



6 March 2026

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

Isn't it lovely to see the sunshine this week!? It really helps me look forward to Spring and getting outside in the fresh air - with the girls too before long, once the nights get lighter.

Thank you to everyone who has already paid the 2026 Subs invoices - it's really appreciated. If you haven't yet, please try to get any cheques in the post this coming weekend to allow for transit time. It is, however, quick and easy to pay by card if you have that option, and units / divisions can then reimburse by bank transfer, with the receipt being immediate.

Reminders will be issued next Friday if invoices have not yet been processed.

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

Volunteer information

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Volunteer Information

Ellesborough Guide Centre Open Day - Sunday, 22 March

Ellesborough Guide Centre will be opening its doors on Sunday 22 March, 1pm–3pm. No need to book — just come along and see what a fantastic venue it is!

We are 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

Year End Accounts - Sunday, 31 May

As part of Girlguiding requirements, all units must prepare their annual accounts and arrange an independent review. The completed documents should be shared with your commissioner within three months of the financial year end, although units are encouraged to aim for **31 May** where possible to allow time for consolidation at county level.

Guidance, templates and examples have been included to help with the process. Please keep an eye on your emails for the full information, and speak to your commissioner if you need any support.

Going Away With & Catering Scheme (workbook versions)

Members completing the workbook versions of the Going Away With or Catering Scheme have until **30 November 2026** to have their qualification marked as 'completed' on GO.

To meet the deadline, you must have run your residential, had all required documents signed off, and ensured the qualification is recorded on GO.

After this date, the workbooks will be withdrawn from the Girlguiding shop, any incomplete qualifications will be marked as 'abandoned', and the scheme will move fully to a digital format.

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 **NOW 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](#).

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:

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Calling All Rainbow Leaders – Rainbow Fairies County Event!

We're excited to be launching a special county event for our Rainbows: Rainbow Fairies! Units can run the event anytime between **1 June and 31 December 2026**. A dedicated event pack will be provided, full of fairy-themed ideas and activities you can use or adapt.

Every Rainbow who takes part will have the opportunity to earn a special Girlguiding Buckinghamshire Rainbows 2026 badge, created just for this event. More details will be shared soon, so please keep an eye out and share with your Rainbow leaders.

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

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

Messages from HQ

Annual subscriptions deadline - Friday, 27 March

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their annual subscriptions. If you haven't, don't forget that the deadline for receipt of payment in full by card or cheque is **Friday 27 March at 12pm**. Log into GO to access official invoices. If you need support, visit our [website](#) or speak to your local commissioner.

Share and inspire session - Saturday, 28 March

Interested in learning more about girl-led guiding? Join March's share and inspire session on Saturday 28 March, from **9:30am – 10:30am** for Rainbow and Brownie ideas, and from **11am - 12pm** for Guide and Ranger ideas.

Share and inspire sessions are designed to help you learn from our volunteer panel, share your experiences and get inspired.

PAPAYA Talks

PAPAYA Talks is a UK-registered charity dedicated to offering engaging, age-appropriate workshops at your unit meeting place for KS2 and KS3 that empower young people to make informed choices about smartphones, social media, and screen time.

Their expert-led sessions explore:

- The impact of excessive technology use on mental health
- Healthy screen habits and digital boundaries
- Building confidence and resilience online
- Practical strategies for navigating social media safely

This is a brilliant chance to support your girls in developing healthy digital habits in a positive, supportive environment.

If your unit is interested in learning more please visit and contact laura@papayaparents.com

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

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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