



5 June 2025

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

What a wonderful afternoon we had to re-open Ellesborough. The sun shone and it was lovely to see so many Guiding members and friends joining us at the official opening by Tracy Foster, the Chief Guide. We were joined by the High Sheriff, Pippa Kirkbride, who spoke of her daughter's memories of camping at Ellesborough and how Guiding had given her confidence and many life skills. She also thanked all our volunteers for the time they give to providing Guiding across the county. The Deputy Lord Lieutenant, Air Vice Marshall Chris Elliott commented on the wonderful home we have and her hope that many girls and leaders would benefit from the updated facilities. We were joined by some of our young members who helped hand out the delicious cake Debbie Norie had made for the occasion and spoke so well to our guests. I am not sure what a group of county commissioners is called but there were 7 from our county at the event plus our soon to be county commissioner - apparently a first for the Chief Guide to be with so many from one county at the same occasion!

I was very pleased that we could recognise the enthusiasm and huge amount of time and energy that Pauline and Jeremy Hall have dedicated to the project with a Guiding Hero Award. Thank you to both of you, this award is richly deserved.

Please don't forget if you would like to see the changes to the building we have our drop in for a look around sessions this next week. The details are below. Rikki, Janet and I hope to see you there.

The bookings for the Bucks Big Day Out open tomorrow! We are looking forward to a fun county day out with you all.

This week is Volunteer's Week so I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for what you do for Guiding in our county. Whatever role you undertake and however much time you are able to give us, you are appreciated and we are grateful to have you as part of our Guiding family in Bucks. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Sue Berry

Interim county commissioner

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### Ellesborough re-opening

After months of hard work and refurbishment, Sunday 1 June marked the much anticipated reopening of Ellesborough Guide Centre - and what a fantastic day it was! We were lucky with the weather and even luckier to be joined by so many friends and supporters to celebrate this exciting milestone.

It was a day full of pride, connection and inspiration - the perfect way to begin this new chapter for Ellesborough Guide Centre.

Special thanks to Leanne Hall for the fantastic photos!

Check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details of the day.



## REN Forms

HQ has informed us that there is a bug in the system that is affecting REN forms. It is affecting the information both leaders and commissioners can see. There is currently no way round this until it is fixed so if you are going away this weekend or in the near future you will need to re-submit a paper or email version of the form to your commissioner for approval.

## Unit Accounts

These should all have been submitted to your district commissioner by now. Thank you to everyone who has completed this task by the deadline. Please contact your commissioner if for whatever reason your accounts have been delayed. District commissioners please submit your account information to your division commissioners

by the [20 June](#) and division commissioners please submit the county form to Kate, county treasurer, by the [30 June](#).

## **GAP representative for Bucks**

We are looking for a representative from Bucks for the region's Girls Advocacy Panel. This is an ideal opportunity for a 16-25year old (possibly a Queens Guide candidate) to work alongside the assistant region chief commissioner and other reps from counties around the region to play a key role in shaping future strategies, promoting Girlguiding and collaborating with the region team. Please read the [role description](#) and then contact Sue at [countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:countycomm@girlguidingbucks.org.uk) if you are interested.

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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.

### **Ellesborough drop-in sessions**

Sue, Rikki and Janet are hosting two drop-in sessions to give everyone the opportunity to see the exciting improvements at Ellesborough Guide Centre. We would love for you to pop in, enjoy a cuppa and take a look around on either of the below dates:

- Saturday 7 June, 2pm-4pm
- Tuesday 10 June, 9.30am-12.30pm

### **Bucks Big Day Out - Saturday 4 October 2025**

Booking forms will be available on the [county website](#) by the end of this week.

We look forward to many units joining us at this county event which promises to be an action packed day!

### **Save the date - Saturday 8 November**

New look county day for all volunteers. Come and meet the county team, find out how our advisers can help you, try some activities, do some training, get help with GO challenges etc. Let us know if there is anything you would like included [ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk](mailto:ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk)

### **Chalk Stream Challenge - Sunday 8 June 2025**

Girlguiding Hertfordshire are taking part in the Chalk Stream challenge badge along the River Chess, with the route starting and finishing in Chesham. If you are interested in popping by to say hello or to learn more, further details can be found [here](#).

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## **Trainings**

### **Upcoming 1st response trainings with availability 2025**

**20 September** - Herons Lodge

**11 October** - Beaconsfield

**22 November** - Princes Risborough

**29 November** - Herons Lodge

Please visit the [county calendar](#) where you can book to attend one of the above mentioned trainings.

[County calendar](#)

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### **Roller Skate Disco**

Roller Skate Discos have hosted exclusive sessions just for Brownies and Guides across Buckinghamshire! A full list of venues can be found on their website. They're also available for mobile hire and can bring the fun to almost any venue. Find out more at [Rollerskatediscos.com](http://Rollerskatediscos.com)

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