

30 May 2025

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

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

So much has happened over the last few weeks. We have seen over 150 walkers take part in our Competition Hikes event, units have celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we have reached the final of the Brand the Bus Competition run by Carousel Buses. I know many units have also been out enjoying the beautiful weather and having outdoor adventures. We are also looking forward to the re-opening of Ellesborough by the Chief Guide this weekend. Please don't forget if you would like to see the changes Rikki, Janet and I will be having an open house with a cuppa and guided tours available on Saturday, 7th June 2pm-4pm and Tuesday, 10th June 9.30am-12.30pm. Please do come along and see the improvements.

Next week is Volunteers Week so it is a good time for us to remember that none of these activities would happen without you, our volunteers. Volunteering in 2024 added £4.6billion in productivity gains to our economy but more importantly in Guiding it gave many girls the opportunity to have fun and be challenged in a safe girl only and girl led space. Girlguiding have an activity for Volunteers' Week that the girls in your unit might like to complete - https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/globalassets/docs-and-resources/programMe-and-activities/volunteers-week-topper.pdf?
This Volunteers' Week let us all try to make people aware of the need for more Girlguiding volunteers and thank those we work with in our units and county teams.

Thank you for all you do for Guiding in Buckinghamshire from the county Trustees and myself.

Best wishes
Sue
Girlguiding Bucks
Interim county commissioner

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Unit Accounts

Please remember that your end of year accounts should be completed and submitted to your district commissioner by the **31st May.** If you have been unable to complete them by this date please

contact your commissioner to let her know when they will be completed.

Grant applications

County are very happy to help support girls who would otherwise find attending Guides or residential events a financial challenge. Please ensure you also ask your district and division to help prior to submitting the county forms and consider if the unit could offer some practical support. The details for each grant are available on the county website along with the application forms.

Girl Enquiries

Please remember that as a unit leader you should contact all new enquiries within 21days. There are currently many new enquirers on our county list still waiting to be contacted. As soon as you have contacted them please mark them as contacted on GO, it is also a good idea to use the notes section to record what you have done. After having made three attempts over a period of time (say 3weeks) using two different methods, eg phone and email, with no response they can be removed from your enquiries list.

Bucks Big Day Out, 4 October 2025

Bookings will open shortly. Please look at our website and Facebook page for more details in the coming days.

County badge machine and glass engraving equipment

Both of these are stores at the county office and are available to units to borrow for a small charge. Please contact Andrea at the office to make a booking.

Training dates

Upcoming 1st response trainings

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.

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.

Follow us on Instagram

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

If you no longer want to receive these emails, please log onto GO and update your marketing preferences.

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