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sense
for deafblind people



Holidays 2012
a summer to celebrate!

Welcome to the 2012 Sense holiday brochure

This year we have organised another really exciting holiday programme which includes familiar favourites as well as new venues for you to choose from! The brochure will give you a taste of the coming summer and we have even more holidays available this year, so we hope you are as excited by the programme as we are.

We are committed to providing a range of holidays that are safe and enjoyable for everyone involved. With plenty to choose from this summer, we are certain you'll find a number of holidays that interest you. If you have any questions about any of the holidays or the way we organise the programme in general, please do not hesitate to contact the Holidays Team. We look forward to seeing you on a holiday this year.

Sense holiday map, locations and symbols

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Holidaymakers

We accept applications from people with a dual sensory impairment. We are also occasionally able to offer a holiday place to people with a single sensory impairment with an additional disability. However, our holidays are increasingly popular and people with a dual sensory impairment will have priority.

Please read the guidelines before completing the application form and contact the Holidays Team if you have any questions at this stage. Please then return your application form by **Friday 17th February 2012**. The first round of allocations will take place shortly afterwards. If you receive the application

pack after this date, it is still worth applying and you will join our waiting list. We do still offer places after the first round of allocations and we also have emergency places available at shorter notice. Although we try to allocate holidaymakers one of their first three holiday choices, this is not always possible and an alternative holiday may be offered.

Volunteers

For those interested in volunteering on a Sense holiday, please see the enclosed volunteering details or contact the Holidays Team for further information on how to apply. To stand the best chance of being

accepted, please return your completed application by the **end of March 2012**. However, we continue to accept applications and allocate volunteers throughout the summer, so it is always worth applying at any stage.

Sense

Sense is a national charity that supports and campaigns for children and adults who are deafblind. We provide advice and information as well as specialist services to deafblind people, their families, carers and the professionals who work with them. We also support people who have sensory impairments with additional disabilities.

What do the symbols mean?

We have used a number of picture symbols to give you more information about each holiday – please use keys on this page. However, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Holidays Team.

Accessibility

We have marked the venues as either wheelchair accessible or easy walker.

The wheelchair accessible icon means the venue has been adapted for someone who is a wheelchair user. However, the level of access varies from purpose built accommodation to venues which offer minor adaptations such as wider doorways and ramps.

All easy walker venues have at least one downstairs bedroom and may be suitable for occasional wheelchair users.

Age Group

The brochure also gives you an idea of the age group for each holiday. Our children's holidays are for holidaymakers up to 11-years-old, young persons' holidays are for people aged 11 to 18 years, young adults' holidays are for people aged 16 years upwards and adults' holidays are for people aged 19 years upwards. However, these ranges are flexible as it is often impractical to stick to them rigidly.

Accommodation



Cottage



Activity Centre



Holiday Village



Boat



Youth Hostel



Camping/Yurt



Horse Riding Centre

Age Group



Children



Young People



Young Adults



Adults

Location



Seaside



City/Town



Countryside

Group Size



Small Group



Medium Group



Large Group

Accessibility



Easy Walker



Wheelchair Access

“I went on a holiday that made me relaxed and gave me a sense of independence. I experienced many different things for the first time and I also enjoyed activities I loved.”



WEEK 1 starting 20th /21st /22nd July 2012

1. Chestnut Lodge www.roslistonforestrycentre.co.uk

Date: Friday 20th July to Friday 27th July 2012

Where: Swadlincote, Derbyshire

About the group: 3 Adults

Details: Chestnut Lodge is situated within Rosliston Forestry Centre. The woodland site offers a wealth of opportunity from quiet places to enjoy the countryside, to a range of outdoor activities including wheelchair accessible orienteering routes! A variety of excursions are available in the local area and may include a visit to Alton Towers, a ride on a steam train and swimming. The lodge is single storey with level access, which is suitable for wheelchair users. There are wheelchair accessible shower rooms with vertical and horizontal rails around the shower, bath and toilet area. The kitchen/living area is open plan.



