

Heated swimming pool

The thermal pool cover was installed in time for last season and helped to increase the temperature of the water and also the number of bookings for the pool.



The total cost of £ 5237.07 was paid by the Friends of Heyswood and included almost £2800 for the heavy duty reel system, £1500 for the actual cover and just over £1000 for the gear system which makes it easier for leaders to roll the cover away and back when the pool is being used.

We were also very grateful for a Jack Petchey Leader Award grant towards the cost of the cover.

Wetsuits

We now have quite a collection of wetsuits of varying sizes which may be used when booking the pool. Please turn them inside out and 'dunk' them before leaving them to drip dry for the next users. We are still collecting if you know anyone who has outgrown a wetsuit they are willing to donate.



What goes up must come down!

The Heyswood marquees were put up for the summer events and taken down after - we're a motley crew but always welcome more help of all shapes, sizes and abilities! Look out for our next dates - we NEED YOU!



Recycling

Unfortunately the price now being paid for the clothes recycling is no longer viable and there have been many restrictions added as to what materials they are willing to pay for so regrettably we have decided that it is no longer worthwhile to continue this. Many thanks to Gwen (and John) who has nobly taken this on for the last 5 years and during the time when it was more lucrative has raised about £2000



Grass sledges

Thanks to a donation from a Jack Petchey Leader Award grant we have been able to supply and install a storage shed for the grass sledges at the top of the hill, which means they are conveniently ready for use. Many thanks also to David Hill who masterminded the construction. A strategically positioned bench also gives Leaders a convenient position to supervise the girls on this activity!



Aeroball



Our Aeroball proved a popular new attraction last year, although currently protected for the winter it will be uncovered and available for bookings from early April.

An energetic game suitable for ages 7 up - 'almost like Volleyball, not quite like Basketball and not a mere trampoline.' Check out the rules and strategies for the game on our County website and then arrange an evening trip to Heyswood and hold a competition in your unit.

Online Shopping

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Don't forget to do your online shopping thorough **Easyfundraising**.

This is a way of increasing our funds at no extra cost to you! If you use the internet many retailers will give a percentage to your chosen cause <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gglw/>

West Hut

This was revamped recently and is suitable for small groups to sleep in or use as a base for campers. Thanks to a donation of a Jack Petchey Leader Award Grant we have now been able to add a kitchen area with a sink and replace the dangerous outside steps.



Campfire



The Heyswood campfire evening was held as an event for adults to sing, share and learn some campfire songs, without the responsibility of any girls.

Armed with hot drinks, we enjoyed a variety of favourites and new songs, interspersed with 'Smores' - marshmallows melted in chocolate biscuits - and a couple of sketches. We were pleased to raise just over £100 and there's an enthusiasm for a repeat in the future - watch this space!

Offers of help required

Further Work days are planned - watch for details of dates to be advertised.

Membership

Friends of Heyswood have enabled several improvements at our County campsite and with more help we have a number of further ideas we would like to achieve to benefit our girls.

Membership fees are due on 1st April and we hope you will want to join us or renew. Alternatively, would you consider becoming a lifetime member for £100

Annual subscription can easily be paid by direct debit - further details available.

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