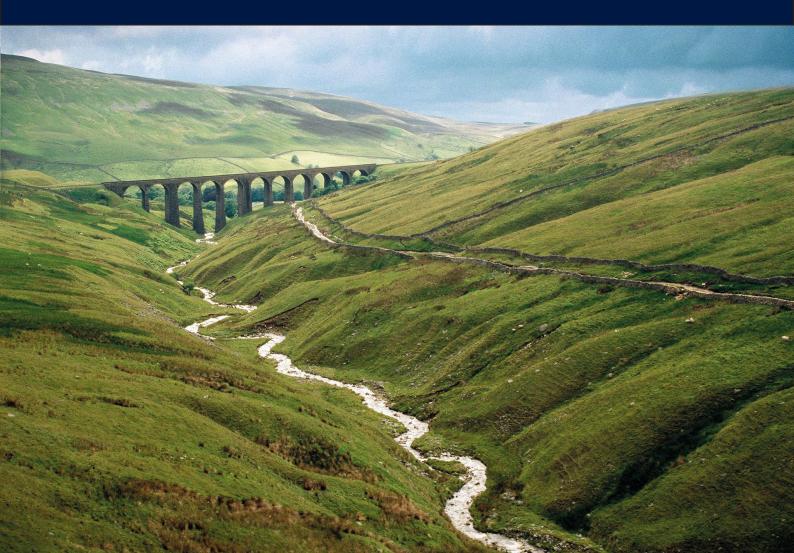


HOLIDAY INFORMATION PACK

Holiday information for people with neurological conditions and their families, friends and carers



FOREWORD

Welcome to the latest edition of The Brain Charity's Holiday Pack, produced for summer 2020.

This document couldn't have been released at a more pertinent but problematic time – we understand while some people have never been more desperate for a holiday after four months of lockdown, others are hesitant about returning to life as we knew it before Covid-19. Either way, there are still stringent restrictions in place around travel, and safety concerns to be aware of.

As it stands, most hotels, B&Bs, caravan parks and campsites in England, Scotland and Wales have now been permitted to reopen, meaning British 'staycations' are back on the cards.

Internationally, the UK government recently updated its advice against all non-essential travel to exempt summer holiday hotspots like France and Greece, stating visits to these countries 'no longer pose a high risk' for British travellers. But the government does continue to advise against non-essential international travel to any other countries not included on that list, and against all cruise ship travel. You can view the full list of exempt countries here: www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-countries-and-territories-exempt-from-advice-against-all-but-essential-international-travel

If they're not returning from one of those exempt countries, passengers arriving in the UK by plane, ferry or train – including UK nationals – are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days, depending on the country they are arriving from. Travellers can be fined £100 for failing to comply.

Before booking a trip, you should consider whether it is appropriate for you to travel at this time, as no form of travel is currently completely risk-free. Are you still shielding or in a vulnerable category? Will you be staying with someone else in your household or 'bubble' during your trip? If not, are you able to satisfactorily socially distance and stay more than one metre from your companion, and other members of the public you might encounter on the holiday, at all times? Do you have extra safety precautions you can put in place, such as PPE to wear? Do you feel mentally ready to face the world outside your door once more, if you haven't left your home or local area during lockdown?



These are all considerations only you can make, based on your individual circumstances – our job is to give you the most accurate, up-to-date information available to us at this time.

Please ensure you keep up to date with the latest advice at the websites below, and where possible, only book options with a full free cancellation policy. Before making a payment, think carefully before booking about the financial ramifications should there be a second wave, and ensure your travel insurance covers you for the additional flights and accommodation you may need to book should this be the case. Travel disruption is still possible, and new national lockdowns and virus control measures may be brought in with little notice.

From all of us at The Brain Charity, stay safe, and if you do choose to go away this year – enjoy the relaxation it brings.

All the best,

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Tui Benjamin, Head of Communications at The Brain Charity



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Information Services

The Brain Charity

This holiday information pack is an example of the type of information The Brain Charity can provide. There is a library where there is information on a wide range of neurological conditions and information about holidays for people with disabilities. Please ring before you want to visit the library to ensure there will be someone available to help you with your enquiry.

The Brain Charity, Norton Street, Liverpool L3 8LR www.thebraincharity.org.uk info@thebraincharity.org.uk 0151 298 2999

Tourism For All

The UK's central source of travel and holiday information and support for disabled and older people, their families, friends and carers. They also publish a range of factsheets.

0845 124 9971 www.tourismforall.org.uk info@tourismforall.org.uk

Travel advice: coronavirus (Gov UK, June 2020)

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus

Coronavirus advice for customers (Association of British Travel Agents, June 2020)

https://www.abta.com/news/coronavirus-outbreak

Can I go on holiday in the UK? (Visit England, June 2020)

https://www.visitengland.com/know-before-you-go-map

Travel insurance and Covid updates (Association of British Insurers)

https://www.abi.org.uk/products-and-issues/topics-and-issues/coronavirus-hub/travel-insurance/



Online Information Resources

Accessable - Travel Source

Database of information on accessible accommodation, attractions and destinations.

