



Newsletter Issue 10

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Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman's Message:-

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. Another season of bookings and the office is in full swing dealing with the many enquiries and lettings. There have been a few changes of personnel both in the office and on the trust board. Jo Browne, one of our excellent administrators, has left to another job opportunity and we have been very fortunate in finding a replacement, Hayley Butcher, to work alongside Marion. We welcome Hayley and hope that she will be very happy and enjoy working for us. We also wish Jo all the very best in her new job.

On the board of trustees we have finally managed to appoint a treasurer, Roger Neville, whose details appear elsewhere in the newsletter. This means that now our two very good "stand ins", Bob Panton and David Ranger can now hand over the financial reins. The trust is very grateful for all extra efforts that they have had to put in to keep the finances on track.

The trustees have also decided to appoint a professional business manager, Russell Hurlock, who has experience in finance and banking and working in scouting. Russell's role at the moment is to improve our business model, enhancing our finances, through possible joint workings with other charitable organisations, gaining sponsorship and applying for grants from various other trusts and charities. In the short time that Russell has been with us he has managed to secure £12,000 towards funding for new caravans and several new initiatives to put to the board. The trust is entering into a new era of development of its work.

The last part of this chairman's message is really an appeal to all those of you that are reading this edition of the newsletter. Letting our caravan holidays to full capacity is really the lifeblood of our organisation and gives us the income that we need to continue and develop the good work that we do. So please tell others about us, and make as many others aware of what we do and the caravan holidays that we can provide, so that we can increase our bookings and not have caravans standing idle and empty during the letting season.

Best wishes to you all.

Roger Hurrion, MBE
Chairman

Successful fundraising applications received so far in 2019:

Charles French Charitable Trust - £2,000.00
National Lottery - £10,000.00

We are presently fundraising to purchase a caravan on a new park in Weymouth, Dorset.

Farewell to Johannah Browne - Administrator

We are sorry to say goodbye to Jo who has worked for us for over seven years as Administrator here in the office. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and all that she achieved during her time here. She was invaluable to the trust. She will be greatly missed by us all especially Marion in the office.

Welcome to Hayley Butcher - Administrator

We would like to welcome Hayley to the Trust. Hayley joined in April after working many years for the London Borough of Waltham Forest in Finance. She is looking forward to helping people enjoy a well deserved break in our caravans. In her spare time Hayley enjoys musicals, afternoon tea and crafting with her friends.

New Treasurer – Roger Neville

We are delighted to welcome Roger as our new Treasurer. Roger Neville FCA is a qualified accountant, with over 40 years of accountancy practice, which has included running and developing his own firm R.D.Neville & Co. His experience has also included being appointed to the boards of a number of businesses as either CEO or Finance Director in the areas of computer software and telecommunications.

Russell Hurlock

We are equally delighted to welcome Russell as our Business Development Manager. Here are some words from Russell:-

I have joined the Holiday homes trust as business development manager on a part time basis in February. I worked in corporate finance at an international bank for 30 years before taking my experience in both the commercial world and my charity volunteer experience and applying it to helping charities on a more professional footing. I have held a number of trustee positions at charities both at a local and national level, I'm currently a trustee for Chingford District scouts, having previously held roles as a scout section leader, Group scout leader and district commissioner level. I also serve as treasurer for a local branch of a national charity that supports the terminally ill. I am married to Brigitte who has worked for the Scout association for over 15 years. I have a teenage son just finishing college, and who is well on his way to becoming a Queens Scout.

My role at HHT is to develop and deliver a plan to greatly increase the number of disadvantaged families we help, by both growing our network of Caravans, improving occupancy rates of the vans we have, and where possible to work with other charities with similar aims to ours to increase both our visibility and accessibility to those in need.

My first job is to find the money to increase our caravan network, and in that regard we have already identified a new location that we hope to bring on stream for summer 2020. I am actively seeking funding for this now in the coming months we may be asking you to help support this drive and our next newsletter will have more details about how you can get involved.

In the meantime if you have any fundraising ideas and need my support don't hesitate to contact me via the main office email address.

Fundraising

Russell's son William has very kindly offered to run the Royal Park's half marathon in order to raise money for the Holiday Homes Trust in October. We rely on the generosity of our members and their friends and family to support us and we would be very grateful if you would consider donating money to William for this challenge he is undertaking. If you would like to donate to William please click on this link:- <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/willhurlockrpfhm20189311>.

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.

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 2018 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2019. 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

May I say
That I like May
I wish every day
Was a May kind of day
With growing grass
And buzzing bees
With blowing breezes
And flowering trees