Cottage



Countryside



Small Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

2. Cardiff and Bristol City Break

Date: Saturday 21st July to Saturday 28th July 2012

Where: Cardiff and Bristol

About the group: 4 Adults

Details: Our youth hostellers enjoyed their adventures so much last summer, we thought we'd take in two countries on this year's summer city break! The holiday will start and finish in Bristol, with a three night trip to Cardiff halfway through. Sightseeing opportunities may include Bristol Zoo Gardens, Cardiff Castle, At-Bristol science centre and much, much more. The youth hostel accommodation in Cardiff is on the ground floor and in Bristol bedrooms are accessible via a lift. However, there is a single step at the main entrance and there are no other special adaptations.



Youth Hostel



City



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Adults

3. Close Shave A www.reachoutplus.org

Date: Saturday 21st July to Saturday 28th July 2012

Where: Hemel Hempstead to Gayton, Northampton **About the group:** 3 Young People

Details: This year we are pleased to be returning aboard the boat Close Shave with a new adventure! There will be plenty of opportunities to steer the boat and work the locks, as well as to relax and watch the world go by! Day trips along the way may include Berkhamsted Castle, swimming, a canal museum, and visiting town centres for sightseeing and shopping. Close Shave has a wheelchair accessible boarding ramp and hydraulic lift, there is level access throughout the boat, as well as a wheelchair accessible toilet and shower, and a portable hoist. Please note – the start and end locations for this holiday are approximately one hour's drive apart.



Boat



City



Countryside



Small Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People

4. Conygre Farm A www.hideaways.co.uk ref: H129 and H130

Date: Saturday 21st July to Saturday 28th July 2012

Where: Pewsey Vale, Wiltshire

About the group: 4 Young People

Details: Conygre Farm is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Pewsey Vale. The venue is a high quality conversion of Victorian buildings into two cottages with an integral heated, indoor swimming pool. Other on site facilities include a games room with an arts and crafts area and day trips may include a visit to Longleat or the beach at Bournemouth. The cottages have level access throughout the ground floor, and there are ground floor bedrooms and bathrooms suitable for a wheelchair user.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People

5. Oxford Adventures www.elements.eu.com

Date: Sunday 22nd July to Saturday 28th July 2012

Where: Oxford

About the group: 4 Adults

Details: After two successful years we return to Oxford for another adventurous week, spent camping and learning to paddle in two-person canoes on the River Thames. The trip will include two days' training, followed by a three-day expedition based on the group's interests and progress during the week. There will also be time for lots of water-related and camp-craft fun, led by qualified canoeing instructors and guides, as well as the opportunity to explore the local countryside. Accommodation will be in tents in a series of campsites along the river with basic washing facilities and toilets. Please note this is a Sunday – Saturday holiday.



Camping



Countryside



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Adults

WEEK 2 *starting 27th/28th July 2012*

6. Beamsley A www.beamsleyproject.org.uk

Date: Friday 27th July to Friday 3rd August 2012

Where: Skipton, North Yorkshire

About the group: 7 Young People

Details: This former chapel is a large property on the doorstep of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The centre has level access throughout and is suitable for wheelchair users, with a lift to the first floor. On site activities include a pool table and table tennis. Off site activities may include swimming and a trip to SPACE multi-sensory centre. Beamsley has wheelchair accessible shower rooms, an overhead hoist in the bathroom, wash 'n' dry toilet and changing table. Electrically adjusted beds, bed rails and a mobile hoist are also available.



Cottage



Countryside



Large Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People



“I did lots of new things I had never done before and made some good friends.”

7. Holton Lee New Barn www.holtonlee.co.uk New Barn

Date: Friday 27th July to Friday 3rd August 2012

Where: Poole, Dorset

About the group: 7 Adults

Details: We are pleased to be returning to Holton Lee New Barn, set in a secluded part of Dorset, near Poole Harbour and the world heritage Jurassic Coast. Day trips may include Swanage steam railway, watersports at Poole Park and a visit to nearby Sandbacks beach. The New Barn is situated on the ground floor with ramp access to the bedrooms and is fully accessible for wheelchair users. The bedrooms have electrically adjusted beds and an ensuite shower and toilet and each room has a ceiling track hoist. Bed rails and a mobile hoist are also available. The sitting room veranda opens on to a sheltered paved area, low level garden and wildlife pond.



