



Beach Wheelchairs Newsletter

Winter & Spring 2018

Time for a Catch Up!

Welcome

Here at Beach Wheelchairs we've been really busy working away in the colder weather to improve the service we provide our customers as we head towards Summer 2018.

Seton Sands



We are really delighted to have recently opened a new project at Seton Sands. This has been a joint effort between ourselves, Haven and East Lothian Council and local residents.

This project was launched by local boy Murray Scott with the help of his sister Sophie on Saturday 21st April. The hippocampe wheelchair is stored within the Haven site but is available for use by both their customers and anyone else that needs help to get on the beach through either disability or illness.

Beach Wheelchairs Seton Sands

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Team Mascot

Beach Wheelchairs was over the moon to help Charlie Kay realise his dream of being a mascot for his favourite team Manchester City. The Hippocampe wheelchair was ideal for him to get right on to the pitch at the Etihad stadium with all his favourite players.



Charlie's mum Mel is currently Vice Chair of Beach Wheelchairs and a very active volunteer with both Charlie and her daughter Meredith at the Beach Hut. Brilliant experience for an amazing family 😊

Portobello

The Portobello container is now looking really beautiful thanks to the designs of Towerbank Primary pupils and the work of local artist

Louise who brought these images to life. This makeover was generously funded by Barratt Homes.



We are delighted to have trained more volunteers over the Easter period who have been fab at enabling people to get back on the beach. We have some upcoming training dates at the start of June too. Please check out our Facebook BeachWheelchairsPortobello page for up to date information or drop us an email.

On the 26th May Portobello Beach Wheelchairs will take part in the Big Walk project.

The event, which takes place at **Portobello Promenade between 10.30am and 2pm**, promises to be a fun-filled event for everyone.

It will include a beach clean up, singing together, playing games and having fun and eating together in our Big Beach Plastic-free Picnic.

Portobello Beach Wheelchairs

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North Berwick

The planned ramp upgrade in North Berwick has recently been completed. This work has been done in conjunction with East Lothian Council and the Area Partnership which have also part funded this work.

We've already had loads of positive comments about how much easier it is to get back up the beach!



Beach Wheelchairs North Berwick

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Tesco Bags of Help

We have been so grateful to receive continued support from Tesco via their Tesco Bags of Help scheme. This scheme has funded both our North Berwick and Portobello projects.

And thanks to everyone that popped their blue tokens in

to support us in the relevant stores!

Walk with Scott



Money raised from the recent walk with Scott event will help us purchase an adult beach wheelchair for Seton Sands; and a power all terrain beach wheelchair for North Berwick. We are so grateful to be supported by this local fundraiser and are working hard in the background to put everything we need in place to deliver these projects. Watch this space!

Donations and Fundraising

We continue to be supported by a range of fabulous people. We have recently received donations from the Goode's whose son Matthew uses the scheme, Judy Lockhart via the Local Heroes Forth One appeal, Aberlady Lunch Club, and a recent generous donation from North Berwick schoolgirl Emily who raised £40 by giving up TV for Lent. A massive thank you to you all!