



11 September 2026

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

Can I start by wishing everyone a very happy start (or return) to Guiding! I hope you've all had a chance to recharge your batteries over the summer and are now looking forward to the new term, with all the fun, friendship, adventure and excitement that it brings.

I know several of our groups have residentials coming up, and I hope that girls and adults alike have a fantastic time and enjoy the experiences.

There are also several County events and meetings taking place over the next few weeks, so I'm really looking forward to seeing lots of you as we get the new term underway. Here's to another brilliant year of Guiding!

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

Volunteer information

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Volunteer Information

Girlguiding Bucks PR Photoshoot - Sunday, 18 October

A reminder that the deadline to apply for the Girlguiding Bucks PR Photoshoot is next week, **Friday 18 September**.

A reminder to those that have submitted an online application form, please remember to also email a full-length photograph to growthandmarketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk. Full details can be found on our [website](#).

County International Selection 2028 - 6 to 7 November 2026

Have you seen the [photos](#) from this summer's County trips to the Netherlands and Gibraltar? If you've been inspired by their adventures, why not think about joining us for 2028?

The Bucks International Selection for 2028 is **NOW OPEN** for both girls and adults! Whether it's your first international adventure or you're ready for your next one, we'd love to hear from you.

Visit our [website](#) for full information and details on how to apply.

Applications close Monday, 12 October 2026.

Inclusion - Need a little extra support?

Did you know that the Girlguiding Anglia [Inclusion Grant](#) is available to help members who need additional support to take part in guiding?

The grant can help fund reasonable adjustments, specialist equipment, adaptations, support costs or short-term equipment hire, making it easier for everyone to enjoy Girlguiding activities.

If you think this could help you or a member in your unit, we'd encourage you to take a look.

Applications are considered on an individual basis, and full eligibility details, along with the online application form, can be found on the Girlguiding Anglia [Finance and Grants Hub](#).

Ellesborough Guide Centre Parking

Parking restrictions have been introduced at Ellesborough Guide Centre to prevent unauthorised parking and ensure spaces are available for those hiring and using the centre.

If you're visiting the Guide Centre as part of a booking, you'll still be able to park as normal. We kindly ask everyone else to avoid using the car park so that it remains available for centre users.

Share Your Skills

Could you help Girlguiding Buckinghamshire behind the scenes?

Whether it's you, a family member or a friend, we'd love to hear from you. Take a look at our [volunteer recruitment tool](#) to see our current opportunities.

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.

County Challenges

There's still plenty of time to take part in our county challenges!

Whether you're working towards **Brilliant in Bucks** (for all sections) or **Rainbow Fairies** (designed especially for Rainbows), both challenge packs are available to download free from our website. Badge ordering information is included within each pack.

If you haven't started yet, why not give one of the challenges a try with your unit? We'd love to see what you've been getting up to!

- [Brilliant in Bucks](#) (for all sections)
- [Rainbow Fairies](#) (especially for Rainbows)

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response training dates with availability

- **21 November 2026** - Herons Lodge
- **28 November 2026** - Princes Risborough
- **16 January 2027** - Beaconsfield
- **27 February 2027** - Herons Lodge

Please click on the links above to book your place on a training course.

For further details about First Response Training, please visit our [website](#).

County calendar

Messages from Region

Queens Guide Drop in Session - Tuesday, 22 September

Did you know the Queen's Guide Award is open to 16-30 year olds? It is the highest award you can work towards. Want to find out more? Join our QGA virtual drop-in session on **Tuesday, 22 September at 7pm** by filling in this [form](#).

Free Eco Visits for Girlguiding Units

If your unit is working towards an Eco or Recycling badge, why not book a free educational visit to Greatmoor Energy from Waste?

Suitable for children aged 8 and over, visits cover recycling, waste management, the environment and how energy is generated from waste. Greatmoor has welcomed schools and Scout groups for over 10 years, and all PPE is provided. There is no charge for visits.

To find out more, visit <https://www.greatmoor.co.uk/school-visits/> or contact Jane Rawlinson at Jane.Rawlinson@fccenvironment.co.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.

- Update your **GO** settings and opt in to marketing so you don't miss future mailings.
- Follow **Girlguiding Buckinghamshire** on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.
- Join our **members-only Buckinghamshire Facebook group** using the button below.

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Follow the Facebook page

Follow us on Instagram

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