



14 May 2026

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

It was fantastic to see so many girls and adults out for the Competition Hikes last Saturday. I know many groups also have exciting overnight adventures and camps coming up in the next few weeks, so a big thank you goes to all of you for giving up your time to ensure our Buckinghamshire Girlguiding members have such amazing opportunities.

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

Volunteer information

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Volunteer Information

Year End Accounts - Sunday, 31 May

A quick reminder that unit year end accounts should now be nearing completion, including arranging an independent review.
Where possible, please aim to submit completed accounts to your commissioner by **31 May**, to support county consolidation deadlines..
Guidance, templates and examples have already been circulated - please refer back to these if needed.
If you need any support or have queries, please contact your commissioner.

Competition Hikes

Saturday saw the return of Competition Hikes, with over 130 girls and adults taking part. Thankfully, the weather was good and stayed dry throughout the day. Well done to everyone who took part, and a huge thank you to all our volunteers and organisers who gave up their time to ensure the event ran smoothly and safely.
A list of winners and runners-up is available on our [website](#) and you can find photos from the event on our social media channels.

Could Your Skills Make a Difference?

We currently have a range of volunteer opportunities available, including roles in administration, photography, marketing, social media and more.

Whether you're looking to get involved yourself or know someone whose skills could make a difference, there may be a role that's a great fit.

If you'd be interested in finding out more please take a look at the [volunteer recruitment tool](#) for further information.

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.

Water Fun Days

Get ready to make a splash at our Water Fun Days at Taplow Lake, Burnham! It's the perfect chance to try something new, build confidence, and have loads of fun with friends on the water. Take on four fun activities:

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Raft Building
- Stand-Up Paddle boarding

The event runs over two days:

- [Brownies](#) - Saturday, 20 June (9am to 4.30pm)
- [Guides, Rangers & Young Leaders](#) - Sunday, 21 June (9am to 4.30pm)

Places are limited, so don't miss out!

Bookings close **Friday, 15 May**

Our Newest Challenge – Brilliant in Bucks

Have you seen our newest challenge? We are incredibly proud of our county, Buckinghamshire, and this exciting new challenge pack and badge have been specially designed to celebrate that pride.

All sections can take part in the challenge and earn an exclusive shaped badge along the way!

Download your copy of the challenge [here](#)

And don't forget to order your badges before they're all gone!

Rainbow Fairies County Event!

In case you missed it... we're bringing a little magic to our Rainbows!

[Rainbow Fairies](#) is a special county event running anytime between **1 June and 31 December 2026**, with a ready-made pack full of fun, fairy-themed activities for your unit. Plus, every Rainbow who takes part can earn an exclusive SPARKLY Girlguiding Buckinghamshire Rainbows 2026 badge!

Waddesdon Wonderers - a nature filled day!

Rainbows – 28 June

- Units will get creative with sustainable art activities, explore the site through fun nature hunts, and create homes for some of the minibeasts living in the grounds. All participants will receive a unique badge at the end of the event.

Brownies – 13 June

- In this bee-themed day, groups will create homes for our insect friends, get crafty, and learn more about our friendly bees. They will explore how to care for our environment and help encourage bees to flourish, while enjoying a fun and engaging day outdoors. Everyone will receive a special Waddesdon badge at the end of the event.

To book your place, please email: learning@waddesdon.org.uk

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings - 2026

- **27 June** - Princes Risborough
- **19 September** - Herons Lodge
- **10 October** - Beaconsfield
- **21 November** - Herons Lodge
- **28 November** - Princes Risborough

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](#).

Messages from Anglia

Peer Education Training Weekend - 25 to 27 September 2026

Girlguiding Anglia's next peer education training weekend will take place at **Heron's Lodge in Milton Keynes**. Peer educators are young members **aged 14–25** who support Brownies, Guides and Rangers in exploring important topics. Please note that this is the only training weekend in Anglia for 2026.

You can book your place [here](#). If you have any questions, please email peereducation@girlguidingbucks.org.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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