Cottage



Seaside



Large Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

8. Bumper Butlins www.butlins.com/resorts/skegness

Date: Saturday 28th July to Saturday 4th August 2012

Where: Skegness, Lincolnshire

About the group: 4 Young Adults + 4 Adults

Details: Butlins was our most popular holiday choice in 2011 so we've doubled the number of places on offer this summer! Two separate holiday groups will head to Skegness and during this sociable holiday there will be lots of opportunities to meet up as a whole group too. The resort is set on the Lincolnshire coastline and is situated on a long sandy beach. Splash Water World is also on site and other available activities include archery, table tennis and evening entertainment, such as tribute acts and live bands. The groups will be staying in adjacent apartments which have shower facilities and are situated on the ground floor. However, there are no other special adaptations.



Holiday Village



Seaside



Large Group



Easy Walker



Young Adults



Adults

9. Close Shave B www.reachoutplus.org

Date: Saturday 28th July to Saturday 4th August 2012

Where: Gayton, Northampton to Hemel Hempstead

About the group: 3 Adults

Details: This year we are pleased to be returning aboard the boat Close Shave with a new adventure! There will be plenty of opportunities to steer the boat and work the locks, as well as to relax and watch the world go by! Day trips along the way may include Berkhamsted Castle, swimming, a canal museum, and visiting town centres for sightseeing and shopping. Close Shave has a wheelchair accessible boarding ramp and hydraulic lift, there is level access throughout the boat, as well as a wheelchair accessible toilet and shower, and a portable hoist. Please note – the start and end locations for this holiday are approximately one hour's drive apart.



Boat



City



Countryside



Small Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

“I enjoyed everything – the place, the people and the fun things to do!”





“The biggest impact the week had on me was knowing that my son was having fun in a secure environment which met his needs.”

10. Conygre Farm B www.hideaways.co.uk ref: H129 and H130

Date: Saturday 28th July to Saturday 4th August 2012

Where: Pewsey Vale, Wiltshire

About the group: 4 Children

Details: Conygre Farm is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the Pewsey Vale. The venue is a high quality conversion of Victorian buildings into two cottages with an integral heated, indoor swimming pool. Other on site facilities include a games room with an arts and crafts area and day trips may include a visit to Longleat or the beach at Bournemouth. The cottages have level access throughout the ground floor, and there are ground floor bedrooms and bathrooms suitable for a wheelchair user.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Children

WEEK 3 starting 3rd / 4th August 2012

11. Beamsley B www.beamsleyproject.org.uk

Date: Friday 3rd August to Friday 10th August 2012

Where: Skipton, North Yorkshire

About the group: 7 Adults

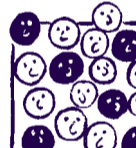
Details: This former chapel is a large property on the doorstep of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The centre has level access throughout and is suitable for wheelchair users, with a lift to the first floor. On site activities include a pool table and table tennis. Off site activities may include swimming and a trip to SPACE multi-sensory centre. Beamsley has wheelchair accessible shower rooms, an overhead hoist in the bathroom, wash 'n' dry toilet and changing table. Electrically adjusted beds, bed rails and a mobile hoist are also available.



Cottage



Countryside



Large Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

12. Stubbers Activity Centre www.stubbers.co.uk Orchard Camp

Date: Friday 3rd August to Friday 10th August 2012

Where: Upminster, Essex

About the group: 7 Young People

Details: With your sleeping bags at the ready come and stay at Stubbers Activity Centre! If you're looking for an action-packed week this is the holiday for you! You will spend your nights under canvas in purpose built frame tents, and your days taking on new challenges from crate stacking and low ropes, to canoeing and climbing, with the support of instructors experienced at supporting disabled people. Adjacent to the campsite is a building where you will cook, eat, and use the washing and toilet facilities. The bathroom facilities are accessible for wheelchair users, however the accommodation has no other special adaptations.



Activity Centre



Camping



Countryside



Large Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People

“It is really great, I can relax and have fun, away from home and family, and do lots of exciting and interesting things with lovely people.”



13. White Lodge Farm www.whitelodgefarmcottages.co.uk

Date: Friday 3rd August to Friday 10th August 2012

Where: Hingham, Norfolk

About the group: 3 Young People

Details: White Lodge Farm provides a luxurious rural retreat in the heart of Norfolk, not far from the Norfolk Broads and the beautiful beaches of the North Norfolk coast. As well as a trip to the seaside, other activities may include swimming, a trip to the zoo and a farm visit. The barn has level access throughout the ground floor with bedrooms, shower and bath facilities. However, there are no special adaptations.



