



**30 January 2026**

You have received this mail because you are a volunteer with Girlguiding Buckinghamshire.

Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME | default : "Volunteer" }}

I hope you are all managing through some of this very wet and cold weather. I was very fortunate to spend most of January in Thailand, where the weather was considerably nicer, and with Girl Guides and Trefoil ladies there, we were able to be outside most of the time — I'm looking forward to the months when we can do that here too!

Meanwhile, I'm hoping to see and hear all the things you have planned to celebrate 100 years of Thinking Day — do share pictures on our Facebook page.

Best wishes  
Janet Smith  
County commissioner  
Girlguiding Bucks

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### Ellesborough Guide Centre Open Days

Following the success of last year, Ellesborough Guide Centre will once again be opening its doors to showcase all it has to offer.

- Wednesday 18 February: 10.00am–12.00 noon
- Sunday 22 March: 1.00pm–3.00pm

No booking required — just turn up!

### Competition Hike Training Day – Sunday 8 March

For anyone planning to take part in the Competition Hikes in May. Brownies must attend with a leader; Guides and Rangers may attend independently. Leaders and Trefoil Guild members are welcome.

Learn or refresh map-reading and compass skills and take part in a practice walk.

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

### 'Going Away With' Skills Day – Sunday 8 March

For anyone new to residentials, needing a refresher, or wanting an update on the new online *Going Away With* system.

Further details and the booking form are available on our [website](#).

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## Training dates

### Upcoming 1st response trainings

- **25 April 2026** - Beaconsfield
- **6 June 2026** - Herons Lodge
- **27 June 2026** - Princes Risborough
- **19 September 2026** - Herons Lodge

Please see the [county calendar](#) for details. Click on your preferred date and follow the instructions.

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## Messages from Region

### Anglia Podcast naming competition

Girlguiding Anglia are launching their first-ever regional podcast, and they're inviting members to help name it!

The winning name becomes the official podcast title, with a prize pack and shoutout in the first episode

Submit your suggested podcast name here: [I named the Pod – Fill in form](#)

Open to all members. Leaders can submit on behalf of young members.

**Entries close 28 February 2026.**

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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.

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