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

This month, Girlguiding are celebrating Disability Pride Month, a time dedicated to recognising and honouring the achievements and contributions of our members with disabilities.

As the school year draws to a close, take some time to reflect on a fantastic year filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable experiences.

I have been excited to cheer on England in the football, a fantastic showcase of teamwork. Here's to celebrating diversity, the end of a successful term, and the thrill of the Euro's—three cheers for all the amazing memories and volunteers. Thank you, have a wonderful summer.

Yours in guiding

Sam

Girlguiding Bucks county commissioner

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Volunteer information

Bucks subscriptions

We are aware that some members are keen to find out more about the 2025 subscription rates for Buckinghamshire. We are currently in the process of setting the Buckinghamshire levy, and we hope that our levy will be no more than last year. We will keep you updated when we have further information.

[Find out more about subscriptions](#)

Leader information

Apply for residential funding from Defra

Girlguiding UK has been given funding from the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). This is to deliver residential experiences for 7–18-year-olds for 'nights under the stars' in areas of national beauty and is for England only. It covers residential between August 2024 - March 2025 with priority being given to girls in areas of deprivation using the unit's postcode to measure this. The ballot to apply for funding is now live and runs until **17 July**. Please complete the form if you'd like your unit to be

considered. PLEASE NOTE: the announcement of this funding is not yet public, so please keep your application confidential for the time being.

Enter the ballot

Vacancies

Are you looking for a new challenge? Please visit our [website page listing all our role vacancies](#) 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:

Growth and retention adviser

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join the county team to lead plans for membership growth and retention. The plans will engage and support current members to promote guiding in a positive manner, helping to recruit new members and keep existing ones, allowing girls the opportunities they want to have in Guiding across Buckinghamshire.

We would really like to discuss suitability of this role for anyone who thinks this might be of interest. We offer a flexible approach and support to build confidence in roles. To find out more email ggbucks@girlguiding.org.uk

Messages from Girlguiding UK

Help shape the new interest badges

Did you know Girlguiding UK is working with members to double the interest badges across Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers? They'll launch in July 2025. But we can't do it without your help!

You and your unit can also sign up to the programme testing pool for a chance to try the new badges and tell us what works and what doesn't. We'll be using the testing pool at regular intervals – so if you don't hear from us straight away, don't worry - we'll be in touch soon. The deadline is **30 November 2024**.

Sign up to the testing pool

Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

28 Sept - Heron's Lodge

19 Oct - Beaconsfield

16 Nov - Princes Risborough

30 Nov - Herons Lodge

To find out more, or to book a place on the training please email training@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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 or click on the links below.

Dates of interest

July

19 - National Pyjama Day

26 - Start of the Olympics

30 - International friendship day

☀️ This is the last Bucks Whizz before we break for the summer. We hope enjoy yourselves 🍦

Thank you for taking the time to read the whizz. If there's something you'd like us to consider including in future copies of the Whizz, then let us know:

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