

# The Scout Holiday Homes Trust



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Amongst their many deprivations, families in need can often be denied even the temporary break of a short holiday because they cannot find somewhere with the facilities essential to their requirements at a price they can afford.

In 1969, the Scout Holiday Homes Trust was founded to help people with special needs by providing, at low cost, a high standard of rented self-catering accommodation at popular resorts.

In 2008, the Trust can offer 13 caravans and 1 chalet at 12 sites in Wales, the West Country, the southern coast of England, Norfolk, Essex, North Yorkshire and Northumberland.

Applicants are not restricted to Members of the Scout or Guide Movements because, to the Trust, 'family in need' covers a broad community spectrum which includes those with any member with special needs, single parent families, low income families and those with elderly relatives – in fact any family or carers in which the quality of life is diminished by disability, infirmity or misfortune.

Where the terms are still beyond their means, families or groups may be referred to the Trust by sponsors such as the local social or health services or other charities.

## Facilities

The accommodation comprises either luxury caravans or a chalet that have been adapted to give convenient access to wheelchair users. Units are completely self-contained with fully fitted kitchens, shower, flush toilet, TV/video and sleeping accommodation for up to six people.

Each location has on-site shopping and catering facilities to meet the daily needs of self-catering holidaymakers and lively sports and entertainment programmes provide for the enjoyment of visitors of all ages.

## Organisation

The Trust is administered by Trustees and a National Executive Committee, while accommodation units are in the care of Local Management Teams. All are volunteers and many are Scout Fellowship Members. Lynda Peters, the Trust Administrator and Secretary to the National Executive Committee runs the Trust Office at Gilwell Park. She is assisted part-time by Ann Standing.

## Finance

This largely voluntary nature of the Trust helps to keep overhead to a minimum which is essential for the maintenance of a low-cost tariff. Rentals, in fact, meet only basic running costs. For unit maintenance, repairs, equipment and furnishings and future development, the Trust depends on its Members through subscriptions, donations, local fundraising and the conversion of British commemorative or foreign stamps, foreign coins and bric-a-brac with a collector's value to cash.

A **free colour brochure** is available giving details of facilities, locations and hiring conditions. Enquiries should be addressed to The Scout Holiday Homes Trust at the address shown below.

The Scout Holiday Homes Trust is a fine example of 'Scouts help others' in action and, each year, its efforts bring a much needed respite from daily cares which might not otherwise be possible for hundreds of families.

Enquiries, correspondence and donations should be addressed to:

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**Berwick**

Berwick Holiday Park  
Magdalene Fields  
Berwick-upon-Tweed,  
Northamptonshire

One Caravan

**Burnham**

Burnham-on-Sea Holiday Village  
Marine Drive  
Burnham-on-Sea  
Somerset

Two Caravans

**Clacton**

The Orchards Holiday Village  
St Osyth  
Clacton-On-Sea  
Essex

One Caravan

**Exmouth**

Devon Cliffs Holiday Park  
Sandy Bay  
Exmouth  
Devon

Two Caravans

**Great Yarmouth**

Seashore Holiday Park  
North Dunes  
Great Yarmouth  
Norfolk

One Caravan

**Kidwelly**

Carmarthen Bay Holiday Park  
Ferryside  
Kidwelly  
Dyfed  
Wales

One Chalet

**New Milton**

Hoburne Naish  
Christchurch Road  
New Milton  
Hampshire

One Caravan

**Paignton**

Hoburne Torbay  
Grange Road  
Goodrington  
Paignton  
Devon

One Caravan

**Poole**

Rockley Park Holiday Park  
Hamworthy  
Poole  
Dorset

One Caravan

**Prestatyn**

Presthaven Sands Holiday Park  
Gronant  
Prestatyn  
North Wales

One Caravan

**St Austell**

Pentewan Sands Holiday Park  
Pentewan Sands  
St Austell  
Cornwall

Two Caravans

**Skipsea**

Low Skirlington Leisure Park  
Skipsea  
Driffield  
East Yorkshire

One Caravan