

Service Mail



18 July 2025

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

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

Where has the last year gone! This will be my last service email as Interim County Commissioner as at the end of August I will be handing over the County Commissioner role to Janet.

It has been a very busy year but also one of many highlights. Seeing the refurbishment of Ellesborough completed and the positive change it has made to our county home and the amazing open afternoon we held to celebrate the occasion are particular highlights. I have also been privileged to be able to recognise the time you, our volunteers, give to Guiding in Bucks through the presentation of long service, county and national awards. Visiting events where the girls are trying new activities and having new adventures is always enjoyable and it is fascinating to see the different activities you all arrange.

Thank you for my gifts that I was given at the county ops meeting this week and the kind words. The lovely vase will be regularly used and the flowers are looking very colourful in our lounge.

Finally, thank you all for your support during the last year. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to hold the role again and to meet many of you during this year. Bucks is a great Guiding county and I know you will all support Janet as our new CC.

Best wishes
Sue
Girlguiding Bucks
Interim county commissioner

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Subscriptions 2026

We are now able to tell you all that the total subscriptions for 2026 will be £62.50 per member. This is made up of HQ - £36 (an increase of £3 on 2025), Region - £16 (+£1) and County - £10.50 (+£1).

Hopefully by letting you know now it will enable units to budget for this. If units will have difficulty in paying this there are grants from both region and county available to apply for. In addition, we would encourage all units to apply for [Gift Aid](#) as this is free money from the government and once set up is straightforward to apply for. There are people in county willing to

help units set this up, just contact our county treasurer, Kate treasurer@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Interest badges and booklet - 21 July 2025

The new interest badges and the little badge books to go with them will be available from trading on Monday 21 July. The number of badges for each section will double so there will now be 24 for Rainbows, 32 for Brownies, 48 for Guides and 32 for Rangers for the girls to choose from.

Learning Platform update - 29 July 2025

The learning platform will be unavailable to all users on **29 July, 9am - 12 noon**. You won't be able to login or complete any online learning during this time.

This is while the safer guiding course is updated to improve volunteers' learning experience and address feedback given by leaders.

Bucks Big Day Out - bookings close soon!

Don't miss out! Bookings for the Big Day Out at Chessington World of Adventures close on **1 August 2025**.

Full details and FAQ are available on the [county website](#).

If you have any queries please contact: ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

New Look County Day - 8 November 2025

We're currently finalising the venue for our New Look County Day – full details will be available soon on the [county website](#).

If there is something you would like to do with your girls but you don't know how or haven't done it before come and network with someone who already has! If you let us know in advance, we can match someone to your need.

We're shaping the day with you in mind — so if there's anything you'd like to see included, please let us: ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

New Enquiries from girls

There are currently over 450 new member enquiries listed on GO across our County – some dating back to 2022!

If you've made **3 contact attempts over 3 weeks**, using at least **2 different methods** (e.g. email, phone, text) and received no response, please remove the girl from your waiting list using:

'Decided not to Join > No response'.

Let's have a real push to clear those old enquiries and make room for new members!

County Equipment

New! A whittling set (10 knives and palm drills) is now also available to hire from mid-July. Unit leaders are responsible for their own risk assessment and first aid provision. For a full list of equipment or to book, please contact the [county office](#).

Training dates

Upcoming 1st response trainings

- **20 September** - Herons Lodge - **FULLY BOOKED**
- **11 October** - Beaconsfield - **FULLY BOOKED**
- **22 November** - Princes Risborough
- **29 November** - Herons Lodge
- **17 January 2026** - Beaconsfield

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

County office

The county office will be closed between Tuesday 29 July - Monday 11 August.

During this time, emails will be monitored periodically, but responses may be delayed. In case of an emergency, please contact countycomm@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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