



Bucks Whizz 11 April 2024

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

I hope everyone had a good Easter, I have enjoyed having extra time with my family and eaten too much chocolate. I am feeling the promise of warmer weather as the nights become lighter.

Before Easter, I passed on all your warm wishes to Karen Seegoolam as she finished in her role. Thank you for your contributions. I presented Karen with a John Lewis voucher, an afternoon tea for 2, flowers, a wash bag of goodies and of course some guiding gifts.

We are through the subscription process for another year. Thank you to everyone involved in the process and for getting your invoices paid on time.

As you can see, our Whizz is looking a little different, we hope that you will enjoy the new format, if you have anything you feel we should include do let us know.

Yours in guiding

Sam

Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

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Volunteer Information

Important update to your GO and learning platform login

At Girlguiding, we want to make accessing our platforms as secure and straightforward as possible. That's why the way you log into Go and the learning platform has changed. You'll now only need your email address and a password to access both platforms. We've also introduced a new 2-step security process for confirming your identity – similar to processes you might be familiar with from online shopping or banking. [Find out more about the changes here.](#)

Tell us what you think of the Whizz!

Have you completed our survey about Bucks Whizz yet? We are interested to hear your thoughts about changes to our county newsletter. We sent out requests to complete the survey a while back, but the survey doesn't close until tomorrow (Friday 12 April). So if you'd still like to have your say then [you can complete the survey here](#).

How to contact support from the county team

Just a reminder that there are a number of people in the county team able to offer advice and support across a number of different areas in guiding. Please use the email addresses below to contact the relevant person.

County awards committee - awards@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

County GO support - go@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Compliance (safe space) adviser - compliance@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Adventure coordinator - adventure@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

International trips adviser - international@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Residential adviser (guides & rangers) - raguides@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Residential adviser (brownie & rainbows) - rabrownies@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Duke of Edinburgh adviser - dofe@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Leader development adviser - lit@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Peer educator coordinator - peereducation@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Growth & marketing coordinator - growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

PR & communications support - pr_and_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Could you be our voice at BUY?

We need a representative from Girlguiding Buckinghamshire to be our voice at BUY (Bucks Uniformed Youth). BUY is a collective group of similar, charity organisations in the area who work together to achieve more than they could individually. An important project run by BUY includes our presence at the Bucks County Show in August.

We need a volunteer from Girlguiding Bucks to attend the next meeting at 7.30pm Monday 29 April. This will be a virtual meeting. Please [contact Sam for more details](#).

Leader Information

Bronze, silver and gold awards

In this week's Girlguiding news, it has become quicker and easier to get hold of section bronze, silver and gold awards - great news for our girls! You will now be able to buy the section bronze, silver and gold awards from [the national online shop](#) as well as at volunteer shops. If you wish, you may also still buy the awards from badge secretaries.

National Amplify recruitment 2024

Recruitment is about to kick-off for the 2024 and 2025 cohort for 9 young people to join Amplify.

Amplify is Girlguiding's youth steering group which helps to make sure that girls' voices are heard and consulted at the highest levels of our organisation. The group work on a range of Girlguiding's strategic priorities in partnership with staff and volunteers.

Any young member aged 12 to 18 can apply. They can be a Guide, Ranger or a young leader volunteering with a unit.

For more information, please get in touch at programme@girlguiding.org.uk.

Vacancies

We now have a [website page listing all our role vacancies](#). Please visit the webpage 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.

Our focused role this edition is:

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

National (HQ) volunteer vacancy

Recruitment for the new national lead volunteer for inclusion has started. National are looking for a volunteer who champions inclusivity and everyone having an equal sense of belonging. The lead volunteer for inclusion will work in partnership with HQ staff and volunteers to help make sure Girlguiding is a place where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves. They will co-facilitate the Girlguiding inclusion network, support delivery of Girlguiding's equity, diversity and inclusion strategic plan and line-manage the inclusion specialist volunteers. The deadline for applications is 25/04/24 and more information can be found by clicking [here](#).

Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

[11 May - Beaconsfield](#)

[18 May - Bletchley](#)

[29 June - Princes Risborough](#)

16 hour outdoor first aid course

There are still spaces available on the outdoor first aid course happening 11-12th May in Whipsnade. This course is especially relevant for those who hold outdoor activity qualifications. to find out more and to book your place, click [here](#).

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.

Dates of interest

April

[Month of April](#) - World autism awareness month

[22 April](#) - Earth day 2024

- First Anglia pyjama party webinar

May

[Month of May](#) - National walking month

[1 May](#) - Deaf awareness week

[11th May](#) - Competition hike

- Rainbow ramble

[12th May](#) - Children's day

[13- 20th May](#) - Mental health awareness week

[18 - 19 May](#) - Region office and Hautbois activity centre open day.

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:

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