



6 February 2026

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

As we get into February, I'm sure you are all thinking about paying subscriptions. Please make sure you review your trial invoices NOW and make any necessary changes so you pay the correct amount when final invoices are issued on 22 February. Please be aware we do have grants available if this is going to be a challenge for your unit. Please contact me or the office if paying is going to be a problem.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us provide our fun and adventurous programme for the girls in our units, and to support leaders behind the scenes or at a different level, e.g. with accounts or admin. Please can I encourage you to talk to anyone you know who may be interested in volunteering for Girlguiding. Our roles can be flexible and don't have to be a uniformed role.

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

Volunteer information

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Exciting News!



Let me introduce you to the new Girlguiding Buckinghamshire Good Service Brooch! We haven't had one before but with immediate effect, anyone who is awarded a County Good Service will get the certificate and a brooch to go with it. Like all other awards, County have agreed to fund these from now on. As you can see, this is a metal brooch that depicts our Bohun Swan and we hope you like it. This brooch is 3cm in height.

Our Trustees are mindful that those of you who gained a County Good Service in the past may also like to own one of these lovely brooches. It has been agreed that once we have checked that you are eligible to purchase one; they will cost £5 each including postage and packing. Requests for these via the [office](#) please – and once payment has been received a brooch will be on its way to you.

County Office

The county office will be closed from Friday, 13 to Monday, 23 February 2026.

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 Guide Centre Open Days

A quick reminder about our upcoming Ellesborough Guide Centre Open Days, no need to book, just turn up!

- **Wednesday 18 February** – 10AM–12NOON
- **Sunday 22 March** – 1PM–3PM

We're also looking for a couple of people to join the Ellesborough Committee. If you are interested in playing a part in the future of Ellesborough Guide Centre, please contact Sheila: sheila.beales@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

'Going Away With' Skills Day - Sunday, 8 March 2026

This Skills Day is for anyone new to residentials, feeling a bit out of practice, or wanting an update on the new online 'Going Away With' system.

Further details and booking form can be found on our [website](#).

Competition Hike Training Day - Sunday, 8 March 2026

Reminder to those planning to attend this years Competition Hikes - this training will cover map-reading and compass skills, along with a practice walk and key information about the Competition Hikes.

Visit our [website](#) or book your place [HERE](#).

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings - 2026

- **25 April** - [Beaconsfield](#) - [Book Now](#)
- **6 June** - [Herons Lodge](#) - [Book Now](#)
- **27 June** - [Princes Risborough](#) - [Book Now](#)
- **19 September** - [Herons Lodge](#) - [Book Now](#)

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

2026 Tree Planting

The Wilds Farm CIC, a local non-profit near Mentmore, will be running tree-planting sessions from January–April 2026 to create a nature corridor and boost local

biodiversity. These sessions can contribute towards the Girlguiding Eco Award and other badges.

Thanks to a community grant, discounted places are available, with free attendance for Girl Guiders with SEND, who are young carers, or from low-income households. The farm is run by a qualified teacher with five years' SEN experience and DBS, and a former Guide herself.

Contact thewildsfarm@outlook.com for further information.

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

Thank you for taking the time to read the whizz. If you have anything you would like us to consider for future mailings, please contact the county office: ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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