Trips sub-group meeting 1 – Agenda and planned trips for 2023 with suggestions

Zoom meeting 26/7 at 8pm

Present: Becky, Sarah, Pete, Janey, Yvonne

Apologies: Pravin, Steve W, Damien, Heather

AGENDA	MINUTES	ACTION
1. Numbers on trips, length of stay, start days - queried by Janey		
2. Trips planning		
Nov '22 Becky is thinking about organising a week-long short notice trip at Longthwaite (Lakes) 9 beds, £650 (£700 in '23) Or Beachcombers (Isle of Wight) 8 beds. £580 for Nov 26th, £700+ in '23 https://www.sykescottages.co.uk/cottage/Isle-of-Wight-St-Lawrence/Beachcombers-926288.html	For I of W the 'FerryRule' rule should be used and is banded, Becky knows the detail. A stop on the way to a distant trip ie Scotland can also be banded. Accommodation options. Cottages, out of season, are often cheapest option. Huts are to the same price the whole year YHAs/hostels very expensive – and likely to be out of our range even with maximum multiplier - we don't want to go over plus 20% Longthwaite 'low season' extends further than most cottages – up to mid/late July I of W– advantage is that things stay open out of season, bus service is good, especially as cars are likely to be limited The meeting chose I of W for a Nov week and Longthwaite for a week in April The Peak District was the preferred base for the June Gathering	**Becky to book 1. Beachcombers - for 6 cost is £13 pppn** **2. Longthwaite for April 23 £11 pppn**
Ford Coach House (White Peak) 6/8 beds. £566 https://www.cottage-choice.co.uk/holiday-cottages/cottages-Ford-Coach-House-Cottage-	White Peak – towards Roaches and very good off road cycling nearby. Limestone better for Spring/Autumn trips. Peaks – central to many.	

1073636.aspWyndell Cruck Cottage (Dark Peak) 9 beds. £507 https://www.sykescottages.co.uk/cottage/Peak-District-Peak-District-Derbyshire-Dales-Whitwell-Moor/Wyndell-Cruck-Cottage-1060797.html	Peaks – central to many but Dark Peak can be grim in autumn so we will keep the details as this house is rare with 9 single beds.	
Location dependent on late availability/weather forecast All of the above cottages are cheaper than huts out of season so could be added to our trips programme between November and March. Longthwaite has a longer low season so can be booked up to mid July. Any interest/preferred months for any of the above cottages?	See above, and planning chart below.	
3. Budget Band 3 charge is £20/£18. Multipliers of up to Plus 20% can be added to cover accommodation costs above £14 pppn. Food costs - we aim to spend £5 pppn or below Special requirements/Allergies. ~~We suggest a £2.50 (half of daily food costs) daily reimbursement for people bringing their own alternatives but NC felt this was discriminatory as the food tends to be more expensive~~. Any ideas ?	ALLERGIES- where people have to get special food such as gluten-free, that can be included in trip food costs. <u>Preferences</u> can be surveyed in advance – discussed at pre-trip meeting: eg. How many coffee drinkers? what type/s of milk and bread? Is instant coffee needed . it is very important for trip organiSer to flag up the budget for food at pre-trip meeting (a main mean should be around £2 pppn, dessert £1, that leaves £2 for lunch and breakfast. SHOP APPROPRIATELY/CAREFULLY	
4. Review Covid guidance at next NC meeting. We continue with LFT, spacious accommodation but have stopped reducing numbers from 3 to 2 in shared cars. Any thoughts ?	Discuss at pre-trip meeting – depending on conditions at the time and on trip participants etc.	

AOB Reimbursement for taking food?? Importance of pre-trip planning Who makes a final decision (if one is needed) – the organiser or the trip treasurer?	 Revisit this at NC as to how many needed in car, travel etc Choice of travel is stated on trip booking forms ie whether members wish to opt out so if they offer lifts and take food but no passengers they should be reimbursed for 2 or 3 if they have 1 passenger plus food. Clear communication needed and also some discretion Decide things at pre-trip meeting – who will bring main food/shopping and be paid for it, not everyone who brings small amounts of food will be paid for transporting it, just where the food takes up the space of a person or more. – it should be the trip organiser, but if any difficult decision are needed the organiser can approach trip secs or NC.	
Zoom meetings	Sue offered to use her pro. version of Zoom for next meeting – thanks Sue	
NEXT MEETING	**SUGGESTED FOR EARLY DECEMBER TO ASSESS HOW THINGS ARE GOING AND PLAN OTHER TRIPS FOR 2023**	

Trips and suggestions

Nov. 2022		Beachcombers (Isle of Wight) 8 beds. £580 for Nov 26th, £700+ in '23 https://www.sykescottages.co.uk/cottage/Isle-of-Wight-St-Lawrence/Beachcombers-926288.html	5th Nov – but this 'clashes/is consecutive with Galloway trip Or 26th Nov – it is the cheaper rate then (and Christmas lights will be up!) The weather is purely chance but it would be slightly less light for the later week… Yvonne – do you think anyone on your Galloway trip wld be interested – I think they might be (you included). (12th – not possible for Becky who is keen to go)

2023	Trip confirmed	Possibles	Other
January			
February	Avondruie, Cottage 7 nights Feb 19th to 26th FULL		
March	Alex Mac Hut 4 nights Feb 26th to March 2nd FULL		
April		Late April Longthwaite (scrambling)	
May	Ronnan Hut 7 nights May 27th to June 3rd FULL	A consecutive week – location tb decided – NW Scotland - ? to be discussed with Ronnan participants and a venue sought if one wanted	

2023	Trip confirmed	Possibles	Other
June			Gathering/NC 24th/25th - where ?
July	Duddon Valley, Hut 7 nights July 7th to 14th		
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			