



# Holiday Information

For parents/carers on organisations which have reduced cost holidays available for families who have a child with a disability

## The Family Fund

This Fund will consider any request on its merits and within the following grant-making criteria:



- The Family Fund is open to families with children/young people aged 17 and under who have a severe disability or serious illness
- The family must be resident in the UK
- Child/young person must be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Families who receive tax credits or certain benefits
- The Family Fund cannot help on behalf of children and young people in local authority care, including those living with relatives or foster carers

You must complete an application form which can be downloaded and sent in by post or you can complete the form online. You can also call 0844 974 4099 or write requesting a form from:

The Family Fund,  
Unit 4, Alpha Court,  
Monks Cross Drive,  
York  
YO32 9WN.

Web: [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)  
Email: [info@familyfund.org.uk](mailto:info@familyfund.org.uk)

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## Harriet Davis Trust

The Trust provides self-catering holiday homes in Tenby, Pembrokeshire which are fully adapted and equipped for families with disabled children.



- “Harriet’s House” – sleeps 7
- “Giltar View” – sleeps 8
- “The Wheelabout” – sleeps 10 – this has a small indoor swimming pool with a hoist for pool entry and a changing room with an adjustable changing table.
- “Caerwen” – sleeps 6 – has a soft playroom.

Heating, lighting and bed linen is included in the rental cost. The Trust sends out its provisional booking forms in October/November and allocates the property for the following year.

For more information:

Tel: 01834 814645  
Email: [admin@harriet-davis-trust.org.uk](mailto:admin@harriet-davis-trust.org.uk)  
Web: [www.harriet-davis-trust.org.uk](http://www.harriet-davis-trust.org.uk)

## The Bond Hotel

Set just off the South Shore coast, Blackpool, the Bond Hotel is a family-run accessible hotel catering for disabled guests for over 20 years.



It is situated close to the heart of Blackpool and its many wonderful attractions. They have some fully accessible rooms with tracking hoists, profiling beds and level access wet floor showers.

They organise a range of coach trips to locations across the Fylde Coast and beyond, all departing from and returning to the comfort of the hotel. They host a wide range of events and entertainment each evening in their fully wheelchair-accessible show bar.

Web: [bondhotel.co.uk](http://bondhotel.co.uk)  
Tel: 01253 341 218

## Kensington Foundation

They have 2 projects offering holidays for families with a disabled family member –

- 1) The Daisy Chain Project
- 2) The Canal Boat Project.

### 1) The Daisy Chain Project

This is a respite holiday programme for families who have children with special needs.



They offer self contained, peaceful accommodation for families living in difficult circumstances and are situated in Blackpool.

They have 10 apartments which sleep up to 5 people and some are wheelchair accessible. They make a nominal charge for the week.

For further information contact them on:

Tel: 01253 761444

Email: [kentrust1@hotmail.com](mailto:kentrust1@hotmail.com)

Web: [www.kensingtonfoundation.com](http://www.kensingtonfoundation.com)  
(then click on "The Daisy Chain Project")

### 2) Canal Boat Project

The Margaret Kane is a wide beam canal boat purpose built in 2007.



Their mission is to provide memorable affordable holidays on the Lancaster Canal for families needing additional support.

There are 2 bedrooms and it is fitted with a wheelchair lift and accessible toilet as well as wide corridors and doors to cater for wheelchair access.

For further information contact:

Tel: 01253 761334

Email: [kensingtontrust@aol.com](mailto:kensingtontrust@aol.com)

Web: [www.kensingtonfoundation.com](http://www.kensingtonfoundation.com)

## The Holiday Homes Trust

The Holiday Homes Trust is a registered charity, and provides self-catering holiday accommodation in a welcoming, friendly environment for any family or group who has a member with special needs.



They also support families with elderly or frail members, people with any special needs and their carers, single parent families and those on low income. The Trust provides holidays at subsidised rates.

All the Trust's caravans and chalets are wheelchair accessible. They have a purpose-built ramp, and the unit doors – inside as well as the outside – are wide enough to allow access for all standard-size manual wheelchairs.

There is sufficient room inside the accommodation to allow for a wheelchair to get alongside the bed, the toilet, the meal table, the shower, and to be able to move freely in most areas. The Trust now has one caravan with a wheel-in shower.

The Trust has units in all areas of England all of which are on fully commercial holiday parks such as Haven Holiday Parks and Hoburne.

These parks have superb facilities, as well as daytime and evening entertainment.