Cottage



Countryside



Small Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People

14. Whitehouse Farm www.whitehousefarmbarn.co.uk

Date: Friday 3rd August to Friday 10th August 2012

Where: Heathcote, Derbyshire

About the group: 4 Children

Details: Whitehouse Farm is a spacious converted barn centrally situated in the Peak District National Park. As well as enjoying the beautiful countryside, day trips may include swimming, a trip to Alton Towers and visiting a local farm. This two storey accommodation has level access on the ground floor. There are ground floor bedrooms with a wheelchair accessible shower room, however, the bath is on the first floor. The first floor has some low beams and doors.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Children

15. Macaroni Wood A www.macaroniwood.org.uk

Date: Saturday 4th August to Saturday 11th August 2012

Where: near Cirencester, Gloucestershire

About the group: 5 Children

Details: Macaroni Wood is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds. The venue has a whole host of animals to meet including chickens, rabbits and pigs, as well as an on site sensory room and trampoline. Off site activities may include a trip to the hydrotherapy pool and snow tubing! This two storey accommodation has level access on the ground floor and is suitable for wheelchair users. There are ground floor wheelchair accessible bedrooms and a shower room with a free-standing bath. An electric hoist and changing table are also available.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Children

WEEK 4 *starting 10th / 11th August 2012*

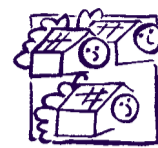
16. Centerparcs Sherwood Forest www.centerparcs.co.uk

Date: Friday 10th August to Friday 17th August 2012

Where: Newark, Nottinghamshire

About the group: 5 Children

Details: This holiday village lies at the heart of the Nottinghamshire countryside and there's so much on site, it will be difficult to know where to start! Activities may include horse and carriage rides, going out on pedalos or cycling around the park. There is also a large swimming pool on site with Jacuzzis, fountains and wave machines. The villas are single storey with bath and shower facilities. There is an open plan kitchen/living area.



Holiday Village



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Children

17. Milton Brook www.miltonbrook.com Rose Cottage

Date: Friday 10th August to Friday 17th August 2012

Where: Chester, Cheshire

About the group: 5 Young People

Details: This large, converted farmhouse is a new location for this summer and is located near Chester in Cheshire. The comfortable cottage has a large private garden and there's a heated indoor swimming pool on site. Nearby attractions and possible day trips include the zoo, a giant aquarium, outdoor activities in Delamere Forest and the Wingate Centre with its accessible trampolining and multi-sensory facilities. There is a ground floor bedroom with an accessible shower room. However, the bath is on the first floor, there is a single step to enter the property and there are no special adaptations.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Young People

18. Broadstairs Folk Festival www.broadstairsfolkweek.org.uk

Date: Saturday 11th August to Saturday 18th August 2012

Where: Broadstairs, Kent

About the group: 6 Adults

Details: It's the ever popular Broadstairs Folk Week, where life is set to folk music! Headline acts are in a concert marquee, with gigs in almost every pub, cafe and restaurant in town. We will be right at the heart of the action, staying nearby in a campsite in a yurt. The Sense group is always made to feel really welcome and we're looking forward to being part of the festival for another year. The campsite is level, with mobile showers and toilets. Camp beds will be provided. However, there are no special adaptations.



Yurt



Town



Seaside



Large Group



Easy Walker



Adults

19. Laugharne Barns www.laugharnebarns.co.uk

Date: Saturday 11th August to Saturday 18th August 2012

Where: Llansadurnen, Carmarthenshire

About the group: 4 Adults

Details: These two converted barns near to Carmarthen in South Wales are situated in a rural village farm and are a beautiful new holiday location for this summer. Possible day trips could include nearby Pendine beach with its soft golden sands, as well as outdoor activity centres, animal parks and a visit to Oakwood theme park. The barns have been recently renovated to a high standard and there are bedrooms on the ground floor with wheelchair accessible shower rooms.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

