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This is a way of increasing our funds at no extra cost to you!

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## Table Tennis Table



We are always looking to improve activities at our campsite and were very pleased when two Young Leaders from Mitcham and Merton Division offered their Jack Petchey Award money towards an outdoor Table Tennis Table. The high quality, substantial Cornilleau brand was expensive but can be left out in all weathers making a quick game of table tennis possible at any time of the year. The bats and balls are slotted into the sides of the table to be easily available (with extra spares in a weather proof box underneath).

Please look after the equipment so that everyone can enjoy this facility but if the balls do get squashed then please politely ask the wardens for replacements.

## Heyswood refurbishment

We are supporting the project by the Heyswood Management Committee to refurbish the toilets in Baden Powell Lodge and were pleased to collect £94.01 at the Jack Petchey Awards evening by asking people to throw their change in to a lat and make our toilet tinkle!



## Take a seat



Several of the bench seats on the patios of the residential houses at Heyswood are showing their age with some actually becoming dangerous so we were delighted again when Jack Petchey Leader Award winners offered to donate their grant funds. We have managed to replace two bench seats on each patio and as they are made from recycled plastics they will not need any maintenance and we have also saved 5608 2pint milk cartons from going to landfill - winning attributes on all counts!

We are also initiating a quiet area where girls and leaders can be encouraged to develop their spiritual thoughts and spend time quietly enjoying the outdoors. We have managed to purchase five benches (another 2860 2pint milk cartons) to start this area and have money towards scented plants and shrubs to surround it to enhance the sensory atmosphere.

## Gardening Tools

We are grateful to Homebase who have kindly donated some gardening tools to be used at Heyswood so if ever there are a few spare minutes to tidy up the necessary tools are there and they can also be used on planned work days.

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## Campfire evening



Following the success of last year this was repeated with increased numbers and a good evening was enjoyed by adults without the responsibility of their girls for a change. I gathered afterwards that we were spread out too far so next time we need to cosy up a bit so that we can all hear but once again the weather was kind to us and more funds were raised.

## Pool area

We have added a second recycled blue bench (572 2pint milk cartons saved from landfill!) inside the pool area and have also ordered three sit on kayaks which will be more convenient and reliable than the previous inflatables. Used with the wetsuits which now number 24+ in varying sizes and the thermal cover we are hoping that this will increase the duration of use of the pool.

We also have several Lifeguards within the County who are willing to cover pool sessions for the cost of their travel.



## Aeroball



Although our Aeroball is covered for winter protection it is available for bookings from early April. The girls love the game (and it wears them out without much effort from the leaders).

The girls play 1 against 1 for just 2 minutes while bouncing and score by putting the ball through the goal hoop - It is a very fast and energetic game suitable for ages 7+

Why not arrange a visit to Heyswood and hold a competition in your unit to find your champion.

## Further Fundraising

Unfortunately our plans for a Dinner Dance evening were not well supported, however the Holiday Inn have kindly allowed us to transfer our deposit to book a dinner on Saturday 28th January 2017.

Thanks to a small subsidy from County, tickets are £25 each and are available from Janet Hill now.

The evening includes a reception drink and three course meal and is open to all members, volunteers, and supporters with or without partners.

How about booking a table or two for your unit or District? Come and join members of the whole County instead of your annual Division or District Christmas get-together.

## Work days

Offers of help are always welcome and many hands make light work and increase the fun - watch for details of dates to be advertised - everyone is welcome.



## Membership

Friends of Heyswood have made several improvements possible 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 of just £5 are due on 1st April and we hope that you will want to join us or renew.

Alternatively, would you consider becoming a lifetime member for £100?

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

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