The Holiday Homes Trust  
Gilwell Park,  
Chingford,  
LONDON E4 7QW  
United Kingdom

Tel: 0208 433 7290 or 0208 433 7291

Email: [scout.holiday.homes@scouts.org.uk](mailto:scout.holiday.homes@scouts.org.uk)

Web: [www.holidayhomestrust.org](http://www.holidayhomestrust.org)

## The Beamsley Project



The Beamsley Project is an independent charity which provides self-catering holiday accommodation in the Yorkshire Dales for people with disabilities and their care assistants. The accommodation comprises a Centre and adjoining cottage, and is easily accessible.

The cottage is adjacent to the Centre and although it is quite separate it can be booked together with the Centre for larger groups. The cottage will sleep up to six people, in three twin bedrooms. It is ideal for small groups of people with disabilities.

The ground floor includes a cosy sitting room with a television. From the sitting room a wheel chair lift provides easy access to the first floor bedrooms. There is a well-equipped kitchen with dining area. The sink unit is also height adjustable. Also on the ground floor is a wash 'n' dry toilet and washbasin.

On the first floor there are three bedrooms. There is an electrically adjusted bed and all beds can have rails fitted or pillow lifts added. Also on the first floor is an accessible shower room with toilet and washbasin.

### Contact them on:

The Beamsley Project, Harrogate Road, Hazlewood, Skipton, BD23 6JA

Tel / Fax: 01756 710 255

E-mail: [info@beamsleyproject.org](mailto:info@beamsleyproject.org)

Web: [www.beamsleyproject.org](http://www.beamsleyproject.org)

## CanalAbility—boating without boundaries



Canalability are a registered charity working with community, youth and family groups especially those with disabled people. Have a great day, weekend break or holiday exploring the Rivers Stort and Lee through the Essex and Hertfordshire countryside. They have 3 fully accessible canal boats with lifts, hoist, wet room and disabled toilet facilities.

Email: [hello@canalability.org.uk](mailto:hello@canalability.org.uk)

Web: [www.canalability.org.uk](http://www.canalability.org.uk)

Tel: 01279 424444

## The Lyneal Trust



The Lyneal Trust is a registered charity that provides holidays and canal boat trips for people with disabilities with their families, friends or in groups from its base at Lyneal Wharf. Lyneal Wharf lies on the banks of the Llangollen Canal, three miles from Ellesmere in North Shropshire.

The Lyneal Trust is a charity which owns and maintains 2 canal boats and 3 holiday cottages which are specially designed and built for people with disabilities. They are all available for hire at competitive rates.



Tel: 01948 710708

Web: [www.lyneal-trust.org.uk](http://www.lyneal-trust.org.uk)

## The Calvert Trust



### Kielder Water

They offer outdoor activity holidays, residential breaks and team building for children and adults with disabilities with their families and friends, from their fully accessible centre. Activities include sailing, canoeing and kayaking, climbing wall, high ropes course, King Swing, archery, zip wire, geocaching, laser clay shooting and abseiling and are fully accessible. Details of more activities are available of their website.

For more information contact the Calvert Trust:

Tel: 01434 250232

Web: [www.calvert-trust.org.uk](http://www.calvert-trust.org.uk)

### Lake District



This centre is also fully accessible and they offer a range of activities including sailing, canoeing, climbing, abseiling, trapeze and swing, as well as horse riding and trap driving. They have a selection of adapted bikes. See their website for full details.

Tel: 01768 772255

Web: [www.calvert-trust.org.uk](http://www.calvert-trust.org.uk)

## Haven Holidays



Haven have teamed up with Motability to offer Scheme customers exclusive savings of up to 15% on UK family holidays and short breaks.

Haven are proud to be in partnership with Motability and are delighted to offer Scheme customers and their families the chance to an additional 15% on top of their best direct prices on off-peak breaks and holidays.

When travelling over the school or bank holidays, Scheme customers can save an extra 5%. Other advantages are:

- There are adapted caravans at all of Haven's 36 coastal parks - their dedicated call centre advisors are fully trained to discuss every aspect of your holiday, including the types of caravans and the accessibility of them.
- The staff at Haven's sites are also disability aware and can assist customers with accessibility queries.
- Haven can offer a monthly payment plan with no added interest, to spread the cost of your holiday.

Haven Holidays also now offer dog-friendly holidays across a broad range of accommodation options so there is no need to worry about leaving your dog at home!

Plan an escape to suit you and your family with Haven by:

Tel: 0333 202 5423 and quoting Z\_MOT2 or

Web: [haven.com/motability](https://www.haven.com/motability) where your discount will be applied automatically when you book.

