

# CHARITABLE HOLIDAY PROVIDERS

**YOUNG LIVES**

**vs CANCER**

*Please find enclosed information about some of the charitable holiday options that you may be able to access. This is not an exhaustive list and you should be able to find others by searching the internet.*

*Have a look through and see if any seem suitable for you and your family. The contact details for each organisation can be found at the bottom of the information sheet, so you can contact the charity directly for more information or to enquire about availability.*

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If you see this next to a holiday, teenagers and young adults (over 18s) are eligible to apply.

# HOLIDAYS IN SCOTLAND

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- Calum's Cabin - [www.calumscabin.com](http://www.calumscabin.com)

**Description:** We provide holiday facilities in stunning surroundings on the Isle of Bute, in Ayrshire and St. Andrews.

**Who is it for?** For use by families who have a child suffering from cancer or a cancer-related condition, from birth to 21 years.

**Contact:** Enquire by completing the online booking form [here](#) or call 07544 979 538 or email [enquiries@calumscabin.com](mailto:enquiries@calumscabin.com)

- CCLASP - [www.cclasp.org.uk](http://www.cclasp.org.uk)

**Description:** We have a cottage in Muthill that we offer to families throughout the year to enjoy. Our holiday accommodation is free of charge to use. The cottage provides wheelchair accessible family accommodation for up to 6 guests, making it an ideal place for a family break.

**Who is it for?** Families affected by childhood cancer.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#) or call 0131 370 3170

**PROPERTY NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DUE TO SERIOUS WATER DAMAGE.**

**TYAI** • Doing it for Daniel – [www.doingitfordaniel.org.uk](http://www.doingitfordaniel.org.uk)

**Description:** Daniel's Beach House is a luxury, ground floor apartment just one street away from the beachfront and within walking distance to Ayr town centre and train station. Suitable for families of 4/5, there are two bedrooms, one with an en-suite and a family shower room. The property has a large lounge with dining area and a kitchen diner. There is also a secure front garden and a back courtyard with seating for relaxing and eating. We also have a purpose built games room.

**Who is it for?** Specifically designed to allow families to have time and space for a relaxing break away, during or after their child's cancer treatment. We take young people up to age 21 although at the moment we are offering the accommodation to families with a parent with cancer too. Families who have lost a child to cancer can also apply.

**Contact:** Please email [alison@doingitfordaniel.org.uk](mailto:alison@doingitfordaniel.org.uk) for an application form and further details.

• Dream Maker Foundation - [www.leshoeymbedreammakerfoundation.org](http://www.leshoeymbedreammakerfoundation.org)

**Description:** Two holiday homes at Craig Tara holiday park - a beautiful park located on the west coast of Scotland. It is close to the beach and a perfect location if any family needs to get back to hospital quickly. Both holiday homes sleep 6 people, one double bed and two rooms with twin beds. Bedding is provided but families will need to take their own towels, toiletries and food. Please note the vans are not adapted for wheelchairs. The caravans are open from March until October and families can choose from Mon-Fri or Fri-Mon. Families can also get entertainment passes and discount cards for food, drink and activities.

**Who is it for?** Families of a child (up to age 16) with a life threatening illness, who live in Scotland only. Families need to be registered with the charity before applying.

**Contact:** Apply online [here](#), call 01698 372052 or email [contact@leshoeymbedreammakerfoundation.org](mailto:contact@leshoeymbedreammakerfoundation.org)



- Logan's Fund - [www.logansfund.org/logans-sunny-days](http://www.logansfund.org/logans-sunny-days)

**Description:** Logan's Sunny Days is our lovely holiday respite caravan situated at Lossiemouth Bay Caravan Park right on the stunning East Beach looking out onto the waters of the Moray Firth in the North East of Scotland. Our bookings are from Saturday to Saturday and our caravan has beds for six and room for a cot in addition. We do appreciate that due to circumstances some families will not be able to stay for a whole week so we are happy if you can come for even just two or three days.

**Who is it for?** Logan's Fund have taken the difficult decision that we will only be able to support families resident in Scotland. The holiday facility is available for any family affected by childhood cancer (up to age 18), so if your child is about to undergo or is currently undergoing treatment, in remission or you are a bereaved family and a break would help in some way then we would love to hear from you.

**Contact:** Complete a booking form [here](#), call 07709 320879 or email [info@logansfund.org](mailto:info@logansfund.org)

- Ripple Retreat (It's Good 2 Give) - [www.itsgood2give.co.uk/ripple-retreat](http://www.itsgood2give.co.uk/ripple-retreat)

**Description:** Ripple Retreat provides a calm and caring environment for Young cancer patients in Scotland, and their families, to relax and enjoy time together away from the everyday realities of living with cancer. It is nestled within the gorgeous landscape of Loch Venachar in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. We can accommodate a maximum of five guests, over three bedrooms, all completely free of charge

**Who is it for?** Any young cancer patient up to age 18 can apply to stay with their parent(s) and sibling(s), who reside in Scotland. They would currently be undergoing treatment, or up to a maximum 1 year after active treatment for cancer has ended. Families of young cancer patients up to 18 years of age who have unfortunately passed away are eligible for a stay at the Ripple Retreat within a year of their bereavement.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#), or email [retreat@itsgood2give.co.uk](mailto:retreat@itsgood2give.co.uk)



- TCCL Lodge - [www.tccl.org.uk/the-lodge](http://www.tccl.org.uk/the-lodge)

**Description:** A holiday home in St Andrews which is available free of charge. It is a 4 bedroom detached house in a quiet residential part of St Andrews which is a vibrant seaside town on the east coast of Fife. St Andrews is within 30 minutes of Ninewells Hospital.

