



Beach Wheelchairs Newsletter

Spring 2016

Sunshine and showers

Welcome to the second issue of the Beach Wheelchairs Newsletter. Bringing you all the news from the Beach Hut in North Berwick!



Easter this year was colder than average but we were delighted to have some hardy souls out with our Beach Wheelchairs! Over the Easter fortnight we loaned out the beach wheelchairs 10 times to allow people to access the beaches in North Berwick.

We were also pleased to be able to help out with a

holiday maker visiting nearby Harvest Moon Holidays at Tynninghame. We are happy to loan our beach wheelchairs for use on other beaches by prior arrangement.

Disabled Access Day

Saturday 12th March was the second ever Disabled Access Day. As this is what we are all about – letting people with disabilities have access to the beach - we had to mark the occasion!



We opened up the Beach Hut for the afternoon and had loads of visitors popping by to see what we get up to and see our wheelchairs.

We were also delighted to be presented with a cheque

from the North Berwick Tesco store for £400!

We are looking forward to spending this on new marketing materials to keep on spreading the word! If you are able to help distribute leaflets or posters please get in touch ☺

How to book



We have a new phone number!

0300 111 2112

We have changed to help us manage our calls better. Please update any saved details you have for us!

We have a child's beach wheelchair, two adult beach wheelchairs and a beach walker all available for hire free of charge. Call us to find out more details.

Fundraisers

We have been staggered by the amount of generous and brave individuals that are raising money to help Beach Wheelchairs. All money raised will be spent on

getting people with disabilities onto the beach.

A special thanks to:

A team of 15 from Balfour Beatty doing the Three Peaks Challenge; and

Judy Lockhart who is running the Edinburgh Marathon on 29th May.

Good Luck from all of us at Beach Wheelchairs!

Saltersgate Primary Visit

In March Beach Wheelchairs loaned out our Hippocampe wheelchair to Kiera, a pupil from Saltersgate primary school, so that she could go on an outing to the seaside with her classmates. Kiera and her classmates had a fantastic time!



Kiera from Saltersgate purple class

Len Groom, our volunteer on duty, was delighted to receive a 'Thank You' letter from the class.

This is a bit of what they said...

'No amount of money could buy the sound of her laughter as she went down the beach and into the water, and there is no way that I could use words to tell you how successful the special buggy was.'

We hope to see Kiera and her classmates again...maybe next time she won't need a wooly hat!

Events

On 19th June the 'Flying Aspidistras' are having an evening of Oscar and Eurovision Musical classics in the Abbey Church, North Berwick with the proceeds going to Beach Wheelchairs.



Our thanks to all involved ☺ and I hope that you can support this event.

Our Volunteers

We rely on our volunteers to help us hire out our Beach Wheelchairs.

Full training is given at our Beach Hut. This training includes familiarisation with our wheelchairs, how to open up the Beach Hut and how to fill in the bits of paperwork required. It is a rewarding role and can fit in with other commitments. We'd love to hear from you if you can spare an afternoon once or twice a fortnight, particularly over the summer months.

BT MyDonate

We are now up and running with MyDonate from BT. This is an online fundraising site. If you are planning a sponsored event or have set yourself a personal challenge you can set up your own fundraising page here to raise funds for us! We chose this site as all the donations come directly to us with no deductions.

Find out more at: www.btplc.com/mydonate

Contact Us

info@beachwheelchairs.org

0300 111 2112

Find us on Facebook

www.beachwheelchairs.org