



15 May 2025

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

What a beautiful day we had for our 30th Anniversary Competition Hikes event last weekend. Congratulations to the 155 walkers who took part and to the winning teams.

In just two weeks we will be holding the re-opening of Ellesborough, our county home. Please do consider using it as a venue for your next residential event either indoors or camping and we look forward to seeing you at one of our drop ins (details below).

I was honoured to represent Girlguiding as a steward at last week's Buckingham Palace Garden Party and it got me thinking about all the amazing opportunities we give the girls in our units as well as to our volunteers. It is because of our leaders that girls are able to try out new activities in a safe environment with their Guiding friends but also we as leaders have the chance to do things we may never have considered if it wasn't for Guiding. Our selection event for our future international trips is this weekend, these trips will take the girls selected overseas or to an international event in the UK for a unique experience. Thank you to you all for making opportunities like these possible for our girls.

Best wishes,

Sue Berry

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Volunteer information

End of year accounts

A reminder that all unit accounts should be with your commissioner no later than **31 May**. Links to the updated unit account packs can be found below:

- [Unit accounts pack guidance](#)
- [Independent reviewers checklist](#)
- [Unit accounts pack 2025](#)

If you have any queries please contact Kate our [County Treasurer](#).

Competition Hikes

We were delighted to have over 150 walkers take part on Saturday for our 30th anniversary of Competition Hikes. Ellesborough looked glorious in the spring sunshine and our walkers and volunteers had a great time.

Congratulations to the boot trophy winning teams:

- Brownies 5km - 2nd Amersham on the Hill
- Guides 10km - 2nd Princes Risborough
- Guides 10km accompanies - 2nd Marlow
- Adult 20km - LT team

Please visit our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) to see more from the day.



Ellesborough re-opening

The grand re-opening of Ellesborough Guide Centre on Sunday 1 June is fast approaching and we are busy putting together the finishing touches. 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 7 June, 2pm-4pm** or **Tuesday 10 June, 9.30am-12.30pm**.

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](#)

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.

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.

International Cookery Challenge 2025

Guides, rangers, and young leaders are invited to come along and cook a two-course meal outdoors, cooked by any means of your choice and served to our judges. There will be two events, one at Herons Lodge on 29 June 2025 and one at Ellesborough on 5 July 2025. You need only come to one event – whichever is preferred. Application and consent forms can be found [here](#).

Bucks Big Day Out - Saturday, 4th October 2025

Preparations are well under way for this year's Bucks Big Day Out at Chessington World of Adventure, booking forms and full details will soon be available on the county website.

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.

We look forward to many units joining us at this county event which promises to be an action packed day!

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings with availability 2025

20 September - Herons Lodge

11 October - Beaconsfield

22 November - Princes Risborough

29 November - Herons Lodge

Please visit the [county calendar](#) where you can book to attend one of the above mentioned trainings.

County calendar

Messages from Region

Anglia Strategy Workshop - 31 May 2025

Our region Chief Commissioner, Karen Johnson and her team are hosting a region strategy workshop to reach members in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. This is to be held at **Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Rd, Wendover, Aylesbury, HP22 6HF on Saturday 31st May from 1pm-4pm.**

These free events are a chance to share your feedback on the region's strategic aims, discuss what's working well, and suggest improvements. Enjoy light bites, refreshments, and a special badge as a thank you for taking part!

Contact events@girlguiding-anglia.org.uk to book a place and find out more.

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