

Service Mail



1 May 2025

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

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

Congratulations to everyone who has received a long service award this week. We are so grateful for the time you give to Guiding in our county. This week we said thank you and goodbye to Karen as she has now retired and handed over the reigns of the office to Andrea our new Office Administrator. We will not lose touch though as we hope we will see Karen at some of our county events in the future.

I hope you have all been able to enjoy the sunshine this week and maybe managed to get out and about with your units. The bluebells have been beautiful around Ellesborough while I have been out checking the routes for the Competition Hikes in not more than a week's time. Don't forget to send your entries in this week.

Our Bucks Big Day Out plans are coming together, see later in this email for exciting information!

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Best wishes

Sue

Girlguiding Bucks

Interim county commissioner

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Messages from county

Girlguiding celebrates

This is the last chance for you to nominate an unsung Guiding hero in your local area or our county as nominations close at 9am on Tuesday, 6th May.

Full details and the nomination form can be found at: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/events-and-opportunities/events/girlguiding-celebrates-2025/>

Accounts

A reminder that all unit accounts should be examined and presented to your local Commissioner by the 31st May. Please contact Kate, our county treasurer if you need help or advice.

treasurer@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Grant applications

We have [county grants](#) available to help girls and leaders who may be experiencing times of hardship. There is also a [region grant](#) available for units who need some financial help. Please take a look at the relevant website for all the details and application forms.

Grants for residentials must be applied for prior to the event taking place as grants can't be given afterwards.

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, Sue, Rikki and Janet would like to invite you to join them for a cuppa and a look round the building on Saturday, 7th June 2pm-4pm or Tuesday, 10th June 9.30am-12.30pm.

Training dates

Upcoming 1st response trainings

7 June - Herons Lodge - Fully Booked

28 June - Princes Risborough - Fully Booked

20 September - Herons Lodge

11 October - Beaconsfield

22 November - Princes Risborough

29 November - Herons Lodge

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

Events

Competition Hikes - Saturday 10 May 2025

Don't forget to submit your entries for the Competition Hikes on Saturday, 10th May, there is something for all age groups. Come and enjoy the countryside around Ellesborough, we are hoping to see a large number of teams for this our 30th anniversary of the event.

Bucks Big Day Out - Saturday 4 October 2025

This year the county is going to Chessington World of Adventure. There is something for everyone whatever their age - gentle and scary rides, animals and a Sea Life centre.

The cost of the tickets will be £19 per child under 16years and £25 for those aged 16+. You will also get 1 free adult place for every 5 Rainbows and Brownies you take and 1 free adult place for every 10 Guides and Rangers up to the age of 16years who you take. If you would like one of our special badges they will cost £2 each. County will be subsidising the travel costs, more of that in the weeks to come.

Booking forms and full details will be available on the county website soon.

We hope you will join us and the rest of the county for a fun day out.

Buckinghamshire Events

Messages from Anglia

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.

County office

The county office is 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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