

# FRIENDS OF HEACHAM BEACHES



# HEACHAM BEACH HUT OWNERS ASSN

## A BIG Welcome to your first Newsletter!

We are so excited that the Association has made a flying start, with such an encouraging reaction to join up!

We have already joined forces with “Love Your Hut” – a specialist Beach Hut Insurer. Check out the article “Help from our Favourite Insurer” for details on how you can start to save money on your annual Beach Hut Insurance.

For some years June and Barry Shearman and myself have talked about the benefits of forming a Beach Hut Association – see “What’s motivating us?” At a meeting of the Friends of Heacham Beaches, it was suggested that we run the Association “under their umbrella”. This made sense as we are all primarily concerned with looking after Heacham’s beaches, for the enjoyment of everyone...and so the Heacham Beach Hut Owners Association was born!!!

We plan to set up our own Facebook Page, so for those with internet access please watch out for details this winter. We have so many plans and can’t wait to get started – making things happen. Members will be the first to know every time.

*Dena*

## SO WHAT’S MOTIVATING US?

- **SECURITY** first and foremost. We need to keep our Huts as safe and secure as possible. We need to organise regular daily patrols to check the Huts, and we need to maintain an up-to-date register of Owners, so they can be informed immediately if their Hut needs any attention.
- **FUNDRAISING.** Closely related to security, so we can put in place some more security measures.
- **FIGHTING OUR CORNER.** United we stand, etc... We already have one or two gripes to get to grips with – so better it be with a “universal voice”.
- **HAVING FUN.** Well what else is a Beach Hut for? We plan to make our fundraising fantastically fun for all.

## HELP FROM OUR FAVOURITE INSURER!



We are delighted to have agreed to work with Matthew Briggs at Love your Hut as they specialise in Beach Hut & Chalet Insurance. They are able to offer all Association Members a 10% discount on their annual premium, as well as making a contribution to our “funds” for every policy that is taken out with them. For further details on Love Your Hut, please see their information overleaf. Please get a Quote from them when your current policy expires, as we are sure they will save you money! The Association will also benefit, which in turn benefits you with the improvements we can look to make – win, win!

LoveYour Hut also offer their time and assistance in respect of event and marketing Sponsorship, and will attend our meetings from time-to-time, with invaluable information and advice for our Members.

## SECURITY

Always of concern to our Members, we know & we have lots of ideas on our “to do” list to assist good security. We currently patrol the Beach Huts as often as possible throughout the year, and now wish to increase these patrols with the help of the Association Members.

Do you live locally? Do you / would you like a regular walk along our beautiful promenade? If so, would you consider a regular patrol of the Beach Huts – if only once a week? Please contact us so we can add you to our schedule – contact details are below.

With the end of the season almost upon us, we know you will be thinking of how best to “wrap up your Hut for winter”. Our favourite Insurer has some good, simple tips, so please read on

## FUNDRAISING

Again, we have lots of ideas on our “to do” list and plenty of research to do into costs / feasibility etc... In the meantime we are aware that we will need “plenty of funds in the kitty” so any suggestions for fundraising, please let us know...

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Pop in for a chat with your suggestions / give us a call / email us at – [acctg4business@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:acctg4business@yahoo.co.uk) or even message us on Facebook – Heacham Beach Hut Owners Association.

## Introducing love your hut

Love Your Hut is dedicated to providing the very best insurance product and service to the nation's beach hut owners.

Their experienced team have over 15 years industry experience and truly have the "Hutter" at the heart of their business.

"Our research shows that there are still people out there who believe insuring their beach hut is either not possible or too expensive. We have worked hard to develop a market-leading product and competitive premiums. We are committed to giving something back to the beach hut owners' communities too by working in partnership with Associations, local councils and specialist contractors, to tackle local issues through meetings, seminars and event sponsorship. Our business really does go beyond providing insurance!"

**Jonathan Kitchen, Managing Director**

Love Your Hut provides a simple online quote and buy facility which means you can purchase your insurance almost anywhere and at any time! For those of you who like to speak to a Consultant, you can contact 0113 357 0204 or 0113 357 0203 (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday).



### Welcome to the UK's first online quote and buy Beach Hut Insurance.

-  Competitive premiums
-  Market-leading policy wording including Watercraft and Business Use
-  No administration fees
-  Dedicated team with over 15 years industry experience

### Arranging your Beach Hut Insurance couldn't be easier.

-  Simply logon to [www.loveyourhut.com](http://www.loveyourhut.com) for further details or a quotation
-  Or alternatively, you can always contact us on 0113 357 0204 or 0113 357 0203 or
-  Email [enquiry@loveyourhut.com](mailto:enquiry@loveyourhut.com)

**Your hut is important to you – that's why it's important to us!**

## LOVE YOUR HUT – WINTER TIPS

-  Consider the area around and under your hut. As far as possible ensure it is free of loose debris, in particular wood, paper and other flammable material. Many deliberate hut fires are started by igniting rubbish in the cavity between the ground and the base boards
-  Remove any unnecessary items kept inside your hut. As well as being attractive to thieves, things like gas bottles and barbeques pose a threat in the event of a fire
-  Make sure gas is turned off, remembering to open gas taps on cooker or hob to draw through excess gas;
-  Dispose of all rubbish from your hut, especially food as this could attract rodents and promote the growth of mould;
-  Ensure you leave some ventilation, whilst of course maintaining the security of your hut;
-  When closing your hut for the last time, remember to liberally coat the lock(s) with petroleum jelly (e.g. Vaseline). Avoid using mineral grease as this can clog up the mechanism and create a mess when re-opening locks in the spring;
-  Wrap locks with Clingfilm and tie a plastic bag tight around padlocks.
-  Remove fabric items, cushions, curtains, towels etc. Condensation will cause these to get damp which will cause mildew.
-  Box up all plates, cutlery or cover over. Huts do get mice and insects.
-  Place a desiccant water trap in middle of hut as this captures moisture.
-  Make sure doors are shut correctly and bolted inside and out if possible. If left all winter they will warp out of shape.
-  Check roof coverings are fixed down, with galvanised pins and roof battens.

"We are all very keen to get moving with our new association and your knowledge and experience of the concerns of beach hut associations along with security advice will be of invaluable assistance to us and our members. Personally I also find it such a refreshing change, in these days of huge businesses and call centres, to be able to build a relationship with a company and to have the opportunity to work together to the benefit of both parties."  
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**Dena Patrick – Heacham Beach Hut Owners Assn – Assn Rep.**

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