20. Macaroni Wood B www.macaroniwood.org.uk

Date: Saturday 11th August to Saturday 18th August 2012

Where: near Cirencester, Gloucestershire

About the group: 5 Young People

Details: Macaroni Wood is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds. The venue has a whole host of animals to meet including chickens, rabbits and pigs, as well as an on site sensory room and trampoline. Off site activities may include a trip to the hydrotherapy pool and snow tubing! This two storey accommodation has level access on the ground floor and is suitable for wheelchair users. There are ground floor wheelchair accessible bedrooms and a shower room with a free-standing bath. An electric hoist and changing table are also available.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Young People

WEEK 5 starting 17th / 18th August 2012

21. Kingfisher Barn www.kingfisherbarn.com

Date: Friday 17th August to Friday 24th August 2012

Where: Abingdon, Oxfordshire

About the group: 3 Adults

Details: This beautiful converted barn is situated in the heart of Oxfordshire. There is plenty of outside space and a heated indoor swimming pool on site. Off site activities may include bowling, pottery painting and a boat trip on the River Thames. The barn has level access throughout the ground floor and is suitable for wheelchair users. There is a ceiling track in all ground floor bedrooms and bathrooms. Hoists and slings are available. There is an open plan kitchen/dining area.



Cottage



Countryside



Small Group



Wheelchair Access



Adults

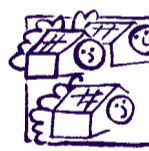
22. Ribby Hall www.ribbyhall.co.uk Diamond Villas

Date: Friday 17th August to Friday 24th August 2012

Where: Blackpool, Lancashire

About the group: 4 Adults

Details: Ribby Hall is a holiday village set amongst 100 acres of countryside and landscaped grounds which can be explored by bike, on foot, by boat or on horseback! There is a swimming pool on site and other on site activities may include horse riding, kayaking and outdoor bowling. The villas are single storey with level access and an open plan kitchen/living area. There are bath and shower facilities. However, there are no special adaptations.



Holiday Village



Seaside



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Adults

“It is lovely to see my son interacting with other people and being independent away from me.”





“We felt our daughter had a lovely holiday which she will remember for a long time. She looks at her scrap book and giggles at the photos – so it was a fun week.”

23. Bradbourne Horse Riding www.bradbourne-rda.org.uk

Date: Saturday 18th August to Saturday 25th August 2012

Where: Sevenoaks, Kent

About the group: 4 Young People

Details: We're delighted to be returning to Bradbourne following the fantastic feedback from our first summer there last year! The week will be spent learning to ride and care for horses and ponies, all of whom have spent some of their time with disabled riders. Activities will include riding lessons, as well as grooming and feeding the horses and helping to muck out the stables! We will be sleeping in caravans some of which are accessible for a wheelchair user. The toilets and showers and the dining room are separate and are also accessible. No previous experience of horse riding is necessary for this holiday.



Camping



Countryside



Horse Riding



Medium Group



Easy Walker



Young People

24. Hall Farm www.hallfarm.com Riverview and Meadowview Cottages

Date: Saturday 18th August to Saturday 25th August 2012

Where: Horning, Norwich

About the group: 4 Children

Details: These two spacious cottages are surrounded by beautiful countryside and both have large gardens overlooking open fields. The cottages are ideally situated near to both the Norfolk Broads and the North Norfolk coast. Day trips are likely to include a day at the seaside, visit to a theme park and a trip on a sailing boat. The cottages have some bedrooms and ensuite roll-in shower facilities on the ground floor. However, there are no other special adaptations.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Children

25. Macaroni Wood C www.macaroniwood.org.uk

Date: Saturday 18th August to Saturday 25th August 2012

Where: near Cirencester, Gloucestershire

About the group: 5 Children

Details: Macaroni Wood is situated on the edge of the Cotswolds. The venue has a whole host of animals to meet including chickens, rabbits and pigs, as well as an on site sensory room and trampoline. Off site activities may include a trip to the hydrotherapy pool and snow tubing! This two storey accommodation has level access on the ground floor and is suitable for wheelchair users. There are ground floor wheelchair accessible bedrooms and a shower room with a free-standing bath. An electric hoist and changing table are also available.



Cottage



Countryside



Medium Group



Wheelchair Access



Children