**Who is it for?** Any child (< 18years) and their family in Tayside and NE Fife who has been diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia: during or up to 2 years after treatment, and for those who are palliative and up to 2 years post bereavement.

**Contact:** Use the online booking form [here](#), or call 07738 687515

- TYA!**
- Whiteley's Retreat - [www.whiteleysretreat.com](http://www.whiteleysretreat.com)

**Description:** Whiteley's Retreat welcomes children, young people and their families living with cancer or a life altering illness. We have 2 beautiful five-star self-catering cottages, nestled in approximately 33 acres of Ayrshire countryside where a family can stay for a week of respite. Situated only 5 minutes' drive from the town centre, local beaches, and numerous other local attractions. Both cottages are fully equipped for a family to stay, with all bedding, towels and additional extras provided. The Retreat boasts a Garden of Wellbeing, a Reflection Area, and a large Outdoor Sensory Play Park. We are also home to a small family of Alpacas, Ponies and Rabbits. Extensive gardens surround both properties offering a haven for relaxation and recuperation. The Retreat also welcomes families, at certain times of the year, for bereavement breaks. We can also offer access to our 3 bedroom Mobile Home at Crofthead Holiday Park in Ayr. Access to the local NHS Ayrshire & Arran Paediatric Supportive Care Team can also be arranged for during time of respite.

**Who is it for?** Families of children and young people with cancer and life altering illness – from birth to age 24 years approximately.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#) or email [hello@whiteleysretreat.com](mailto:hello@whiteleysretreat.com)

# HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND

- Jack's Journey – [www.jacksjourney.org.uk](http://www.jacksjourney.org.uk)

**Description:** We have two holiday homes; one at Ribby Hall near Blackpool and one at Lowther Holiday Park in the Lake District. Both Caravans sleep 6 people (Lowther is 2 bedrooms with a double pull out bed in the lounge area).

**Who is it for?** Families affected by childhood cancer up to the age of 18.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#), or call 07799747554

- Jessica's Sarcoma Awareness - [www.jessicas-sarcoma-awareness.com](http://www.jessicas-sarcoma-awareness.com)

**Description:** April Cottage, in Henshaw (Northumberland) sleeps 7 and is an open plan lodge with a cosy home from home atmosphere.

**Who is it for?** Children and their families.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#), email [info@jessicas-sarcoma-awareness.com](mailto:info@jessicas-sarcoma-awareness.com) or call 07955 203921.

- Ruddi's Retreat - [www.ruddisretreat.org](http://www.ruddisretreat.org)

**Description:** We have 4 large static caravans at Primrose Valley Caravan Park at Filey on the east coast of Yorkshire. Our luxury caravans are located next to one another so we can provide holidays for large families ... and even carers. We are hoping to open a 5<sup>th</sup> caravan soon, located in Blackpool.

**Who is it for?** Families with young children (0-18) suffering from the effects and after effects of cancer treatment, life-limiting illnesses or bereavement to enjoy a family holiday together.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#), or call 01484 766 050

- Teesside Family Foundation - [www.theteessidefamily.com/short-breaks](http://www.theteessidefamily.com/short-breaks)

**Description:** We have a beautiful holiday home on the Haven Primrose valley site in Filey near Scarborough. The caravan (sleeps 8) will be used by Teesside families free of charge to create memories and have fun. Available breaks will be Monday to Friday and Friday to Monday from April until November.

**Who is it for?** This is open to Teesside families less fortunate than others, families who have faced personal tragedy, families whose children have disabilities and who have a life-limiting illness.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#).



**TYA!** • Thumbs Up For Charlie – [www.thumbsupforcharlie.co.uk](http://www.thumbsupforcharlie.co.uk)

**Description:** Charity offering respite breaks to make memories or simply to reflect. A range of accommodation options – cottages / glamping / lodge located in Lancashire and Cumbria.

**Who is it for?** Families living with or affected by childhood brain tumours, for children and young people up to age 25 years.

**Contact:** Email [info@thumbsupforcharlie.co.uk](mailto:info@thumbsupforcharlie.co.uk) or apply online [here](#)

• Yorkshire Children's Trust - [www.yctrust.uk/support/respite-holidays](http://www.yctrust.uk/support/respite-holidays)

**Description:** Free respite breaks at our holiday home in Skegness. The holiday home is a static caravan, close to the beach, and is a real home away from home. This is suitable for most families with great facilities including a wet room, wheelchair access and lowered units. Bedding provided too.

**Who is it for?** For families who have children with long term physical or mental illnesses or disabilities. Ages 0-18. We provide the break not just for the child, but mum, dad and any siblings too.

**Contact:** Use the online contact form [here](#), or call 01422 728080

# HOLIDAYS IN THE WEST OF ENGLAND

- Alice's Escapes - [www.alices-escapes.co.uk](http://www.alices-escapes.co.uk)

**Description:** Alice's Escapes offers complimentary holidays for families with seriously-ill-children. We have two luxury holiday caravans, one of which is fully adapted. In addition, we have the support of local tourist attractions, restaurants and experiences joining together to offer their services to our families. The two caravans are situated at Bardsea Leisure Park near Ulverston, Cumbria – both can accommodate 2 adults and no more than 3 children.

