



Beach Wheelchairs Newsletter

Summer 2016

Beach Wheelchairs First Year

It's hard to believe that Beach Wheelchairs has now been operational for one year! We opened for business on the 1st July 2015. Since then we have hired out our beach wheelchairs and walker over 100 times!

Some of those hires have been to customers from the local area, some of whom have come back time and time again.

Other hires have been to tourists visiting from other parts of Britain and as far away as Austria! We are delighted that we are reaching out to both the local community and putting North Berwick on the map as an accessible tourist destination!

We have helped out with school trips, scout groups, playschemes, and group outings. We have also helped 3 wedding guests attend beach weddings with the rest of their family.

Thanks to Anne Morrice for the great photo of her and her mum at her daughter's wedding.



Fantastic Fundraisers

Since the last issue we have again received financial support from both individuals and businesses to allow us to continue to provide our service. Thank you to everyone that donates to us. We are completely volunteer run and all the money raised goes straight to the project.

Two amazing feats of stamina, perseverance and courage were undertaken by individuals to raise money for Beach Wheelchairs.

Judy Lockhart ran the Edinburgh Marathon



In May Judy Lockhart ran the Edinburgh Marathon to raise funds for Beach Wheelchairs completing it in a superb 6 hours 22 minutes! And raised a whopping £1700 ☺

'I am extremely proud to have helped Beach Wheelchairs purchase their hoist and I hope that for many years to come, more and more people who perhaps previously could not have will now be able to enjoy the beach as much as me!'

Balfour Beatty Three Peaks challenge

In June a team from Balfour Beatty set out to complete the Three Peaks Challenge – climbing Britain's 3 highest mountains within 24 hours! All to raise funds for Beach Wheelchair.



The group raised a phenomenal £5,200 for Beach Wheelchairs. Amazing! Well Done to all involved.

The Hoist

The money raised by our fantastic fundraisers has been put to good use already. In June we purchased a special outdoor hoist to allow us to safely transfer individuals that are not themselves able to transfer between their own personal wheelchair and one of our Beach Wheelchairs.

The hoist has been bolted down beside the Beach Hut ready to swing into action at a moment's notice!



The hoist is a great addition to our services and in particular is being used by a customer who has a regular booking with us every Monday morning. We believe we are the first Beach Wheelchair hire service to have a hoist available.....in keeping with our aims to get as many people as possible back on the beach!

The Nomad

What's missing from the photo below? Yup the customers because they were in the sea swimming!



This is a photo of the Nomad wheelchair, one of the wheelchairs we hire out. It has a footrest that can swing out of the way. The wheelchair can then be taken into the shallows which allowed this customer to get

from the wheelchair into the sea for a swim on a rare scorching day in North Berwick. It's also great for paddling from so don't forget your towels when you hire our wheelchairs!

How to book

Beach Wheelchairs are available to hire every day during daylight hours from our Beach Hut in North Berwick Harbour.

Please call us in advance to book.

0300 111 2112



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

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