

Newsletter - Autumn 2006

Busy busy busy ...

Castleton Primary School

We are assisting our local village school, by providing their PE every Wednesday afternoon for 10 weeks. Recently, 23 children aged 6 to 11 years old, walked up Lose Hill (on the ridge behind Hollowford). Other activities planned include caving, problem solving and cooking lunch outdoors.

New minibus

A new minibus has just been ordered to replace the oldest one in our fleet. We have opted for a Peugeot Monarch with all age seat belts and removable back seats.

Awards For All

We have recently been granted nearly £10,000 to help make our programmes and facilities become more accessible to all. The money is being used to buy various items including; hearing loops, inflatable canoes that are very stable and easier to use with wheelchair users, specialist climbing harnesses and many other items.

Open Day

Was great success all round with the day officially opened by Richard Caborn, Minister for Sport. Many people from the past visited us for the day. We heard some amazing stories from as far back as the 1960's and were encouraged by the benefits that people related to their Hollowford experience.

Book Early

We are getting even busier! Please try to identify your dates well in advance & please let us know as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Back Tor Bungalow & Stange Accommodation

The small bungalow at the rear of the site that we called 'Back Tor' was demolished in August. The building was constructed in the early 70's as the resident warden's house. The new building will enhance site flexibility in a number of ways including;

- Single occupancy for groups away from the main building
- Easier inclusion for All Abilities
- Specialist catering for religious groups

If you think you can help with fundraising, then please let us know!

We are listening to your comments about our Stange accommodation block, this is next in line for redevelopment and work will hopefully start once the new building is completed and operational.

Community Benefit Programmes

Following on from the success of this year's partnership programme with DHL Logistics UK graduate programme, the trust is hoping to develop more partnerships with companies wanting to put something back in to society.

Graduates were tasked with the responsibility for the design & delivery of a 3-day outdoor education event for groups of Y5 pupils from 3 Sheffield inner city schools.

Staff changes

We are very happy that Claire Hinchliffe & Becki Heys have recently joined the instructional team, their ideas and input are very inspiring.

In the kitchen, Amy Bradburn has joined the team. Jon Bentley has moved on to concentrate on his own business and we will shortly be saying goodbye to Liz who has been with us for over 30 years.

Facts & Figures...

(April 06 – Sept 06) we;

- had **1862** overnight guests making a total **4228** bed nights
- worked with **1465** day visitors for a total of **1934** days
- worked with **93** organisations many on more than 1 event
- with **2908** of our visitors being under 25 years old

Lindley Educational Trust Dinner

Saturday 25th November
Whirlowbrook Hall

Tickets £50 per head

We are confident that this will be a fantastic evening out and you'll be supporting the future of the Trust

A Festival of Learning (sharing best practice)

2-4 March 07

With a choice from 16 workshops this not for profit event offers a chance to learn from experts, fellow trainers and informal networking.

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