**Who is it for?** Children aged 0-17 years – inclusive

**Contact:** Email [Jayne@alices-escape.co.uk](mailto:Jayne@alices-escape.co.uk) or call 01229 581665

- TYA!** • Daisy Chain (The Kensington Foundation) - [www.kensingtonfoundation.com/daisy-chain](http://www.kensingtonfoundation.com/daisy-chain)

**Description:** The Foundation provides this accommodation rent free and the only charge incurred is a booking fee of £135 per family. We also provide other help, as is required, in total confidence. We have created at Kensington Court a magical place to stay and each apartment has its own theme!

**Who is it for?** Any family caring for a sick or disabled child, families coping with limited means in difficult circumstances, and families rebuilding their lives after the loss of a child. No threshold on age or restrictions.

**Contact:** Email [kentrust1@hotmail.com](mailto:kentrust1@hotmail.com) or call 01253 761 444

- Donna's Dream House - [www.donnasdreamhouse.co.uk](http://www.donnasdreamhouse.co.uk)

**Description:** Located in Blackpool. Facilities include, playroom, garden, hot tub and mini-cinema. There are kitchen facilities for you to prepare your own meals, and passes are provided to many of Blackpool's attractions - subject to availability.

**Who is it for?** A free holiday experience for families with children up to the age of 17 with life-threatening illnesses. Also for recently bereaved siblings and their families.

**Contact:** Email [len@donnasdreamhouse.co.uk](mailto:len@donnasdreamhouse.co.uk) or call 01253 752222



- Harry's Holiday Hangout

**Description:** A caravan located at Martin Mere near Blackpool, a beautiful seaside village which is located within an incredible nature reserve . The caravan has 3 bedrooms and is a home from home. The park also has an entertainment complex, swimming pool and arcade.

**Who is it for?** A free break for families with children aged 0-18 who have been diagnosed with cancer in the last 3 years or are still going through treatment.

**Contact:** Email [enquiries@harrysholidayhangout.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@harrysholidayhangout.org.uk) or call 0751 6434 306/ 0161 2211516

**TYA!** • Reece's Retreat - [www.teamreece.org.uk](http://www.teamreece.org.uk)

**Description:** Reece's Retreat Holiday Home at Haven Lakeland Holiday Park. Enjoy a getaway to this park located amidst the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District. Reece's Retreat is a three bedroom home and sleeps eight, fully equipped with bedding provided and with central heating and double glazing

**Who is it for?** Families who have a child diagnosed with Childhood Cancer and Brain Tumours to use for respite & family time. We cover birth to 18 but will consider up to 21 for extenuating or exceptional circumstances.

**Contact:** Complete the application form [here](#). Email [info@teamreece.org.uk](mailto:info@teamreece.org.uk) or call 01524 805313

# HOLIDAYS IN CENTRAL / EAST OF ENGLAND

- Ben's Den - [www.bensden.com](http://www.bensden.com)

**Description:** Caravans at the Haven site in Mablethorpe. The caravans are 8 Berth (3 bedrooms) and are equipped with a shower and toilet, fridge/kettle/microwave/cooker, and TV/DVD/Playstation. They are located close to all the site amenities including swimming pools and play areas.

**Who is it for?** Children diagnosed with cancer and leukemia can enjoy a free holiday with their families. We allow children and young adults up to the age of 18 accompanied by parents.

**Contact:** Tracey or Darren Parker on 07939 724793 / 07961 434116 or email [bensden1@ntlworld.com](mailto:bensden1@ntlworld.com)

- Evie's Riverside Retreat

**Description:** Situated on 7 Lakes country park, Crowle, North Lincolnshire, 30 minutes from Cleethorpes. It has master bedroom, a twin bedroom and a pull out sofa bed in the lounge, so will comfortably sleep 6 people. It is situated on the river and has a decked patio perfect for a bbq or for watching the wildlife. The park has a bar and restaurant on site and lakes for fishing.

**Who is it for?** Children affected by cancer and their families.


**Contact:** Princess Evie's Trust, Robert and Amanda Jones, Tel: 01623 466116 / 07715 300227

- TYA!** • Lauren's Legacy Holiday Home - [www.laurenslegacy.co.uk](http://www.laurenslegacy.co.uk)

**Description:** Holiday home located in Ashbourne Heights - a quiet site with an indoor swimming pool, small on site shop and a children's play park. It is located about 3 miles away from the town of Ashbourne and is in the Peak District National Park, also being within easy reach of the cities of Derby and Nottingham. We can offer a weeks' holiday (7 days) short breaks and weekends. The holiday home sleeps 4 people in two bedrooms - one king sized bed with en-suite, then another bedroom with twin beds in and another separate shower room. There is also a sofa bed in the living room that can be used by another person. The holiday home is accessed by two steps up to the door. There is parking for 2 vehicles right outside and it has a decked area with garden furniture.

**Who is it for?** Teenagers & young adults going through or have received treatment for cancer recently/in remission. Ages 13-24.

