

Newsletter Issue 5

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Holiday Homes Trust

Some Donations Received so far this year this year

- Clare Milne Trust - £10,000
- Morrisons Foundation - £10,000
- Truemark Trust - £5,000
- Skipton Building Society - £1,500
- Charles French - £1,000
- The WO Street Charitable Foundation - £3,000
- CHK Charities Ltd - £5,000
- MacKenzie Trust - £10,000

A big thank you to everyone for your kind donations, gratefully received.

Office News

We are in the process of fund raising to purchase a new caravan for the 2017 season. We would like this caravan to be on a new park and are looking at two locations, Perran Sands in Cornwall or Weymouth Bay in Dorset. Both parks have been visited by us and once a decision has been made we will be making funding applications in the hope of raising enough money by the end of this season to enable us to purchase a new caravan for the start of next year.

Devon Cliffs - Opening of new caravan– April 2016

In March 2016 we replaced our two existing caravans with a 2005 Pemberton. This has been placed on a different pitch, is nearer to the amenities and has a parking space. We held an opening ceremony on Saturday 9th April. In attendance were Jo and Marion from the office; Val Drew one of our Directors; Barbara and Dennis Gover our local volunteer managers; Viv Strong the District Commissioner of Exmouth and the local Deputy Mayor, Cllr Brian Cole who kindly cut the ribbon. A photographer from the Exmouth Journal attended and took a photo.



Seashore Holiday Park - Opening of new caravan – July 2016

We are pleased to announce that we have replaced our old caravan at Seashore with a 2014 Willerby Rio. This is a lovely caravan with two twin bedrooms and a wetroom bathroom with beautiful views of the sand dunes. Details of the opening will be in our September Newsletter.

Jamboree

Adrian Smith, an ESL from South Wales and Sean Jenkin a Scout Leader from Cornwall very kindly done a JOTI drive along in October 2015 to raise funds for us. They started in Bristol and had an interview at JOTi radio, visiting various Scout groups along the way. They had a lot of fun and managed to raise £154.25 with gift aid. We really appreciate what the boys done for us and hope they had a lot of fun along the way.



Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2015 or 2014 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2016. Please mention this on your booking form.

We offer a 5% discount to any member of Scouting that would like to book a holiday with us. That can mean either a Scout Leader or if your child is in the beavers, cubs, Scouts etc.

We are also pleased to now be offering the same 5% discount to the Guide Association so please contact us if you would like to book a holiday.

Fundraising - Coffee Morning/Cake Sale

Once again, we are seeking your help and asking if you could hold a coffee morning within your local community to help us raise funds. Please give it a go on our behalf. You could ask your friends to make cakes and bring them along to sell. The event can be held anywhere, like a Scout or Guide group meeting or in your garden or at a regular community meeting. Please contact us if you are interested and need some advice or would like your event listed on our Virgin Money Giving web page or we can help with posters for your event.

A Gift in your Will would enable us to make a difference

As a charity we rely on our supporters and members and it is only through your donations that we are able to continue to provide holidays for people with disabilities or individuals who are disadvantaged, whether through income or circumstances.

Leaving us a gift in your Will ensures that we can look to the future. Any gift that you make will help us to continue to make a difference to people's lives by providing the opportunity for them to have a holiday they may otherwise not have been able to look forward to.

Perhaps you could consider mentioning us in your Will or even adding a codicil to your Will to help us plan for the future.

Part of our long term plans are to replace our existing caravans, some of which are now quite old and larger legacies enable us to invest in new caravans.

Giving in Memory

If you are organising a funeral for a family member or a friend and would like to offer donations instead of flowers in memory of your loved one, then please contact us. We can supply gift envelopes for donations or you can ask the funeral directors to accept donations on our behalf. Alternatively we have a donations page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com> – type Holiday Homes trust in the “find a charity” box. Please call us on 020 8433 7290/1 if you would like any help.

Please contact us if you would like to contribute to our Newsletters or would like to become a member of the Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman's Message:-

Since the last newsletter in October 2015, the Holiday Homes Trust has been progressing steadily forward. After much magnificent work done in fundraising by our office staff Marion and Jo, which saw three caravans being replaced last year, (Poole, Bognor Regis and Filey), they have not rested on their laurels. The Trust is extremely fortunate to have these two ladies working for us, and again we thank them immensely for all their hard work on behalf of the Trust. I am pleased to say that due to their efforts we have also replaced caravans at Great Yarmouth and Exmouth for this year's season. Unfortunately we had to reduce our number of caravans at Exmouth from two down one due to their age, but we are pleased to say that we have re-located to a different plot which now has a parking space. The programme of replacing or upgrading our caravans will continue. The board of directors for the Trust also now feel that, if we are successful with our ongoing funding applications, then now is the time to seek opportunities to expand our existing fleet when possible. We have been looking at sites around the country for possible new locations to purchase a new caravan. Hopefully there will be more to report on this subject in the next newsletter.

As always the Trust relies on many forms of funding and we are always grateful for the donations that we receive from our local supporters the length and breadth of the country. Thank you for all your efforts, and please keep your donations coming in. Any help with fundraising such as coffee mornings, quiz nights, St. Georges Day are all gratefully received and really help towards our target.

Enjoy your summer as it approaches, and hopefully some of you will be having an enjoyable holiday in one of our caravans.

Best wishes - **Roger Hurrion, MBE**

Board of Directors

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Most of our caravans are looked after by local volunteers who do a great job and we are very grateful for their help throughout the season.

Our caravans are located at the following parks:-

- Church Farm Holiday Village, Pagham, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex (Haven)
- Devon Cliffs Holiday Park, Exmouth, Devon (Haven)
- Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, Scarborough (Haven)
- Seashore Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Haven)
- Hoburne Naish Holiday Park, New Milton, Hampshire (Hoburne Holidays)
- Devon Bay Holiday Park, Paignton, Devon (Hoburne Holidays)
- Rockley Park Holiday Park, Poole, Dorset (Haven)
- Pentewan Sands Holiday Park, St. Austell, Cornwall