

Issue 4 – September (Autumn) 2011

Here it is, the fourth issue of our newsletter bringing its first year to a close. I'm not quite sure where that time has gone! Again it is another 'full to the brim' copy with lots of new additions for the website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers for your input and welcome any new suggestions for year two!

Rachael (The Ed)

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Free Countryside Training?

In conjunction with the Fieldfare Trust we have another two day 'Countryside for All' Training Course for community groups interested in understanding more about how disability can relate to accessing in the countryside. This is a free course and will take place on the 19th and 20th of October at Shrewsbury Sports Village. If you are interested in attending, please contact our Secretary Sue on:

sue@disabledholidayinfo.org.uk

You need to be quick as there are only three spaces left.

New additions for the Attraction Search



[Birkenhead Park](#) in Merseyside first opened in 1847 and was the first publicly funded park in the world. It is listed as a Grade 1 Historic Park and has recently undergone a 1.1 million pound facelift which included the creation of a purpose built visitor centre. There is a network of paths with easy access that wind through the park's woodland, gardens and by the lake.

Other attractions added this summer were:

[Ironbridge Scenic River Cruisers](#) – Shropshire

[Knowsley Safari Park](#) – Merseyside

[Bala Lake Railway](#) – Gwynedd

[Brecon National Park Mountain Information Centre](#) - Powys

New Factsheets Coming Soon!

We have updated our Accessible Caravan Accommodation factsheet and compiled a new one entitled Shropshire Holiday Services. Both will be available to download on the website during September.

Calendar of Events:

Due to the huge increase of events listed on the website, I am no longer able to provide a full calendar each issue. The forth coming quarter has 65 events already listed with many more in the process of being added! Below are a few of the highlights picked to give a range in different areas. Please use the links provided for further details and be sure to check out the website for the full list of [events](#).

Event Name:

[Dudley Zoo Sensory Awareness Day](#)

Place: Dudley

Date: 17th September

Description: Annual event for the Zoo's blind & visually impaired visitors includes Touch & Feel Animal Bio Facts & much more!

Event Name: [DNEC 2011](#)

Place: Newcastle upon Tyne

Date: 21st – 22nd September

Description: Disability North's Annual Exhibition of equipment for disabled people and children.

Event Name: [Comedy Night – Ludlow](#)

Place: Ludlow

Date: 6th October

Description: Star of BBC's Mock the Week, Andy Parsons is live with an evening entitled 'Gruntled'!

Event Name: [Naidex South](#)

Place: London

Date: 19th – 20th **October**

Description: This is the third of the Naidex Disability and Healthcare Exhibitions for 2011.

Event Name: [Winter Craft Fayre](#)

Place: Heanor, Derbyshire

Date: 27th November

Description: Find original Christmas gifts at the Shipley Country Parks fourth annual Winter Craft Fayre.

New Guides for Powys

We are pleased to announce that DHI is currently engaged on an exciting new project working for Powys Council to produce two new guides for the County. One will be for accessible countryside trails and the other will be for accessible holiday accommodation. All accommodations and trails our researchers check out for the project will also be added to our website search, so you will be in for a sneak preview! The guides are scheduled to be published Easter 2012, however we will update you closer to the time and keep you posted with our progress.

Fancy a 'wheelie' good walk?

Then check out the seven new accessible trails added to our website search during the summer. Some of these are linked to the Powys project above.

[Alwen Reservoir](#) – Level 3
Corwen, Denbighshire

[Belan Locks](#) – Level 1
Welshpool, Powys

[Gregynog Hall Gardens](#) – Level 2
Newtown, Powys

[Montgomery Castle Trail](#) – Level 2
Montgomery, Powys

[Montgomery Canal \(Berriew\)](#) – Level 1
Welshpool, Powys

[Epynt Way](#) – Level 3
Brecon, Powys

[The Groe](#) – Level 1
Builth Wells, Powys

New Featured Accommodations

Tw Twt Annex is a brand new wheelchair accessible suite, located in a tranquil setting with scenic sea views.

It opened at Tw Gwyn in July 2011.

The annex can either be rented as a



self catering unit or on a B&B basis, and sleeps up to 2+2 people. Situated down a quiet private road, just outside Aberaeron town centre, Tw Gwyn is just a few metres from the sea and Heritage Coastal Path. For more info about the annex please click [here](#).

Other new additions this quarter were:

[The Station Master's House](#) – Sanquhar, Dumfries and Galloway

[Captain's Table B&B](#) – Thornton Cleveleys, Lancashire

[Mortons House Hotel](#) – Corfe Castle, Dorset

[CDA Caravan](#) – Newquay, Cornwall

[Cloud Nine Escapes](#) – Ironbridge, Shropshire

[Base2Stay Hotel](#) – Liverpool, Merseyside

[39 Golf Village Caravan](#) – Flookburgh, Cumbria

[5 Hawthorn Way Caravan](#) – Filey, North Yorkshire

[6a The Cliffs](#) – Heysham, Lancashire

[10 The Cliffs](#) – Heysham, Lancashire

[The Bungalow \(Fairoaks\)](#) – Brecon, Powys

For more detailed accessibility information please use the links provided above.

Out and About in the Community!

This year's stand at Warrington DAD (July) was extremely busy, we handed out a wealth of accessible leisure information and also raised almost £200 towards our funds. So many thanks to all those visitors we met on the day.

We have also been working with a local group called 'Aqueducks' based on the Shropshire/ Welsh Border re repairs to damage on a new accessible canal side trail.

NEWS FLASH - The national charity Vitalise now provide group holidays specifically designed for holiday makers with visual impairments. Every holiday group is made up with sighted holiday makers who have basic guiding techniques. Whilst guiding can be challenging its also great fun. To read the full news item, please click [here](#).

Recycle Corner

Recycling is a large part of our fund raising. Printer cartridges can be posted in a freepost envelope supplied by us (or freepost label for larger quantities and toners). We also collect used postage stamps and postcards. Please [contact us](#) for further details.

A HUGE thank you all for your efforts last quarter we raised a massive £110.20

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