

# NEWSLETTER



## **Issue 21 – May (Spring) 2017**

Welcome to the 21st edition of our newsletter, it is slightly later than usual but we just about managed to keep it in spring time! As usual this issue is packed with the websites new additions, they offer some great suggestions to try out this summer but don't forget to visit the website where we have a whole host of accessible activities, trails, accommodations and attractions waiting to inspire you! Please keep sending us your feedback and suggestions so we can deliver the information you want! Another quick reminder to visit our facebook page too where you can be the first to see what's going on in the world of DHI.... enjoy your read!

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# **NEWS FLASH! BUS BONUS!**Great news for Community Project..

North Salop Wheelers Community
Bus Project operate community
transport in the Wem to Whitchurch
corridor. Their aim is to provide
accessible, affordable transport to
the less fortunate members of
society in their area. The scheme
operates two minibuses and a black
cab which have wheelchair carrying
capability. The project received a
cheque at the end of the year for
£45k from the Morgan Foundation,
this is great news as this will keep
NSW running for the next 3 years!

#### **New Additions for the Attraction Search**

We have a new addition to the family section of our attractions search, our researchers had a great day out and felt this attraction had a lot of interest and found it very informative.

The Forge Mill Needle Museum and Bordesley Abbey Visitor Centre is located in Redditch, the historical site shows off the rich heritage of the needle and fishing tackle industries. The museums recreated scenes and models provide a vivid illustration of how needles were once made, and how Redditch once produced 90% of the whole world's needles.



The site is also home to the ruins of Bordesley Abbey and its Visitor Centre which is set in an original reconstructed 16th century barn.

Attached are the shop and a museum which houses artefacts from the abbey and tells the story of the Cistercian monks that inhabited it.

There is also a water wheel situated between the buildings, that was used as a source of power for a scouring mill that is the only one of its kind in the world!

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

#### **Calendar of Events:**

There is an abundance of events waiting to be added to the website, below are some already listed to give a range in area. Please use the links provided for full details and check out our 'event pages' for the full list and to see the new additions as they go on.

**Event Name:** <u>Iron Age Ingenuity</u> **Place:** Aberfeldy, Perth and Kinross

Date: 28th May

**Description:** Ancient crafts & technologies are showcased at this extraordinary day featuring bronze-casting, basketry and many of the amazing skills learned and implemented by our ancient ancestors.

Event Name: SGCT - Teddy Bears Picnic

Place: Telford, Shropshire

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**Description:** Take your teddy and join the trusts staff for a picnic at Bower Yard picnic site. You'll enjoy a short walk then stop for a picnic and games to play!

Event Name: The Railway Children - Audio

**Described Performance** 

Place: Salford Quays, Manchester

Date: 29th July

**Description:** E. Nesbit's classic novel The Railway Children is brought thrillingly to life in

a stunning new stage production.

**Event Name:** Mersea Island Festival Camp

Place: Colchester, Essex Date: 20th to the 25th August

**Description:** The Festival aims to bring together young people and adults with or without a physical or learning disability and includes a wide variety of activities that are fun and exciting but also challenging!

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**Event Name:** <u>Kidz to Adultz Scotland</u> **Place:** Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh

Date: 14th September

**Description:** Free UK exhibition dedicated to children with disabilities and special needs, their families and the staff who work with them.

### Fancy a 'wheelie' good walk?

Our researchers have another four trails for you try out this summer.

Please use the links provided for more pictures and detailed information of each one.

<u>Lymm Dam Woodland Walk</u> (Level 2) – Cheshire



The majority of this two mile trail is in woodland but it does offer glimpses of the dam on route and when our researchers visited they saw a number of water birds including ducks, heron and cormorant.

Crosby Coastal Park Trail (Level 2) – Merseyside

Morfa Madryn Nature Reserve (Level 3) – Conwy

<u>East Wirral Circular Trail</u>
- Alabama Way to Morpeth Wharf
(Level 2) – Merseyside



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#### **New Featured Accommodations**

<u>Hope Cross Cottage</u> is nestled within the six acres of landscaped private gardens and

woodland belonging to Vicarage Farm. Located in Wheston With its medieval cross, the hamlet lies just over a mile outside the lively



village of Tideswell. Centrally placed in the unspoilt Peak District National Park, the cottage makes an ideal base to explore the countryside, Buxton & Bakewell and many other towns, villages, walks & rivers close by.

Hope Cross offers uninterrupted views over



fields, dry stone walls and quiet country lanes and has two bedrooms sleeping up to four

people. The single room is accessible and has an electric tilting bed plus futon for a second guest or carer. It also has use of the separate fully accessible wet-room.

In addition to Hope Cross above we also had a second new list in our 'self-catering cottages etc' accommodation section:

St Ives Bay Easy Access Caravan – Hayle, Cornwall.



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

# 'All new Activity'

If you fancy something wet and wild to do this summer why not check out our new activity listing? Wetwheels Solent is a Community Interest Company which is also a registered not-for-profit organisation. Using a fully accessible boat, they provide boating opportunities for people of all ages and of all abilities. Once onboard you are an active participant rather than simply a passenger and will have the opportunity to steer the vessel alongside family and friends. To me the picture says it all....



With its auto-pilot and joystick steering the nine-metre catamaran, named Wetwheels has twin Suzuki 300 HP outboard engines capable of driving her at 40 knots!

## **Recycle Corner**

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

A BIG thank you for all your efforts since the last issue, every amount really does help!

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