

29 Sept 2024

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

With the Autumn weather clearly making its mark, we thank our volunteers immensely for providing girls with safe, warm and fun experiences in units across our county. You really are amazing.

Yours in guiding
Girlguiding Bucks county team
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Volunteer information

Interim county commissioner

We are pleased to announce that Sue Berry has been appointed as our interim county commissioner. Sue will be supporting the county while the recruitment process takes place for a replacement county commissioner. Sue comes with lots of experience in working at county level and a wealth of knowledge about guiding. Sue can be contacted at countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

County badges and silks

We know that some of you have been keen to get hold of county metal pin badges with the Buckinghamshire swan emblem as well as county silks. These are available by emailing-the-county-office. Silks are 12p each and metal badges are £1.60 each. The cost of postage will need to be added.

Bucks subscription charge

A reminder that the subscription charge for 2025 has remained the same as last year - £57 per member.

Leader information

Leader development programme air and share events

The new leader development programme (LDP) has been with us for 18 months now. It is very different from what we had before, but it is proving popular and successful for most new leaders. We are aware that there is a need for more new mentors to support the programme in most areas as well as the opportunity to find out more about how it all works

Sheila (LiT coordinator) and Janet (Training lead) are offering each division or district the opportunity to host their own air and share event which they can attend to address what you need to know about the LDP.

Please use the button below to send an email to find out more about hosting an event in your division or district.

Contact for LDP event

Awards and rewards

We want to celebrate your achievements

We know that so many of our members are up to incredible things, and here in Buckinghamshire, we are keen to get the word out about exactly that. So if you work with a leader, member, or girl that you think should be celebrated then please get in touch with us so we can feature them here.

Celebration afternoon tea

Did you know that each year we hold an afternoon tea event for Buckinghamshire members that have received long service awards? At last year's event we celebrated over **1500 years of service** to Girlguiding Buckinghamshire!! This year's event will be held on 23 November so look out for pictures here.

Vacancies

Are you looking for a new challenge? Please visit our <u>website page listing all our role</u> <u>vacancies</u> 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.

Messages from Girlguiding Anglia Pyjama party

To celebrate World Thinking Day 2025 our region (Anglia) is running a pyjama party and wants as many members as possible to take part. There are so many party possibilities and it's up to each unit or even district or division to decide how to host it. There have been 2 webinars to support leaders in making plans for the event and recordings of these are available to watch now.

We would love to know who is planning on taking part in the big pyjama party in Buckinghamshire and what you will be up to. Please email pr_and_marketing@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

Anglia pyjama party

Messages from Girlguiding UK Autumn term members' call

Join the national all adult member and volunteer call on Wednesday 2 October 2024 7.30-8.30pm. Hear from Girlguiding UK advocates about what they've been up to this year and get an update on the uniform project. There will also be a question and answer session.

Register now

Bucks Training

Upcoming 1st response trainings

Sat 28 Sept - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)

Sat 19 Oct - Beaconsfield

Sat 16 Nov - Princes Risborough Guide Hut

Sat 30 Nov - Herons Lodge (Milton Keynes)

Please see the <u>county calendar</u> for details. Click on your preferred date and follow the instructions.

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 <u>events page</u> of our website or click on the links below.

Dates of interest

September

30 - County trustees meeting

October

Whole month - Black history month

- Breast cancer awareness month
- Baby loss awareness month
- 10 World mental health awareness day
- 11 International day of the girl
- 20 High Wycombe Gang Show fun session

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