If you need an adapted caravan, simply request to speak to one of Haven's Special Needs Advisors to help find the best caravan for you.

## Disabled Travel Advice websites

### Disabled Travel Advice (UK)

Advice on accessible travel in the UK and abroad, including holidays, disability-friendly camp sites, choosing airlines, travelling with pets, hiring motability scooters and adventure holidays. Has information about youth-hostelling with a disability and an "ask the expert" service.



Web: [www.disabledtraveladvice.co.uk](http://www.disabledtraveladvice.co.uk)

### Tourism for all (UK)



Tourism for all UK (TFA) is a charity website providing all types of information ranging from accessible accommodation, holidays, attractions, days out, plus planning your trip in the UK and overseas.

Click on the TFA directory for a list of services, like holiday charities, attractions and accommodation, care services, short breaks, oxygen suppliers and more. They also list travel insurance companies for people with disabilities.

Tel: 0845 124 9971

Web: [www.tourismforall.org.uk](http://www.tourismforall.org.uk)

They also run the **Open Britain** website: [www.openbritain.net/places-to-go](http://www.openbritain.net/places-to-go)

Which covers accessibility information for accommodation, attractions, shopping and places to eat and drink

### DisabledGo

Their website has detailed access information to thousands of venues across the UK and the Republic of Ireland: shops, pubs, restaurants, cinemas, theatres, railway stations, hotels, universities, hospitals and more.



They specialise in providing information to maximise independence and choice for disabled people in accessing their local area and the places they want to visit.

Web: [www.disabledgo.com](http://www.disabledgo.com)

## Organisation Holidays

There are a number of charities that also arrange subsidised breaks for families who are members of their organisation.

### Down's Syndrome North East

They offer information, support and activities for people with Down's Syndrome and their families. They organise subsidised activity and leisure breaks for their members.



Tel: 0870 765 2121

Web: [www.dsne.org.uk](http://www.dsne.org.uk)

Email: [contact@dsne.org.uk](mailto:contact@dsne.org.uk)

### Deafblind UK



They offer support and information for people who are deafblind or living with a combined loss of sight and hearing. They have a caravan at Great Yarmouth available at a subsidised rate for members.

Tel: 01733 358100

Web: [www.deafblind.org.uk](http://www.deafblind.org.uk)

Email: [info@deafblind.org.uk](mailto:info@deafblind.org.uk)

### Happy Days



Provide funding for a family holiday, day trips, theatre trips and residential trips for children aged between 3 and 17 years old, and have special needs, usually in the UK.

Parent/carers or professionals can apply.

Tel: 01582 755 999

Email: [enquiries@happydayscharity.org](mailto:enquiries@happydayscharity.org)

Web: [www.happydayscharity.org](http://www.happydayscharity.org)

## Gingerbread



Provide advice, practical support and campaign for single parents.

They have a very comprehensive factsheet on holidays which outlines organisations which provide information or funding for carers of a disabled child. Please contact them for a copy of the factsheet or download it from their website.

Contact: 0808 802 0925

Web: [www.gingerbread.org.uk](http://www.gingerbread.org.uk)

### Funding for Holidays

Remember there are funding opportunities from various charities which many be available to your family.

Some charities allow families to apply directly, but other may require applications from professionals. The Disability Grants website has more information:

[www.disability-grants.org/holiday-grants.html](http://www.disability-grants.org/holiday-grants.html)

As mentioned on the front page of this booklet The Family Fund will support families who are looking for funding towards a family holiday or day trips out.

**Please Note: If you are interested in any of the holidays shown in this booklet, we recommend you try to book as soon as possible, as demand is high.**

## Skills for People

This booklet is produced by the Skills for People, a charity run by disabled people. We are based in Newcastle upon Tyne and for over 25 years we have been helping disabled people to speak up for themselves and make their own choices about their lives. Our work is led by disabled people and their experiences are at the heart of all we do.

Our Family Advice Workers support families with disabled children/young people up to the age of 25. They help families by giving practical advice, appropriate to their needs and working across all agencies such as education, social care, health, benefits, leisure and voluntary services. Their services are free to parents/carers.

We produce a range of information booklets, factsheets and "How To" guides. Visit our website to see the full range: [www.nsn.org.uk/resources](http://www.nsn.org.uk/resources)

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Facebook: [on.fb.me/1istYKg](https://on.fb.me/1istYKg)



Newcastle parents of children with disabilities  
and special needs working together

Facebook: [Pass it on Parents Newcastle](https://Pass it on Parents Newcastle)

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