**Contact:** Call Elaine on 01773987964 or 07769250723 or email [laurenslegacy99@gmail.com](mailto:laurenslegacy99@gmail.com)



- Mia Moo's Foundation

**Description:** Mia Moo's holiday home is located in the family resort of Butlins, Skegness. There are three bedrooms – 1 double and 2 twin rooms. Also space for a travel cot if required. This is self-catering accommodation and there is an outdoor seating area. Bedding provided but not towels. Access to the holiday home is via 3 steps (no ramp access). On site there are many activities including indoor swimming, soft play, funfair, arcade, shops and food outlets, cinema, mini golf & access to the beach.

**Who is it for?** Families with a child or teen aged 18 years old or under who was diagnosed in the last three years. No pets.

**Contact:** Email [info@miamoosfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@miamoosfoundation.co.uk) for more information and an application form

**TYA!** • Sophie's Journey - [www.sophiesjourney.org.uk](http://www.sophiesjourney.org.uk)

**Description:** Caravan is situated within Golden Sands Holiday Park in Mablethorpe. The park has many facilities for families.

**Who is it for?** Only for families that live in the Lincolnshire area : If you have a child (from birth to 25) with cancer who is currently on treatment and live in Lincolnshire, you can apply via your Young Lives vs Cancer Team or your community nurse.

**Contact:** Email [sophiesjourney@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiesjourney@hotmail.com)

- The Leah Wilby Foundation - [www.theleahwilbyfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theleahwilbyfoundation.co.uk)

**Description:** Caravan at Haven Seashore Gt Yarmouth

**Who is it for?** Families supporting young people in the UK suffering from childhood cancer. Up to age 16, available off treatment. Can self-refer.

**Contact:** Email [Leahs.Lounge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Leahs.Lounge@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07933 170897. You can also complete the contact form [here](#).

- TYAI**
- The Harley Staples Cancer Trust - [www.harleystaples.co.uk](http://www.harleystaples.co.uk)

**Harley's Caravan** - Free holidays for children and young people up to the age of 24 at our caravan on Ivy Farm Holiday Park, Overstrand, Norfolk. Families can take a holiday for a week between April and October to enable them to spend quality time together at the seaside and away from the hospital, making memories that will last forever. The caravan sleeps 6 people in 3 bedrooms and there are 2 toilets.

**Contact:** Katherine Staples 07760427758 to discuss availability or email [harleysholidays8@gmail.com](mailto:harleysholidays8@gmail.com)

# HOLIDAYS IN LONDON AND SOUTH EAST

- Aiden Goodwin Foundation - [www.theaidengoodwinfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theaidengoodwinfoundation.co.uk)

**Description:** Offering a stay in a caravan at Combe Haven Holiday Park is in St Leonards on Sea, Hastings, Sussex. It has fantastic facilities for all of the family, from water based activities, mini archery, football and fencing, 9-hole pitch and putt course and bike hire, as well as an indoor soft play area and adventure playground. On the park there is a shop, food and drink services and restaurants, and day and evening entertainment programs. The caravan is fully equipped with all essentials required, and well stocked with games and DVDs.

**Who is it for?** Children aged 0-16 years on treatment

**Contact:** Email [info@theaidengoodwinfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@theaidengoodwinfoundation.co.uk) or call 07725 501708. Referral via Young Lives vs Cancer and Royal Marsden Hospital. You can also use the [Contact Form](#) on their website.

- Children with Cancer Fund - [www.childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk)

**Description:** We have 2 caravans on the Combe Haven Holiday Park, near Hastings (E. Sussex) – both sleep 10. We also have a two bedroom (six berth) caravan at Pevensey Bay, near Eastbourne - the site has excellent leisure facilities, including an indoor pool.

**Who is it for?** Children aged 0-18 years (Priority given to East Sussex Families).

**Contact:** 01323 488561 or email [info@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk](mailto:info@childrenwithcancerfund.org.uk)

*Please note: Additional criteria have recently been specified; a non-returnable charge of £50 per caravan week booked payable at the time of booking i.e. sent with the booking form, and YLVC staff should make the initial contact with us not the family themselves.*

- Colleen's Tenderheart Charity – [www.tenderheart.org.uk](http://www.tenderheart.org.uk)

**Description:** Luxury holiday home situated at Crowhurst Park Holiday Centre near Battle, East Sussex offering a tranquil setting. The holiday home is heated, double glazed and can be used ten months of the year.

**Who is it for?** Families with sick children.

**Contact:** We accept referrals from the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital

- Emily's Escape – [www.emilysescape.co.uk](http://www.emilysescape.co.uk)

**Description:** Emily's Escape is a beautiful bungalow nestled between Windsor and Ascot in Berkshire, within easy reach of fantastic attractions such as Legoland, Windsor Castle and Thorpe Park and just a short walk away from Windsor Great Park. It is a 3-bedroom home from home suitable for families of a maximum of 5/6. The master bedroom has an ensuite shower, the twin room and the single which has a cot share the family bathroom, with a bath and separate shower cubicle. Emily's Escape has an enclosed garden, a console games room, craft/playroom, and a lovely open plan kitchen/lounge/diner. Families benefit from sole use of the property during their stay, with up to 7-night breaks available Sat - Sat between April and September.

Please note that the bungalow is step free inside, however there is at least one step to access the property, the garden is terraced but with an easily accessible patio, and the driveway is very steep – please see the website for more details.

**Who is it for:** Emily's Escape is for those who have a child (up to 18) in treatment or 6 months post treatment and families who have recently lost a child to cancer. Our aim is to enable you to escape the medicalised world of cancer and hopefully find some peace in the local surroundings.

