 March 2025:** We'll send a reminder email to the main contact of any level that hasn't yet paid their official invoice.
- **Friday 28 March 2025, midday:** All subscription payments must be received in full by this date.
- **Friday 25 April 2025:** Districts, divisions, counties and countries or regions will receive their levy amounts, minus any deductions for unpaid invoices.

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.

Brand the Bus Competition

Please vote for a bus to be branded with Girlguiding Buckinghamshire. Your vote can be registered [here](#) and the more votes we receive the more opportunity we have of this happening. Please share this opportunity as widely as possible with parents and friends.

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.

Competition Hikes - 10 May 2025

The Competition Hikes are for Brownies, Guides, Rangers, YLs and adults and we also have a Rainbow Ramble for our younger members.

Why not enter a team of girls or be part of a team yourself or do both?

All the information and forms which you need can be found on our [Bucks Website](#).

Bucks Big Day Out - Saturday, 4th October 2025

Could you be part of the team organising our next day out? No experience is necessary just enthusiasm to give our members the best day out possible. The role does not take a large amount of time and will end in October! All are welcome to join the team - leaders, unit helpers, YLs, Queens Guide candidates etc Please contact [Sue](#).

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings with availability 2025

8 March - Princes Risborough - Fully Booked

26 April - Beaconsfield - Fully Booked

7 June - Herons Lodge

28 June - Princes Risborough

Please click on the button below to see the county calendar where you can book to attend one of the abovementioned trainings.

Competition Hikes - All you need to know training day Sunday - 16 March 2025

Come and join us on Sunday 16 March 2025 to learn all you need to know ready to participate in our competition hikes on 10 May. [Click here](#) or visit the [county calendar](#) for your application form. Entries close 1st March 2025. Any question [email](#) the team.

County calendar

Messages from Anglia Region

Unit Support Fund

Girlguiding is sharing a unit support fund with countries and regions in 2025. Anglia has the grant available to units in need from 1 January 2025 up until all funds have been allocated. Units in deprived areas and or units who are experiencing financial difficulties may apply. Please note you will be asked to supply bank statements or end of year accounts alongside your formal application which can be found [here](#).

Ellesborough Guide Centre: A New Chapter Begins



To celebrate the completion of this exciting development, Ellesborough will host a grand reopening event on **1st June 2025** (by invitation only). **Tracy Foster, Chief Guide**, will officially open the newly refurbished Centre. Look out for more information about the project in a special Bucks Whizz on the 20th March.



High Wycombe Gang Show 4 and 5 April 2025

We are pleased to announce that the High Wycombe Gang Show is back! [Read on](#) for more details....

District News – Newport Pagnell Family Campfire



As guiders we are not always great at self-promotion and engaging parents, so at our District meeting we decided to host a Family Campfire. The original idea was to share with the parents what a great time their daughters have when they are with us, and for one of our units to do a bit of fundraising towards a trip to an international jamboree, with our secondary aim being to promote guiding and gain some new adult volunteers/leaders. For more information on the evening [click here](#).

Wear it Wild for WWF

An opportunity to have some fun and at the same time help raise money for WWF who exist to protect wildlife and nature. WWF is the world's leading independent conservation organisation. [Click here](#) for more details.

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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