



## Bucks Whizz

### 21 March 2024

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

I attended a wonderful 100-year celebration of a Brownie unit this week. Over the past century, the role of women has undergone a huge transformation, significantly towards equality and empowerment. Girlguiding has evolved from its origins as a movement focused on domestic skills and traditional gender roles to a modern organisation promoting leadership, diversity, and inclusivity. Girls now have access to a wide range of activities and opportunities that encourage independence, confidence, and personal development. With an emphasis on empowering girls to challenge stereotypes and make a positive impact on their communities, Girlguiding is a movement that continues to adapt which is why it is still relevant today.

Thank you for volunteering and for playing an essential role in shaping the next generation of confident, independent young women within Girlguiding. I hope to see many of you at our social event on the 8 June to celebrate our volunteers, details in the newsletter.

To all those of you who celebrate Easter have a great holiday and I hope everyone's Easter eggs are full of surprises.

Yours in guiding

Sam

Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

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## Appointments

### Assistant county commissioner

I am delighted to share that Karyn Evans has been appointed as assistant county commissioner for Buckinghamshire. Karyn is part of the county team supporting members with GO. Karyn will continue her role as GO co-ordinator, she will also be responsible for administration, engagement and support for the county volunteers and processes involved with commissioner appointments. This role may change with the support required. Karyn brings lots of positivity and ideas, which I am sure will make a big impact on our team. Karyn will continue to use the email address [go@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:go@girlguidingbucks.org.uk) going forwards.

## Vacancies

### County Secretary

Could this be you? The county team are looking for support with meetings. Could you help with producing an agenda, sharing information and taking minutes? Either regularly or occasionally. Please contact the office if you can help -

[ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

### Assistant county commissioner

Could you be one of Sam's [assistant county commissioners](#)? We are looking for someone, ideally, from the south of the county who could work alongside Sam, our 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](mailto: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](#).

## County Celebration 8 June 2024



A blue poster for the Girlguiding Summer BBQ. At the top left is a yellow sun with rays. Next to it, the text 'Girlguiding Summer BBQ' is written in a stylized font. Below this, the date 'Saturday 8th June' and time '6.30pm - 11:00pm' are listed, followed by the location 'Holiday Inn, Aylesbury'. To the left of the text is a drawing of a red barbecue grill. To the right is a drawing of a basket of food. In the center, the text 'TICKETS NOW ON SALE' is written in large, bold letters. Below this, a line of text says 'Please go to the Girlguiding website to book your ticket'. At the bottom, the website URL 'https://girlguidingbucks.org.uk/events/' is provided, followed by the ticket price 'tickets £25.30 per person with a £10.00 deposit'.

Saturday 8th June  
6.30pm - 11:00pm  
Holiday Inn, Aylesbury

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### County BBQ - 8 June, 6.30pm

Come and join us on the patio of Holiday Inn, Aylesbury for an evening of fun with other volunteers from around our county. 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](#)

## Leader Information

### Annual Subscriptions

Don't forget annual subscriptions 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](#)

### 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](mailto:burnhambeechestrading@mail.com)

OR

- **Milton Keynes Guide Shop**

[mkguideshop@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Tanyatreviss@aol.com)
- **South** - liaise with Lisa Ford [growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:growthandmarketing@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.**

## Grant and funding information

### Hardship Fund application forms

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.

Forms for both Individual and unit/district/division applications can be found on the [Bucks website](#)

### 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.

## Competition hikes and rainbow rambles

**COMPETITION HIKE**  
**ENTRIES OPEN NOW**

**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**

### Competition hike 11 May 2024

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

[Information and consent forms](#)



## Rainbow ramble from 6 - 17 May 2024

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.

[Information and consent forms](#)

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## Trainings

### 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](#)

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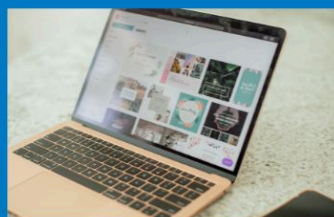
## BASIC CANVA TRAINING WORKSHOP

3rd APRIL 2024 7PM  
ONLINE

**BOOKINGS OPEN NOW**

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

**[admin@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:admin@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)**



### Unlock Your Creativity with Canva: Beginner Workshop

We are thrilled to extend an exciting opportunity to all members in the Bucks County area - an exclusive online workshop tailored to introduce you to the basics of Canva. [Click here](#) for more details and booking information.

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## Anglia all members call

The chief's team are looking forward to welcoming you to the first of Girlguiding Anglia's all members calls of 2024 on 26 March. Karen and her team will be sharing updates on Pass it on, our region volunteer recruitment campaign, what's happening in 2024 and the initial findings from our member experience survey. Sign up at [bit.ly/48FBlqM](https://bit.ly/48FBlqM)

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## County email addresses

From the end of March the office email will remain active and continue to be checked. If you would like to contact the relative team or person directly however we would like to share emails for you should you wish to contact the relevant person or team directly:

County awards - [awards@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:awards@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

County GO support - [go@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:go@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Compliance (safe space) - [compliance@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:compliance@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Adventure - [adventure@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:adventure@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

International - [international@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:international@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Residential - guides and rangers - [raguides@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:raguides@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Residential - brownie and rainbows - [rabrownies@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:rabrownies@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Duke of Edinburgh Award - [dofe@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:dofe@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Leader development training - [lit@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:lit@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Peer educator - [peereducation@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:peereducation@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

Membership growth & retention-[growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

PR and communications support - [pr\\_and\\_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:pr_and_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

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Thank you for taking the time to read the whizz, if there's something you'd like us to feature, a story you'd like us to cover, then let us know: [ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

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