



9 October 2025

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

What a busy but fantastic few days I have just had. I was privileged to join 2 leaders, a Guide and 2 Brownies at The High Sheriffs Justice service in Amersham - we met The Chief Scout, who shared his personal journey into Scouting with us and then thanked volunteers of all youth organisations for making young people who they are.

24 hours later I was one of the 1300+ people enjoying our Bucks Big Day Out at Chessington World of Adventures. Girls rode upside down and backwards, met lots of animals, had a picnic on the lawn, and many got somewhat wet - but only through choosing the river rides!

Thank You to Sue for leading the team organising the BDO - I've heard people already discussing when the next one will be...

Best Wishes,
Janet Smith
county commissioner

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Volunteer information

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Travel Subsidy

For those units who enjoyed a fantastic day at Chessington and have still yet to submit their travel subsidy claim, please be advised that we will be closing applications on **31 October**. Please submit your claim to ggbucks@girlguidingbucks.org.uk before **31 October**.

First Response

Places on First Response training courses get snapped up quickly, so it's always best not to leave it until the last minute to book. Also, please be aware that our verifiers have up to **21 days** to verify your documents, so please factor this into your timeline when planning.

International Trip to the Netherlands – Leader Needed!

The County International team is looking for one more adult leader to join the group travelling to the Netherlands from 3–9 August 2026. The trip will be a fantastic mix of activities and sightseeing, with full board accommodation at a centre just outside Amsterdam. If you're interested in joining the trip, please email pauline.hall@girlguidingbucks.org.uk

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.

New Look county day - Saturday 8 November

Registration is now OPEN!

When registering, you'll be able to:

- Let us know if there are any specific questions you'd like the team to cover during the sessions
- Request to speak with particular individuals or teams you'd find helpful

What to bring:

- A packed lunch and a mug (tea, coffee and squash will be available throughout the day)
- An activity, adapted UMA, Skills Builder or game that has worked well for your girls. Please bring 6 copies of a template or instruction sheet so you can share and swap ideas with others

Advisor Sessions:

- Sessions will run at 11.00am, 12.00 noon, 2.00pm and 3.00pm – giving you the chance to explore different topics throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing a day full of practical ideas, support, and connection. Visit our county [website](#) for more details and to [sign up!](#)

Trainings

Upcoming 1st response trainings with availability 2026

28 February - Herons Lodge - to be added to the wait list contact the [county office](#)

7 March - [Princes Risborough](#)

25 April - Beaconsfield - to be added to the wait list contact the [county office](#)

6 June - [Herons Lodge](#) - **NEW**

27 June - [Princes Risborough](#) - **NEW**

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

County calendar

Messages from HQ

The National Scout & Guide Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band

Applications for the 2026 summer course of the NSGSO and NSGCB are now open!

- The residential course will again take place in Stourbridge at Old Swinford Hospital School and will culminate in two concerts in the Birmingham area.
- The course runs from **Sunday 26th July - Sunday 2nd August 2026**.
- The closing date for applications is **9am on Sunday 30th November 2025**.
- Please share with your Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Inspire and adult members aged 12-25.

To find out more visit nsgso-nsgcb.com.

Christmas card competition

Calling all young artists!

Matthew Barber, [Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner](#), is inviting all primary school age children across Thames Valley to take part in this years Christmas Card Competition!

- The winning design will be printed and used as the official Christmas card sent out across Thames Valley—and beyond!
- The winner's name will be printed inside the card.
- Runners-up will also have their designs featured on the back of the card.

How to enter:

- Create your festive design using the official [entry form](#).
 - Submit your entry by 12 noon on Friday, 28 November
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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.

- You can change your settings on Go and **opt in** to marketing so that the county team can include you in future mailings.
- You can join or follow Girlguiding Buckinghamshire on Facebook and Instagram.

We have a special Facebook group just for Girlguiding Buckinghamshire members which you can join using the button below.

Join members group

We also have a public facing page called **GirlguidingBuckinghamshire** which replaces our old public page. This page can be viewed by anyone. You can follow us using the button below.

Follow the Facebook page

Use the button below to check out and follow us on Instagram.

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 :

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