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

Autumn is definitely here with the shorter days and the evenings getting dark earlier. It doesn't need to stop us getting out and about though as we can put on our boots, warm clothes and woolly hats and enjoy the autumn colours and crunchy leaves on the ground! It is one of my favourite times of the year.

The work at Ellesborough will be starting soon, how exciting it will be to see the works progressing and the improvements being made.

Thank you for the invitations I have received to attend your events, I will try to get to as many as I can to see the fun you are having with the girls in your units.

Thank you for everything you do for Girlguiding in your area, it is much appreciated.

Yours in guiding

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## Volunteer information

### Adviser appointment

We are pleased to announce that **Jacqui Hansell** has been reappointed as our residential adviser for Rainbows and Brownies in the county team. Jacqui is herself a Rainbows leader and has been a residential adviser before, so she is well placed to support any Buckinghamshire members considering residential trips with these age groups.

### Gang show

Gang shows are certainly one of the fun parts of the girlguiding world. If you, or any of your girls, are interested in finding out more about the opportunities the show provides then pop along to a **taster session** in **High Wycombe** on Saturday 20th October. You can also buy tickets to watch and support the **Milton Keynes Gang show** taking place on **29 and 30 of November**.

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## Area spotlight

## Chesham Vale division

We've heard that you would like to know more about what others are doing in Guiding across the county.

Chesham Vale division recently held a special 'division day' with the aim of building local girlguiding family links as well as encouraging more girls to continue their girlguiding journey and move up through levels - from Rainbows to Brownies; Brownies to Guides; and Guides to Rangers. Over 80 girls attended the event and mixed age groups worked together on a variety of activities and challenges including making s'mores and friendship bracelets, putting up tents, and challenges like a scavenger hunt and egg drop. The day ended with a lovely singsong around the campfire.



Part of the event included designing a badge for the attendees. This competition was won by Fin (shown in pic above third from the left). Division president, Gill - pictured with Fin - Judged the 37 badge design entries. Amazingly, Gill has 60 years service on Girlguiding! Fin's winning design is shown as a completed badge (second pic from left). Chesham Vale division also took the opportunity to recognise some of their longest serving volunteers at the event. Pictured in the last circle above is Libby O'Dell (left) who has over 50 years service and has mentored many adult volunteers, acted as a Guide leader and managed the division HQ bookings over this time. Lisa Ford, Division commissioner pictured with her.

We would love to have regular stories from units or districts and divisions. So, please contact [pr\\_and\\_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:pr_and_comms@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

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## 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.

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## Messages from Girlguiding UK

### Girlguiding showings of Moana 2

Look out for our Girlguiding Moana 2 screenings coming on **7 and 8 December** to ODEON cinemas across the UK. **Tickets go on sale on 30 October at 12pm** via the Girlguiding UK fortnightly marketing newsletter for all volunteers.

[Find out more about Moana 2](#)

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## Bucks Training

### Upcoming 1st response trainings

Sat 19 Oct - Beaconsfield

Sat 16 Nov - Princes Risborough Guide Hut

Sat 30 Nov - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)

Please see the [county calendar](#) for details. Click on your preferred date and follow the instructions.

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## 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.

### Bucks big day out

Following the success of the Bucks big day out in 2022, we are in the early stages of planning another county-wide day out trip for **4 October 2025**. We would love to see as

many members as possible, across the full age-range, coming together to go out on a trip.

We are currently looking for location ideas and it would be great to hear from our members of any places you love taking our girls. Previously our day out was at Gullivers (towards the North of our county) and Legoland (in the south). We are also looking for anyone who would like to be involved in the planning of our Bucks big day out to please [get in touch with the county office](#) . This could make a lovely Queens guide candidate project.

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## Dates of interest

### October

- [Whole month](#) - Black history month
- Breast cancer awareness month
  - Baby loss awareness month
- [20](#) - High Wycombe Gang Show fun session

### November

- [2](#) - National stress awareness day
- [5](#) - Guy Fawkes/bonfire night
- [11](#) - Remembrance day
- [15 - 21](#) - Anti-bullying week
- [18](#) - BBC children in need
- [20](#) - Universal children's day
- [23](#) - Girlguiding Bucks afternoon tea and awards
- [29/30](#) - Milton Keynes Gang Show

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