



17 April 2026

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

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term ahead. With brighter days upon us, I hope you and your units are looking forward to making the most of the many activities and opportunities that the warmer weather brings. If you're looking for ideas, visit our [events page](#).

Please do let me know about any special events you are planning, as I will do my best to attend as many as possible.

Don't forget that you are also very welcome to share your activities on our [Facebook](#) page. Please remember to ensure that appropriate permissions are in place before uploading any photographs. It is always a pleasure to see the fantastic work and experiences taking place across Buckinghamshire.

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

Volunteer information

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Volunteer Information

Year End Accounts - Sunday, 31 May

A quick reminder that all units should now be finalising their annual accounts and arranging an independent review. Where possible, please aim to have everything completed and shared with your commissioner by **31 May**, to support timely consolidation at county level.

Guidance, templates and examples have already been circulated - please refer back to these if needed. If you have any questions or need support, don't hesitate to contact your commissioner.

Going Away With & Catering Scheme (workbook versions)

A reminder that members completing the workbook versions of the Going Away With or Catering Scheme must have their qualification marked as 'completed' on GO by **30 November 2026**.

Please ensure all requirements are finished and signed off in time. After this date, workbook versions will be withdrawn and any incomplete qualifications will be marked as 'abandoned'.

County Photographer

Are you, or someone you know, a keen photographer? We are looking for a volunteer photographer to help capture and share the very best of Girlguiding Buckinghamshire, showcasing our activities and helping to promote all that we do. Please contact the [county office](#) 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.

Competition Hikes - Saturday, 9 May 2026

Entries are **OPEN** for this year's Competition Hikes!

Brownies, Guides, Rangers and adults can book their teams via our [website](#). Don't forget, we also have the Rainbow Ramble for our younger members! Please see the website for [full details, rules and consent forms](#).

Bookings close **Saturday, 2 May!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - we're also looking for volunteers to help run checkpoints on the day. If you (or someone in your unit) can help, please get in touch:

comphike@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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!**

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

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!

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings - 2026

- **6 June** - Herons Lodge
- **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](#).

County calendar

Castle Walk is back!

Registration is now open for the return of Castle Walk. Kickstart your summer in style as you explore stunning local scenery and enjoy a brilliant day filled with community spirit, fresh air, and fun.

- Sunday, 14 June 2026
- Berkhamsted Castle
- 5 or 10 mile routes
- Adult (18+) £15, Child £10, Family £40

Register here: www.dens.org.uk/walk

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.

Join members group

Follow the Facebook page

Follow us on Instagram

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