



Bucks Whizz

7 March 2024

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

This week has required plenty of learning, decision and reflection. Reflection, that awesome process where, we take a step back, look at what we've been up to, and maybe even learn a thing or two along the way. *A Guide faces challenge and learns from her experiences.* Things can become quite complex at county level and I have welcomed the engagement and support of others. We have many enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers that aim to provide the best experiences for our young people. To celebrate our volunteers, we have organised a BBQ social event, which is open to all members in Buckinghamshire, tickets are on sale now, I look forward to welcoming many of you at the event.

Yours in guiding

Sam

Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

cc@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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Vacancies

Volunteer county bookkeeper/treasurer

We are currently looking for a volunteer to take on the role of our county bookkeeper/treasurer. Is this something you would be interested in, or do you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our team?

Hours: approx. 8-12 a week

Location: Working from home and attendance at approx. 8 county meetings a year in the Aylesbury area.

Interested [Click here](#) for more information on this exciting opportunity.

Any enquiries can be made via the [county office](#).

Please share this opportunity as widely as possible amongst your friends and in your local communities.

Assistant county commissioner

Could you be Sam's [assistant county commissioner](#)?

You would be working side-by-side with Sam, your commissioner to lead change and to develop Guiding in Buckinghamshire. This is a chance to work with some fantastic people to provide opportunities to both girls and adults. Please express an interest by emailing Sam: cc@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Bucks Uniformed Youth - BUY Representative/trustee

We have an opportunity for someone from Girlguiding Bucks to become a member organisation representative and/or a BUY trustee. This will involve attending separate trustee and ops meetings in Aylesbury to represent Girlguiding Bucks.

Bucks Uniformed Youth (BUY) is [read on...](#)

Not only will you be helping to support and shape the work and strategic direction of BUY, you will also support your own professional development in board-related skills, have fun and meet some interesting people. If you are interested in representing guiding Bucks or becoming a trustee, please contact [Sam](#).

Leader Information

Annual Subscriptions

Don't forget annual subs need to reach HQ by 28 March. Thank you to those that have already done this.

Reassessing approved venues

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL LEADERS: With the new fire regulations having come into effect in recent years, all approved venues will need to be reassessed, if they have not been done in the last 18 months, to make sure that they meet the new requirements. [Read on to learn more...](#)

Download the following documents:

[Be Prepared health and safety Advice for managers and owners of small Girlguiding properties](#)

[Property a-z guide](#)

Leader in Training programme training evening - 11 March 2024

Open to all leaders' who would like to know more about LiT, LDP and becoming a leadership mentor. Come and join us for coffee and cake on Monday 11 March at Herons Lodge, MK8 9AA (7.30-9.00pm). We will answer all your question, concerns and share good practice on this new way of becoming a leader. Open to everyone, come along and find out more from Sheila Beales and Janet Smith. Book your places with [Sheila](#)

Bronze/Silver and Gold Awards Orders

Please note that with immediate effect the office will no longer be placing bronze/silver/gold award orders. These can now be placed with either:

- **Burnham Beeches Division Guide Trading depot**

burnhambeechestrading@mail.com

OR

- **Milton Keynes Guide Shop**

mkguideshop@gmail.com

Leaders can email in their order, and we will send them an invoice for payment by unit cheque, credit/debit card or bank transfer

or they can buy the awards in person by visiting the shop at Heron's Lodge on Saturdays 10am to 12noon (closed August, Christmas and New Year)

County Equipment and Resources

We have some fab resources and equipment with the latest Girlguiding branding for leaders to borrow for any events they may have planned. These include feather sails, selfie frame, bunting, table cloth, giveaways We have 2 separate areas where you can check availability, book and collect from:

- **North** - liaise with Tanya Treviss to check availability and arrange collection.

Tanyatreviss@aol.com

- **South** - liaise with Lisa Ford growthandretention@girlguidingbucks.org.uk to check availability and arrange collection from Chesham Guide Headquarters 9 Bury Lane Chesham HP5 1HX Mon Tues Thurs or Fri evening

Equipment should be booked for short periods of time so it is available to others.

Celebration events



County BBQ - 8 June, 6.30pm

Come and join us for a summery, fun and relaxed BBQ on the patio at Holiday Inn, Aylesbury. This is open to all our adult Bucks volunteers to come, mix and chat with other members and celebrate the brilliant work you do as volunteers. Get your tickets [here](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/girlguidingbuckinghamshire/1103089)

Grant and funding information

Hardship Fund applications

The Hardship Fund is a discretionary source of financial help available to all who belong to Girlguiding Buckinghamshire. The aim of the fund is to help individuals/units/divisions and districts who are having financial difficulties.

Download the [unit/district division application](#) form or [individual application](#) form.

Cost of living grant

A cost-of-living grant is now available to units in need in Girlguiding Anglia up until all funds have been allocated. Units in deprived areas and or units who are experiencing financial difficulties may apply. Click the [link](#) to find out more.

Hikes, walks and rambles and challenges



Competition hike training day 17 March 2024

Open to brownies, guides, senior section, leaders and trefoil guild members.

[Click here](#) for more information and an application form

[Click here](#) for information and consent forms

Closing date: Friday 1 March 2024.

Competition hike 11 May 2024

COMPETITION HIKE
ENTRIES OPEN NOW


Girlguiding
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Saturday 11th May 2024
Do you and the girls in your unit enjoy a challenge?
Open to Brownies, Guides, Rangers, YLs and adult teams.

THREE distances to choose from:
5km (Accompanied Brownie teams only), **10km** and **20km**
Forms and details to be found on the county website.
Please contact Sue Berry if you have any questions
comphike95@gmail.com

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Rainbow ramble from 6 - 17 May 2024

RAINBOW RAMBLE
ENTRIES OPEN NOW


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Saturday 11th May 2024
Do you and the girls in your unit enjoy being outside?
Open to Rainbow Groups.

A walk from Ellesborough Guide Centre or maybe you want to do it virtually around your local area.
Forms and details to be found on the county website.
Please contact Sue Berry if you have any questions
comphike95@gmail.com

Rainbows can take part virtually with their unit or family during the period 6th May 2024 - 17th May 2024 or come to Ellesborough on Saturday, 11th May and walk the 3km route in groups of 4 rainbows plus 2 adults.

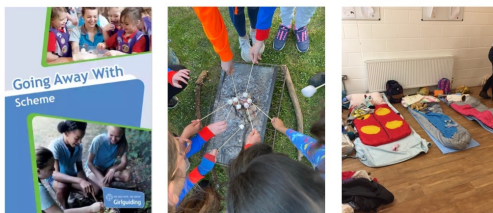
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Training and skills



Going Away with Skills Day

16th March Wendover Guide Hall
9am-5pm



Come along to the skills day to learn all about residential from the most experienced Leaders in the County

Sign up on the Girlguiding Bucks Website on the 'events' page

Going away with skills day Saturday 16 March 2024

Timings vary depending on Modules required. All 8 Modules 9am -5pm see website for other module options. Cost £15 for up to two Leaders per unit and is a justifiable unit expense. For further details please see Bucks Website. <https://girlguidingbucks.org.uk/events/gaw-scheme-skills-day/>

Upcoming 1st response trainings

The following 1st response trainings currently have availability:

In-person training

[11 May - Beaconsfield](#)

[18 May - Bletchley](#)

[29 June - Princes Risborough](#)

Anglia all members call

The first of 4 all member calls this year will take place on Tuesday 26 March. During this webinar, Girlguiding Anglia's chief team will share updates on the recruitment campaign

and plans for the upcoming year. The webinar will be held via Zoom. [Click here](#) to sign up.

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