



Newsletter Issue 7

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Holiday Homes Trust

Donations received:-

- £2,000 from Garfield Weston
- £500 from Christchurch SAS
- £140 from Rickmansworth & Chorleywood Scout Group
- £80 from First Fremington Air Scout Group
- £50 North Watford Scout Fellowship
- £120 City of Portsmouth SAS
- £50 Mr D Rumble
- £193.09 from Richmandshire District Scouts
- £170 from Dorchester and Brownsea Island, SAS
- £410 from Hertford District Scouts, St. Georges Day parade

We are in the process of fundraising for a new caravan at Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire and the above donations will go towards our target.

Treasurer – Phil Harnby

Unfortunately Phil is standing down as Treasurer after 7 years in the post. He has recently become a father and his time is now taken up with his full-time job and being a dad. We would like to thank him for all his hard work, time and dedication over the last 7 years and would like to wish him well in the future. If anyone is interested in becoming a Treasurer for our small charity in a voluntary role then please contact the office.

Fundraising

We are just starting our fundraising to purchase a new caravan at Golden Sands, Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire to help even more disadvantaged families have a holiday they would not otherwise be able to afford. We feel that every family deserves a holiday. We have a long way to go yet on this journey and are asking for your help towards our target of £45,000 and we would be really grateful to receive help with our fundraising. Please see below the link to our just giving page where you can make a donation with ease.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1002547>

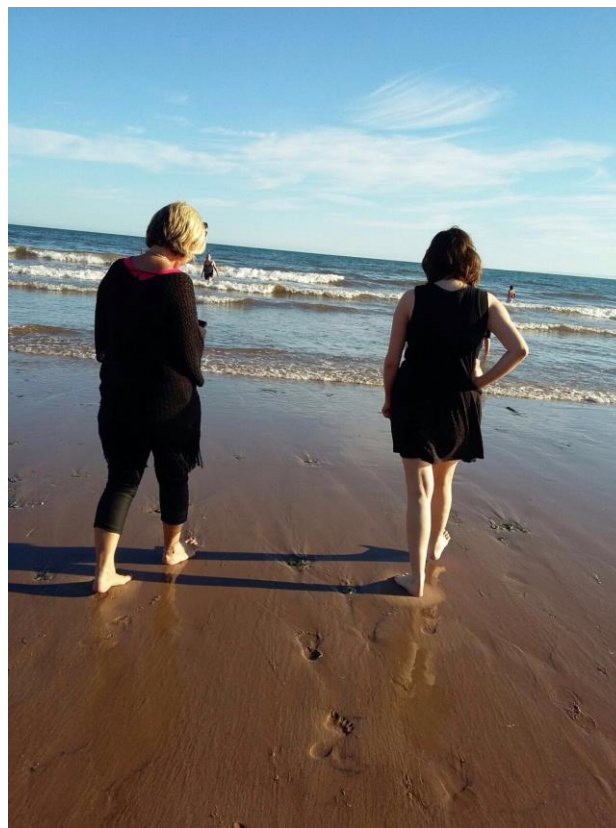
Alternatively you could help us with fundraising by holding an event such as a coffee morning, within your local community to help us raise funds. Please give it a go on our behalf. You could ask your friends to make cakes and bring them along to sell. The event can be held anywhere, like a Scout or 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.

Other ideas include a sponsored dog walk, raffles, quiz nights, St. Georges day parades, wine tasting evening etc. Please contact us with any ideas you may have.

We have had some feedback from a family that regularly enjoys a holiday with us and they had the following to say:-

Last year we had a fantastic time staying in your caravan at Devon Cliffs. We loved the caravan and it was so lovely to walk down the slope to the beach without going out of the park. My daughter is autistic and loves buses, so it was nice to see a bus stop on the park. The swimming pool was really nice and there were plenty of places to eat. As my daughter finds it hard to cope with restaurants we could take our food back to the caravan as we were so close to the amenities. We enjoyed our holiday so much that we are going again this year. We were extra lucky with the nice weather we had and spent some quality time as a family on the beach exploring the rock pools. This holiday enabled us to enjoy quality time with precious memories spending time together as a family. It was the first time my daughter really settled.

Your caravan was spotless and had a little area where we could sit and we could also park next to the caravan, which is very important for our daughter's needs. The prices you charge are more affordable than what Haven charge and this enables us to have a holiday we could otherwise not afford. We have such special memories of our holiday and are looking forward to going again this year. My daughter, being autistic, will feel comfortable going back to the same place and we know she will really enjoy her holiday. We loved every moment of it. Thank you for making our holiday possible as we could not have afforded a holiday without you.



Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2016 or 2015 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2017. 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. Only one discount can be applied per booking.

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.

Chairman's Message:-

Hello, and welcome to another edition of the HHT newsletter produced by our two excellent office administrators, Jo and Marion, who work incredibly hard on behalf of the Trust. So what has been happening since the last edition of the newsletter? The office have been kept very busy over the late Autumn through to early Spring attending to the close of season and maintenance/repairs of the caravans and the Directors have completed all the end of season visits. Booking numbers for the coming Summer season have risen, so if you have not booked your stay yet, you'd better get in quick! Further funding for another new caravan is still being sought after, and after a long drive to Maplethorpe on the east coast, during a very wintry day in November, with a fellow director David Ranger, Jo and Marion we have located a perfect site for a new caravan, if we are lucky enough to secure funding. Any donations towards this new caravan will be gratefully received and can be sent to our Gilwell office. In the last edition of the newsletter I mentioned that our treasurer, Phil Harnby, would be stepping down in the near future. That future has now arrived and Phil is in the process of handing over the various elements of his role as treasurer. We owe Phil a big thank you for his past performance and efforts that he has made on behalf of the HHT over the years, and wish him well for the future. As yet a successor to Phil, at the time of going to press with this newsletter, has not been made, but the directors are looking at two possible volunteers that have come forward. The position is still vacant, so if you feel like offering your services please get in touch with Jo or Marion at Gilwell. Further information about this voluntary role will be provided on request.

Enjoy the Summer that will soon be upon us.

Best wishes,

Roger Hurrion, MBE

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

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All 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

We are hoping to purchase a new caravan for the start of the 2018 season at Golden Sands Holiday Park, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

Golden Sands is one of Haven's most spacious holiday parks, with plenty of room to explore within the park itself or on the stunning nearby beach which is very sandy. There's lots to keep families occupied during on this park, from splashing around in the pool to fun at the funfair and crazy golf course. Have a go on the climbing wall and high ropes course! And if something a little more relaxing appeals to you they have the perfect answer for that too – a few hours fishing at their two beautiful fishing lakes.

We are really excited about the possibility of being able to purchase a caravan on this lovely park and are working really hard to try and raise the funds. Please help us if you can by holding a fund raising event. Every penny helps. We really appreciate all that you do for us.

The staff and Directors of the Holiday Homes Trust