**Contact:** Referrals are accepted by Young Lives v Cancer Social Workers confirming the named child/family meet the above criteria. If you need a referral form please liaise with your Social Worker and email: [admin@emilysescape.co.uk](mailto:admin@emilysescape.co.uk)



• ~~Eva's Angels~~ - [www.evasangels.org](http://www.evasangels.org)

**Description:** Six berth caravan in Whitstable Kent (Seaview Holiday Park, Whitstable). Available for Fri-Mon or Mon-Fri breaks. The caravan park is situated directly on the beach in Whitstable, so a really lovely location. The caravan site has an open air swimming pool, restaurant, shop and playpark.

**Who is it for?** The caravan is available for families who have a child with cancer, and also bereaved families.

**Contact:** Bookings can be made directly via website, or email [info@evasangels.org](mailto:info@evasangels.org)

**(Please note, Eva's Angels are not offering holidays in 2023, but this is likely to reopen in the future).**

• Oakley Waterman Caravan Foundation - [www.oakleywatermanfoundation.com](http://www.oakleywatermanfoundation.com)

**Description:** The Oakley Waterman Caravan Foundation provides respite accommodation on two Haven campsites in England. A luxury caravan at Church Farm Holiday Village in Pagham, Nr Chichester (Sussex) and another at New Forest.

**Who is it for:** Families with a child aged 0-18 years.

**Contact:** For more information please email [lorrainewaterman.oaks@gmail.com](mailto:lorrainewaterman.oaks@gmail.com) / [theoakleywatermancharity@gmail.com](mailto:theoakleywatermancharity@gmail.com) or complete the contact form [here](#).



- Oliver's Retreat - [www.theolivercurdtrust.co.uk](http://www.theolivercurdtrust.co.uk)

**Description:** Two caravans located in East Sussex. One is situated in Battle (Crowhurst Park), the other in St Leonards on Sea (Combe Haven), both close to the seaside town Hastings in East Sussex. Both caravans are fully equipped with cookers, microwaves, fridges, central heating, TV's etc. and are situated close to a supermarket and also The Conquest Hospital.

**Who is it for?** Will consider families with children and young people up to 18 years.

**Contact:** Call 01797 230329 or email [theolivercurdtrust@hotmail.com](mailto:theolivercurdtrust@hotmail.com)

- Sunny Days Children's Fund - [www.sunnydaysfund.org.uk](http://www.sunnydaysfund.org.uk)

**Description:** Sunny Days have 2 holiday homes, both of which are situated at Haven Orchard's Holiday Park, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. The park has many facilities for families including indoor and outdoor swimming pools, club houses, arcades and many sports activities.

**Who is it for?** Children under the age of 18 years with a wide range of adverse medical conditions.

**Contact:** Call 01376 528 376 or email [trustees@sunnydaysfund.org.uk](mailto:trustees@sunnydaysfund.org.uk)

- The Ivison Trust

**Description:** Beach Hut at Frinton-on-Sea provides the perfect retreat for children of all ages. Also have links with Center Parcs for family breaks.

**Who is it for?** We help families with children with life shortening illnesses to spend precious time together. For ages 0-18.

**Contact:** Call 01763 271878

# HOLIDAYS IN WALES AND SOUTH WEST

- Amelia's Retreat - [www.ameliasrainbow.org](http://www.ameliasrainbow.org)

**Description:** 6 berth holiday home at Hoburne Naish. Indoor and outdoor swimming pools and full entertainment, play park, indoor soft play and restaurant on site. Full week or weekend breaks available.

**Who is it for:** Dorset resident families only. Charity supports local children who have a disability or serious, chronic or terminal illness.

**Contact:** Email [email@ameliasrainbow.org](mailto:email@ameliasrainbow.org) or use the contact form [here](#).

- Charlie Codling – Charlie's Beach Hut - [www.charliecodling.co.uk](http://www.charliecodling.co.uk)

**Description:** Beach hut style caravan based at Perran Sands in Perranporth, Cornwall. With Perranporth less than 2 miles from your door you have all the amenities within walking distance and a range of entertainment just yards away in the park. Can sleep up to 6 people and is available April–October. No charge.

**Who is it for:** Families of children with life limiting illnesses. For ages up to 18.

**Contact:** Tel: 02392 345 078/07961 842 586 or Email: [info@charliecodling.co.uk](mailto:info@charliecodling.co.uk)

- Hannah's Holiday Home - [www.hannahsappeal.org/holiday-homes](http://www.hannahsappeal.org/holiday-homes)

**Description:** Breaks available, Mon-Fri or Fri-Mon, February to December. The homes are all set in great family parks. All homes offer a wonderful variety for the whole family - they all have indoor and outdoor heated pools, play areas, shops, club house, café, arcades and games area with fantastic family entertainment. **Oakedene Home** - 8 berth chalet based at Oakedene Forest Park in the New Forest. **Hoburne Bashley** - 4 berth holiday home based at Hoburne Bashley in the New Forest. **The Milford on Sea Home** - 8 berth lodge based at Shorefield Holiday Park, close to the coast at Milford-on-Sea

**Who is it for:** Children with cancer and life limiting illnesses. Families can enjoy a free break at one of the holiday homes. For ages 0-18 & must be accompanied with parents/carers as a family.

