



Newsletter Issue 7

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Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman’s Message:-

Hello and welcome to another edition of our newsletter. You will be pleased to know that the Holiday Homes Trust is progressing well and that we have had plenty of bookings during the summer season, all ably administered by Jo and Marion at Gilwell Park.

In our last newsletter I mentioned that a visit had been made to Golden Sands Holiday Park, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, to view the facilities, hoping that if the park proved suitable and subject to funding we would place a caravan there, to increase the locations that the Trust has to offer. I am pleased to say, very good news, that funding has been secured and the park has been able to offer us a pre-owned, re-furbished, fully adapted Willerby Rio caravan, which the directors have purchased.

So from next season our new caravan at Golden Sands will be operational and we are now able to take bookings. My fellow director David Ranger and I travelled to Mablethorpe to complete the purchase and the paperwork. Seeing the park in operation with holiday makers and the lovely beaches and all the facilities that were on offer we were very impressed and I’m sure that many enjoyable holidays will be had there by our families.

In my last message I also mentioned that our treasurer Phil Harnby had left the Trust and we were seeking a volunteer replacement. Unfortunately we are still without a treasurer and need someone to join the board to fill that role. At present our finances are being managed by two of our directors, Bob Panton and David Ranger, but neither can continue doing this in the long term. If you feel that you might be able to fill the role or know of someone who might be interested, then please contact the office.

Now that the holidaying season has almost finished and the holiday parks are preparing to go into their winter hibernation, the board members will be carrying out the end of season visits to check on caravans for repairs or requirements for next year. We are now taking bookings for 2018 so contact the office if you wish to make a booking.

In order to keep the Holiday Homes Trust up and running, acquiring funding for our work is also an important part of this The Trust is constantly searching for grants or awards or any donations large or small to help assist our work. If you can donate or know of any funding streams that we can source please let Jo and Marion know.

Best wishes and an enjoyable festive season that will soon be upon us, to you all.

Roger Hurrion, MBE
Chairman

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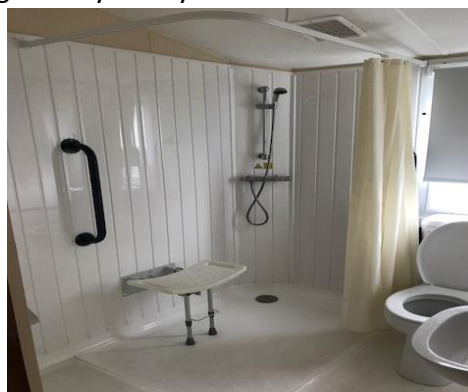
We are very sad to say goodbye to Ann and Keith, our local volunteers at St. Austell. They have been with us for many years, having taken over from their son Andrew when he stepped down. We are very grateful for all their hard work over the years looking after our caravan at Pentewan Sands. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

Donations received:-

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| Rough Close Activity Centre - £40.00 | Estuary Scout Fellowship – Donation - £50 |
| Caddington Scout Group, Dunstable District - £327 | Jingle Jar - Rough Close Trading Post - £40 |
| Swindon Active Support - £50 | |

New Caravan

We are pleased to announce that we have purchased a Willerby Rio wheelchair adapted caravan with ramp at Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. Golden Sands is one of Haven's most spacious holiday parks with its stunning nearby sandy beach.



We are now taking bookings for this caravan for the 2018 season.

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. George's day parades, wine tasting evening etc. Please contact us with any ideas you may have.

To date we have received:-

£2,000 from the Sylvia Waddilove Foundation

£3,000 pledge from the Hedley Foundation

£2,000 from Yorkshire Building Society

Treasurer

We have a vacancy for a volunteer Honorary Treasurer. If you know of anyone that would be interested in this role can you please pass our contact details onto them.

Local managers

We would like to say a big thank you to all our volunteer local managers who give their time throughout the year to look after our caravans. Everything they do for the Trust is greatly appreciated. They always go the extra mile to make sure that everything in our caravans is of a high standard for our holidaymakers.

We would also like to say thank you to our cleaning teams who do such a great job to make sure that the caravans are all fresh and ready for the arrival of our holidaymakers.

Holidaymakers Comments

Please see below some feedback received from our families this year so far:

- A chance to get away from all the stresses at home.
- It gave us much needed relaxation time away from hospitals.
- First holiday since road traffic accident 14 years ago. Fantastic to be able to enjoy time away and gain some happy memories.
- Seeing my sister who's got terminal kidney cancer (which has spread to her bones and spine making her paraplegic) SMILE.
- Excellent disabled facilities.
- Spending family time together and collecting memories that will last a lifetime.
- It was amazing to get away from all the stress and to be able to relax after an extremely traumatic year for our family - heartfelt thanks.
- Sat on beach, haven't been able to do this for so long. Beach was so easy to get on with beach wheelchair.
- A chance to relax, have fun and be able to be independent due to great wheelchair facilities.
- Seeing my autistic son calm by the sea.

Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2016 or 2017 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2018. 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.

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

Board of Directors

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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)
- Golden Sands Holiday Park, Mablethorpe, Lincs (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

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and we wish you all a happy festive season.

*The staff and Directors
Holiday Homes Trust*

