



Newsletter Issue 8 May 2018 Holiday Homes Trust

Donations received:-

£5,000 – Screwfix – towards refurbishment of caravans. Some of this money went towards purchasing new mattresses at our caravans at St. Austell and Great Yarmouth. We also had work carried out on the chassis of our St. Austell caravan to protect it against sea air.

£2,000 – Yorkshire Building Society – towards refurbishment of our caravan at New Milton. We had the caravan reupholstered and replaced all the curtains and blinds.

Welcome to our new Treasurer

We would like to welcome Sara Last as our new Treasurer. Here is a little introduction from Sara:

“I am thrilled to be taking over as Treasurer for the Holiday Homes Trust. I have a background of bookkeeping and accountancy, currently working for myself as a freelance. I am the Treasurer also for my local scout group, having seen 3 children in the movement, one of which is still a Scout. I also provide the financial services for a local youth theatre group as well as Chaperone services for local theatre. I live in a village on the Northamptonshire/ Warwickshire/ Leicestershire border where I am also a Parish Councillor. I am very much looking forward to my involvement with the Trust as it continues to grow and support people”.

Positive feedback from 2017

Our aim is to ensure that our clients get a chance to enjoy their holiday and make happy memories to enable them to return home relaxed and happy. Below are some of the comments we received:-

- A chance to get away from all the stresses at home.
- It gave us much needed relaxation time away from hospitals.
- Having MS this could be my last because of having disability difficulties ie a hoist/shower chair/commode.
- First holiday since road traffic accident 14 years ago. Fantastic to be able to enjoy time away and gain some happy memories.
- Away from stress and anxieties – chance to see more places and spend a lot of time on the beaches as it was our first time to have this kind of holiday in 11 years.
- Can't put into words how much this meant, only that it meant we could be a couple again and were able to make new memories.
- A chance to get away from the basic routine of home life caring for someone with MS.
- Seeing my autistic son calm by the sea.
- I thought I would never have a seaside holiday again so really enjoyed this chance.

These mean so much to us and we feel we are helping in small ways to make family life better by giving people the chance to have a holiday they would not otherwise have been able to afford.

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:-

£120 from City of Portsmouth SAS

£50 from North Watford Scout Fellowship

£802 has been received from our Director, John Le Warne.

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.

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

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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