**Contact:** Tel 023 9226 7899/07790 349 876 or email [pam@hannahsappeal.org](mailto:pam@hannahsappeal.org)

- Highlands End Holiday Park - [www.highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk](http://www.highlandsendholidaypark.co.uk)

**Description:** 2 bed lodge at Highlands End Holiday Park, Dorset. Available March to November. Bar and restaurant, soft play area, swimming pool, sauna and steam room, shop all on-site.

**Who is it for:**

**Contact:** Tel 07710 177 221 or email: [suegould88@gmail.com](mailto:suegould88@gmail.com)

- Hob House - [www.johnbraycornishholidays.co.uk](http://www.johnbraycornishholidays.co.uk)

**Description:** Holiday house in Trebetherick, North Cornwall – sleeps 12 - 14 people with 7 bedrooms – large garden with access to golf course and beach. Not available during Peak Holiday Period Mid July – Mid Sept

**Who is it for:** Children being treated at RMH (Please tell the agency that your child is being treated at RMH)

**Contact:** John Bray lettings office, phone – 01208 863206 or email [lettings@johnbray.co.uk](mailto:lettings@johnbray.co.uk)

- Isabel's Retreat - [www.theisabelbakerfoundation.com/isabelsretreat](http://www.theisabelbakerfoundation.com/isabelsretreat)

**Description:** A 6 berth (2 bedroom), spacious holiday home located in Mundeford, Dorset. It is situated on Hoburne Park, and all charitable holidays will include passes to use the facilities and entertainment. It is located a few minutes from the beach as well as all the local shops and towns. The nearest hospital with a paediatric ward is Poole Hospital.

**Who is it for:** Families whose children have life limiting or terminal illnesses, as well as bereaved parents. Ages 0-18.

**Contact:** Krystina Fox at [isabelsretreat@gmail.com](mailto:isabelsretreat@gmail.com) or complete the online booking enquiry form [here](#).

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- Jill's Fundraising Journey - [www.jillsfundraisingjourney.co.uk](http://www.jillsfundraisingjourney.co.uk)

**Description:** Jill's Place is lovely 6 berth caravan (one double room with en-suite, one twin room and a pull out double sofa bed in the lounge) located in the stunning setting of Hoburne Naish holiday Park in New Milton. With both the New Forest and the beach on its doorstep (just a 60 second walk from the caravan!), it is the perfect place to get away for a break. We provide short breaks (Mon-Fri and Fri-Mon) completely free of charge.

**Who is it for:** For people that have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. Diagnosis must be current, holidays are not being offered at present to those in remission or following the passing of a loved one. No age limit.

**Contact:** Apply online [here](#), tel 07548 633639, or email [jillsfundraisingjourney@gmail.com](mailto:jillsfundraisingjourney@gmail.com)

- Sophie's Rainbow Retreat - [www.sophiesappeal.org/rainbow-retreat/](http://www.sophiesappeal.org/rainbow-retreat/)

**Description:** Luxury 6 berth static Holiday Home at Rockley Park, Poole Harbour. Indoor and outdoor pools, play areas, trampolines, climbing wall on site. Full and midweek available; during school term time we can offer Mon-Mon and during school holiday dates we offer Mon-Fri or Fri-Mon.

**Who is it for:** Families in the Wessex region, with a child (age 0-16) who has been diagnosed with cancer

**Contact:** Tel 023 8032 0618 or email [rainbowretreat@sophiesappeal.org](mailto:rainbowretreat@sophiesappeal.org) (email is the best way if you can)



- Ted's Shack - [www.teddy20.org/teds-shack](http://www.teddy20.org/teds-shack)

**Description:** A 4 berth caravan, with a double en-suite and a twin. Fully equipped kitchen, dining area, smart TV and decking area with further seating. Situated on a 5\* resort in Dorset, located in a beautiful cove near to the beach with many other attractions nearby. On site there is an outdoor and indoor swimming pool, a play-park and an indoor soft play area. Families have full use of all facilities at the park as part of the package. Mon-Fri breaks available from May to October.

**Who is it for:** Children and young people with cancer in the Wessex region. For ages up to 18.

**Contact:** Referrals are accepted by Young Lives vs Cancer Social Workers confirming the named child is under treatment. If you need a referral form please contact: [info@teddy20.org](mailto:info@teddy20.org)

- The Bluebells - [www.sebastiansactiontrust.org](http://www.sebastiansactiontrust.org)

**Description:** The Bluebells in North Waltham, Hampshire, is the UK's only purpose built facility offering specialist breaks. They can accommodate 2 families in residence at a time, each occupying their own 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom apartment, whilst sharing the leisure facilities which include; an indoor hydrotherapy spa pool, sensory room, cinema, art suite, music room, games room, sensory garden, mini golf course, adventure play area and three acres of open space. Holidays run from Friday until the following Tuesday. There is no charge, however, a donation of £25 per night is suggested in order to cover some costs.

**Who is it for:** Providing breaks for seriously-ill children and their families. For ages up to 18.

**Contact:** Tel 01256 391 854 or email [bluebells@sebastiansactiontrust.org](mailto:bluebells@sebastiansactiontrust.org), or complete the application form [here](#).

- The Chelsea Burley Trust - [www.thechelseaburleytrust.com](http://www.thechelseaburleytrust.com)

**Description:** A static caravan in Presthaven North Wales on a Haven site. Full access to the parks facilities, close access to the beach, and the caravan is fitted with a ramp for wheelchair access.

