



# NEWSLETTER

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## News and Updates

Many thanks and congratulations to Caroline and Bryan Taunton who have relinquished the joint role of Friends of Heyswood membership secretary due to the arrival of their second child Sophie Elizabeth and the tasks of raising a family - we wish them well. The role has been taken on by Steve Wicks and he will be chasing outstanding subs and trying to recruit new members!

Now you see it - now you don't... over a couple of weekends recently, members took down the large marquees, cleaned and dried them and stored them ready for use again next year. This has been a valuable addition to our equipment and has been widely used over the summer.

Spending a penny is fun ... well that's the opinion of some of the girls and leaders who have really welcomed the addition of electronic hand dryers in the Log Cabin and BP outside toilets. These were purchased and installed courtesy of monies granted to leaders from the Jack Petchey Foundation. It's really great that these leaders have considered Heyswood when awarded their money since so many girls will have the benefit of enhanced facilities. Other leader awards have provided a new sturdy bench for the pool area, a new recycled seat and new storage for the grass sledges.

Have you seen the latest addition to our activities at Heyswood - a four person Aeroball specially imported from the US and installed over the summer? This is suitable for all ages so make sure you bring your girls and allow time for them all to use it. This was mostly funded by Friends of Heyswood who raised over £8000.00 from various activities including the County raffle.

Our three orienteering courses are always available for use by all and will keep the girls occupied whilst exploring the campsite. Maps are available to download online or can be borrowed at Heyswood, while control cards can also be downloaded or purchased in the shop. Alternatively you can use the posts without maps to hang your own clue or trails on.

What better place to take part in the Region 'Growing up Wild' challenge than at our own campsite. Maybe you have noticed that several of the pictures used in the Region launch and in Raspberry Ripple were taken at Heyswood. Why not bring your girls for a Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon visit and enjoy our magical campsite with so much wildlife on offer. Heyswood in glorious autumn sunshine - a selection of photos taken this October are available on the GLW County website.

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## Help us raise funds for the Challenge Course planned for Heyswood.

Beetle Drives are great fun and suitable for all ages.

We will help you run a fundraising Beetle Drive with your unit during your meeting - providing templates for tickets, letters inviting parents, friends and siblings and providing instructions for preparations. We will then run the evening with you. You may chose to donate the funds raised to the Challenge Course or can make a 50/50 split for your unit funds with a minimum donation of £50 to Friends of Heyswood.

To book a date and confirm details please contact: FOH [friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk)



To reply or comment on any of the above please email us at: [friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofheyswood@hotmail.co.uk)



## Recycling

Please don't forget Gwen Price is still collecting clothing for recycling to raise funds. We need clean dry clothing that can be resold including belts, bags, hats and shoes which we can get money for. Unfortunately they no longer accept household linens, towels or bedding. However this can still be quite lucrative so contact us if you want to arrange a delivery.

Amounts raised so far            2013 - £485    2012 - £520    2011 - £549



**Easyfundraising** is a way of increasing our funds at no extra cost to you! If you do online shopping many retailers will give a percentage to your chosen cause so start your shopping through easyfundraising.

**Friends of Heyswood Challenge** - with over 700 adult leaders or helpers in our County we are sure that more could support our camp site and become 'Friends'. At just £5 per year (or £100 for life membership) we think this is great value and as you will see above is going towards making our campsite so much better for the girls to enjoy. So here's the challenge ... please spread the word and let's see if we can get our membership doubled by this time next year.