



Newsletter Issue 9 November 2018 Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman's Message:-

Welcome to the latest edition of the Holiday Homes Trust newsletter.

This year's letting season proved to be a very good one for the Trust, and helped to maintain a steady financial position. It was further enhanced by the opening of our new location for our caravan at Mablethorpe in Lincolnshire. We are continuing to raise funds to either replace some of our older caravans and also to try and extend the number of locations at which we operate. So if you have any spare cash under your floorboards or mattresses please think about the possibility of a donation to the HHT. Due to circumstances the position of a new treasurer for the Trust has not been resolved and we are still urgently trying to find a replacement. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer for this role and be a member of the Trust board, we'd love to hear from you, especially David Ranger and Bob Panton who have been holding the fort admirably all this time. Next year will be the Holiday Homes Trust 50th Anniversary. Strange to think that it all began with a scout leader having a wishing well in his front garden into which passers-by threw money and the funds started off the HHT. We intend to have a presence at the Gilwell Reunion next year to celebrate our fifty years, so put a marker in your diaries now and we will hope to see you there. Best wishes to you all for the coming festive season of Christmas and the New Year.

Roger Hurrion, MBE
Chairman

Donations received:-

- Archer Trust - £2,000

We are now taking bookings for this caravan for the 2019 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.

Treasurer Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a volunteer honorary treasurer for the Holiday Homes Trust. If you are interested or know of anyone that may be, then please contact us.

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:

- It allowed us to have a holiday for the first time in years due to medical issues. This holiday was really important for our wellness and quality of life.
- The opportunity to visit a new place in a specially adapted accommodation, given freedom of movement in a safe environment.
- It was our first holiday for years and longest. We couldn't have afforded one otherwise. Thank you.
- It was such a wonderful break, gave me and my daughter time to rest from stresses of hospitals and constant pain.

Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2018 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

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

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

Winston Churchill

The staff and Directors of
The Holiday Homes Trust wish you all a

Merry  
Christmas