**Who is it for:** For anyone on treatment or finished within 12 months, up to the age of 17.

**Contact:** Email [thechelseaburleytrust@gmail.com](mailto:thechelseaburleytrust@gmail.com) or complete the application form [here](#).

- The Little Ted Foundation – [www.thelittletedfoundation.org/home](http://www.thelittletedfoundation.org/home)

**Description:** Just 2 miles from Llanberis and nestled in the foot hills of Snowdon, Little Ted's Lodge sits on the immaculate country & coastal resort of Brynteg Holiday Park. Little Ted's Lodge is a beautiful, two bed, six berth, static caravan with everything you need included for a break away from home. Just a short stroll from the lodge, you'll find the idyllic private lake and The Boathouse lakeside bar, the Country Club, tennis courts, gym and the beautiful indoor pool & spa. Gwynedd Hospital, in nearby Bangor (LL57 2PW) is only 5 miles away.

**Who is it for:** For bereaved families and families with seriously ill children. For ages up to 18.

**Contact:** Email [info@thelittletedfoundation.org](mailto:info@thelittletedfoundation.org) or Tel: 07505567222

- TYAI** • The Thomas Ball Children's Cancer Fund - [www.thomasball.org.uk](http://www.thomasball.org.uk)

**Description:** We have one property (that sleeps 6) at Hoburne Naish, New Milton in Hampshire, BH25 7RE.

**Who is it for:** Children with cancer and their families. We accept young people from birth to 24 years. Please note we do not allow dogs.

**Contact:** Tel: 01494 890 157 or Email: [tomballcharity@aol.com](mailto:tomballcharity@aol.com)

**TYAI** • Torbay Holiday Helpers Network - [www.thhn.co.uk](http://www.thhn.co.uk)

**Description:** Free holidays (hotels and self catering) in the Torbay/Torquay area

**Who is it for:** Children aged 0-18. Young people aged 18-24 at the discretion of the provider and trustees.

**Contact:** Please complete form on website ([here](#)) and return to your Young Lives vs Cancer Social Worker to complete their part.

**TYAI** • Youth Cancer Trust - [www.youthcancertrust.org](http://www.youthcancertrust.org)

**Description:** Free holidays at the Tracy Ann House in Bournemouth for 14 to 30 year olds. A unique charity based in a large house in Bournemouth, Dorset, with staff on hand to ensure a safe environment. Provides free, online support and activity-based holidays. Meals, refreshments, activities and accommodation are provided for you and there is no cost to you at all – everything is free. Guests can be accompanied by a sibling or friend of a similar age.

**Who is it for:** Young people aged 14-30 with cancer, or been in remission for up to 5 years.

**Contact:** Tel 01202 763 591, email [admin@yct.org.uk](mailto:admin@yct.org.uk) or complete the holiday enquiry form [here](#).

*Alternative to a holiday: There is an opportunity to use a beach hut in Swanage, free of charge, for a day or a few hours - families can get in touch with the council directly to see what availability they have.*



# HOLIDAYS WITH MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN UK

- Camp Quality

Camp Quality UK provides life-changing holidays for children with a potentially life-limiting condition that has a significant impact on their daily lives. They believe that every child has the right to a positive childhood and everything their peer group takes for granted. On these holidays children are able to exist in an environment where having the things that they have experienced are considered "normal". By encouraging the children in a positive environment their self-esteem is increased and they conquer new challenges. Most importantly though, they have the time of their lives! They use special activity venues across the UK. Tel: 0121 2884745

- Family Holiday Charity - [www.familyholidaycharity.org.uk](http://www.familyholidaycharity.org.uk)

The Family Holiday Charity is a national charity that provides short breaks in the UK for children and their families. These are families that face daily hardship made worse by the likes of illness, bereavement or disability. They offer those families in difficult circumstances a much needed break. The focus is for families who are on a low income, who haven't had a holiday together in the last 4 years, and have at least one child under 18 who will go on the holiday.

All families must be referred by someone working with them in a supporting role. Email for information: [hello@familyholidaycharity.org.uk](mailto:hello@familyholidaycharity.org.uk)



- Happy Days Charity - [www.happydayscharity.org](http://www.happydayscharity.org)

UK wide: Family breaks can be requested to the seaside or the countryside, in the UK.

You can apply to Happy Days for a short family break if you have a child or children with special educational needs, who have been victims of abuse or who have a life-limiting condition, and are aged 3-17. They will do their best to act quickly to arrange breaks for children with life-limiting conditions, and try to be flexible with the application criteria.

Applications are online and are accepted from parents, guardians, grandparents or siblings, as well as GPs, consultants, nurses or social workers.

If you have any questions please call 01582 755804 or email Ann DaRocha at [ann@happydayscharity.org](mailto:ann@happydayscharity.org)

- Kids Cancer Charity - [www.kidscancercharity.org](http://www.kidscancercharity.org)

Located on two specially chosen coastal sites (open from March/April onwards) - Lydstep Beach Holiday Resort near Tenby, South Wales – Greenacres Holiday Park, Porthmadog, North Wales. All fully equipped caravans free of charge to immediate family, close to the local amenities and tourist attractions. All caravans have ramp access into the caravan with wheelchair access to the lounge and kitchen.

For children up to 18 years who have cancer or been bereaved by cancer.

