

Service Mail



27 March 2025

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

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

Spring really does seem to be just around the corner! Units are already getting out and about in the sunshine. Do take a look at the new challenge badge that region has produced called Roaming and Rambling.

It was lovely to see so many girls at the training for the Competition Hikes. They enjoyed learning map reading and other techniques to ensure they won't get lost while out walking and were then able to put their new skills into practise by going for a walk. We hope many units will enter teams in the event this year. All the information is on our county website.

This time of year is also about subscriptions and accounts. Thank you to everyone who has sent their subs payments in by the closing date. Don't forget if you need help with your end of year accounts do ask, we have people in county who can help. The date by which they should be submitted to your Commissioner is the 31st May.

Thank you for all you continue to do to ensure the girls in units have fun and adventure as members of Girlguiding.

Best wishes

Sue

Girlguiding Bucks

Interim county commissioner

County Administrator

We are delighted that we have appointed Andrea Hawes as our new Office Administrator. Andrea is already part of our Guiding family in Bucks as she is a Rainbow leader in Wendover. She has already started working with Karen to ensure a smooth transition and from Monday will be working five mornings a week from 9am-1pm.

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Unit Compliance

We would like to clarify what qualifications leaders need to have in order for a unit to be compliant. With the new Safer Guiding and the dates put on people's GO record it has become rather confusing.

For a unit to be compliant there needs to be at least one leader with a current 1st response and at least one leader with either Safe Space level 3 or the new Safer Guiding module. They don't have to be the same leader.

The confusion is coming with the expiry date allocated to leaders for Safer Guiding. This one is the date when their last Safe Space will expire. However, if no one has a current level 3 the unit will not be complaint and someone will have to do the new Safer Guiding module.

For example, if my Safe Space level 2 expires in December 2025 and my level 3 expires in March 2025 the expiry date assigned to me for Safer Guiding will be December 2025. However, if no one else in our unit has Safe Space level 3, or the new Safer Guiding module, our unit will not be compliant from March 2025 and I will need to do the new module.

If you are not clear please contact [me](#) or the [office](#) and we will be pleased to help.

Could you be a Mentor?

The county is looking for leaders to become county mentors for the Leader development programme. What do you need?

- You need to be an active leader in a unit.
- Have a passion for Girlguiding
- Have time to inspire new leaders
- Be able to visit Leaders in training in their units (approx 4 times over the duration of completing the programme)

What can we offer?

Training, support and the answer to any concerns.

We have new leaders ready to start their Girlguiding adventure who just need a mentor. If you can help or would like to talk it through please contact [Sheila Beales](#)

Subscriptions 2025

Important dates:

- Friday 25 April 2025: Districts, divisions, counties and countries or regions will receive their levy amounts, minus any deductions for unpaid invoices

Brand the Bus Competition

Please vote for Girlguiding Buckinghamshire so we have the chance to promote both being a young member and volunteering on the buses around the county.

Vote for us at <https://www.carouselbuses.co.uk/vote-now> We are entry number 08. The closing date for voting is the **31st March**.

Ellesborough re-opening

We are excited that Ellesborough will soon be re-opening after the refurbishment. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to invite everyone in the county to the re-opening as there just is not enough room! However, look out in the next Whizz for details of dates when you are invited to drop in to have a cuppa and see what has been done to the building.

Training dates and new procedure for recording 1st response qualifications to GO records

Upcoming 1st response trainings

26 April - Beaconsfield - FULLY BOOKED

7 June - Herons Lodge

28 June - Princes Risborough

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

There have been some questions about qualifications not being added to people's GO record. Please be aware that in some cases the verifier will ask you to read a document before they are able to confirm completion of your course and update your GO record. This information is usually given in the email you are sent from region/county office but if not, you can find it in the feedback section under First Aid on the learning platform.

You will need to read the document and then confirm by email to the verifier you have done so. This will complete the course and your GO record will then be updated.

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

The 2025 Banner Results are in...

Congratulations to our Winner Thames Division



Messages from Anglia

Save the Date - Region Strategy meeting

Let region know what your thoughts are on what they should be doing in the future.

Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire members are invited to join the Region Chief and her team on Saturday 31st May 2025 (1-4pm) at Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Rd, Wendover, Aylesbury HP22 6HF.

More details will be released soon.

Messages from Girlguiding

Message from our Patron

The Duchess of Edinburgh would like to pass on her heartfelt thanks for all the letters, messages and well wishes that Girlguiding members sent her for both World Thinking Day and her birthday. She is thankful for each and every person who has taken the time to write to her.

National Archives Display at HQ

A curated display of archives and artefacts on the ground floor of HQ will be launched in May. It will offer members visiting London a new opportunity to see and engage with the collection - a space to discover stories from our unique and rich heritage through papers, photos, magazines, logbooks, uniforms and so much more.

County office

As of 30 March the county office will be open Monday to Friday from 9.00am-1.00pm
ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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.

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If you have anything you would like us to consider for future mailings, please contact the county office : ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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