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



- Lennox Children's Cancer Fund - [www.lennoxccf.org.uk](http://www.lennoxccf.org.uk)

Holiday homes in Hampshire and Essex. Shorefield Country Park, New Forest, Hampshire. Will consider help with some spending money. Holiday homes are on the south coast of England, 30 mins away from Bournemouth. Milford on Sea beach is a 800m walk away. A 3 bed forest lodge or a 3 bed caravan – both can sleep up to 8. Both are on a holiday park with lots of amenities.

Eligibility – Children 0 – 18 who have received treatment for cancer in the last 12 months.

Contact –01708 734366 or [info@lennoxccf.org.uk](mailto:info@lennoxccf.org.uk)

- Over The Wall - [www.otw.org.uk](http://www.otw.org.uk)

Over The Wall is a UK based charity for children with serious illness and disabilities, and their families, to discover a world of mischief and magic. A place where they can be brave and have fun with others. These amazing places and activities are in-person – at residential camp and also online – with Camp in the Cloud and Camp 365. And what's more, it's all free!

Tel: 02392 477110 – Option 1, or email: [campers@otw.org.uk](mailto:campers@otw.org.uk)

- React - [www.reactcharity.org](http://www.reactcharity.org)

React holidays are for families with a child (0-17yrs) with a life threatening condition or one that will shorten their life span. Only available to families who are on a low income. React have several mobile homes that are each 3-bed and sleep up to six people (Skegness, Isle of Wight, Blackpool, Ireland, Wales -Trecco Bay, & Scotland – East Lothian).

If interested please view the React website as above and where you can also download an application form. You can also ring React for an application form or for further information (ie eligibility and availability) on 020 8940 2575 or email [react@reactcharity.org](mailto:react@reactcharity.org)

- TYAI** • Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust (Four-Day Sailing Trips) - [www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org](http://www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org)

Sailing trips around the Isle of Wight or on Scotland's West Coast – these four-day trips on a yacht are available for 8-17 year-olds and 18-24 year-olds. The trips are for people who have completed treatment (patient only); they are free but places are very limited. The trips are great fun and provide a fantastic chance to make friends with others who have had similar experiences, try new things, rediscover independence, and discover what you are really capable of. You will travel with a group from your hospital and each trip is led by a team of very experienced volunteers, including nursing/medical staff with experience of cancer and leukaemia.

There is more information on the Trust website, but to discuss it further or to express your interest, please contact your hospital Clinical Nurse Specialist, Young Lives Vs Cancer Social Worker or Teenage Cancer Trust Youth Support Co-ordinator.

# HOLIDAYS IN OTHER LOCATIONS / ABROAD

- Barretstown (Ireland) - [www.barretstown.org](http://www.barretstown.org)

*For Families:* Barretstown provides weekend residential family camps, centred around Therapeutic Recreation, for young people affected by serious illness and their families. Our camps are an opportunity to have some Serious Fun and enjoy a host of amazing activities including canoeing, archery, mini golf, climbing wall, art and much more and are free of charge. All day-to-day needs are met so that families can concentrate on spending quality time together. Families are supported by a 24hr onsite medical team should their child require medical attention over the weekend.

*For Children & Teens:* Our Children and Teen summer programmes are specially designed, age-appropriate residential camps to allow children from 7yrs to 17yrs affected by serious illness to have some serious fun. Parents do not participate in the summer programmes; the children and teens stay at Barretstown supported by our camp team. These camps are a wonderful opportunity to engage with other campers, build confidence and self-esteem while taking on new activity-based challenges in a safe and supportive environment.

Contact: [families@barretstown.org](mailto:families@barretstown.org) or call 00353 45 864115.

- Destination Florida (Florida) - [www.destinationflorida.org.uk](http://www.destinationflorida.org.uk)

Destination Florida offers life enhancing biennial trips to Florida for approximately 72 children across North England. The trips are usually for 8 days and the children are given the opportunity to visit all the theme parks. They also have a relaxing and team building day involving time in the hotel, pool, shopping trip and watching a Cirque du Soleil show plus a final night party with entertainment. High quality medical and pastoral care is provided throughout the time they are away in Florida. This is achieved through the delivery of a mobile hospital consisting of doctors, nurses and physiotherapists. Additionally, adult helpers work with the medical staff to create six 'caring teams' and this enables one to one support to be provided for each child. Caring for the children who are taken on a trip is often a full-time responsibility for their parents or guardians. Therefore, only children go to Florida with the charity as this allows their carers to have priceless eight days of respite whilst having the reassurance of knowing their child will continue to have professional medical care.

We only take children who live in the North of England. Children must be aged between 6 and 16 on the date of travel to Orlando. It would aid the process if the child already has a passport.

Email [info@destinationflorida.org.uk](mailto:info@destinationflorida.org.uk) or call 0161 789 7788

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# FUNDING / GRANTS FOR HOLIDAYS

- Adamson Trust - [www.theadamsontrust.co.uk](http://www.theadamsontrust.co.uk)
- CHAS – Children’s Hospices Across Scotland - [www.chas.org.uk](http://www.chas.org.uk)
- Family Fund - [www.familyfund.org.uk](http://www.familyfund.org.uk)
- Hamish Dear’s Warm Hugs
- Leeds Community Trust - [www.leedscommunitytrust.org](http://www.leedscommunitytrust.org)
- Olive and Norman Field Charity - [www.oliveandnormanfieldcharity.co.uk](http://www.oliveandnormanfieldcharity.co.uk)
- Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukaemia - [www.tccl.org.uk](http://www.tccl.org.uk)