Tel: 01438 842 710 www.accessable.co.uk

Accessible Property Register

Wheelchair accessible accommodation and holiday homes. Tel: 0800 368 9228 www.accessible- property.org.uk info@accessible-property.org.uk

Deaftravel

Provides travel information and advice for Deaf people travelling independently abroad. www.deaftravel.co.uk

AccessAble

National accessibility project providing information about access to venues in towns and cities across the UK. www.disabledgo.com

Disabled Holiday Directory

Lists accessible holiday properties. Tel: 0161 804 9898 www.disabledholidaydirectory.co.uk

The Good Access Guide

A unique directory of accessible leisure pursuits, holidays and travel, transport, mobility products, and daily living services for disabled people, their families and friends. Tel: 01502 806 706 www.goodaccessguide.co.uk

Spinal Injuries Association

Have a holiday section on their website with information about holidays in the UK and abroad. Details of accessible accommodation, handy tips and advice on planning a trip.

www.spinal.co.uk/page/holidays Tel: 01908 604 191

Youreable.com

Online community of and for disabled people. www.youreable.com

UK Charities

3h Fund

Organises subsidised group holidays for physically disabled children and adults with the support of volunteer helpers. Provides grants to families on low income with a physically or mentally disabled dependent to have a modest UK holiday break.

3H Fund, Unit B2, Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AQ

Tel: 01892 860207 www.3hfund.org.uk info@3hfund.org.uk

The Bendrigg Trust

Specialises in courses and activities for disabled people. The Bendrigg Trust, Bendrigg Lodge, Old Hutton, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 0NR Tel: 01539 723766 www.bendrigg.org.uk office@bendrigg.org.uk

HCPT

Each year during Easter Week HCPT takes around 2,000 children with disabilities on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes. There are also groups for adults April-Oct.

HCPT The Pilgrimage Trust, Oakfield Park, 32 Bilton Road, Rugby, Warwickshire CV22 7HQ

Tel: 01788 564646 www.hcpt.org.uk hq@hcpt.org.uk

Across Charity

Run weekly pilgrimages by Jumbulance to Lourdes between Easter and November, as well as European holidays.

ACROSS, St Mark's Community Centre, 218 Tollgate Road, Beckton,E6 5YA 020 3542 1800 www.across.org.uk contactus@across.org.uk Merseyside, Cheshire St Helens and Wigan contact Tony Murphy 07881656974

PHAB LTD

Phab Ltd has a network of clubs throughout England run by disabled and non-disabled people. Phab centrally organises holidays for youngsters during the summer break.

Summit House, 50 Wandle Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1DF Tel: 020 8667 9443 www.phab.org.uk info@phab.org.uk Regional officer (North): rebecca.hargreaves@phab.org.uk 01254 824 784 option

UK Charities

Park House Hotel

Park House is run by the Leonard Cheshire Foundation as a country house hotel for disabled people and their companions. 24-hour nursing care is provided. Park House Hotel, Sandringham, King's Lynn, Norfolk PE35 6EH Tel: 02032420200 www.parkhousehotel.org.uk parkinfo@leonardcheshire.org

Holiday Homes Trust

Accessible accommodation for families or individuals who are disadvantaged whether through disability, income or circumstances. The Holiday Homes Trust, Gilwell Park, Chingford London E4 7QW Office hours 08:30am -1:30pm Monday – Friday Tel: 0208 433 7290 OR 020 8433 7291 www.holidayhomestrust.org

Stackpole Trust

Provides self-catering, active holidays for families, or groups, which include people with severe disabilities. They have a hydrotherapy pool and leisure facilities on site including music, art and theatre workshops. Stackpole, near Pembroke, Pembrokeshire, SA71 5DQ Tel: 01646 623110 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stackpole stackpole@nationaltrust.org.uk

Revitalise

Revitalise provides respite holiday care. An example of the Trust's holiday breaks is Sandpipers, in Southport. Sandpipers: Tel: 01704 538 388 Head office: 212 Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, London N1 0QH Tel: 0303 303 0145 www.revitalise.org.uk info@revitalise.org.uk



UK Commercial Holiday Providers

Accessible Travel and Leisure

Accessible holidays and travel for wheelchair users, slow walkers, mature travellers, their families and friends.

Accessible Travel and Leisure, Avionics House, Newhaven Road, Kingsway Business Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 2SN

Tel: 01452 729 739 www.accessibletravel.co.uk info@accessibletravel.co.uk

Limitless travel

Provides information about accessible properties and can discuss with you the suitability of a holiday, information about special aids and nursing and care services.

Access Travel (Lancs) Ltd, 6 The Hillock, Astley, Manchester, M29 7GW Tel: 08007117135 www.access-travel.co.uk office@access-travel.co.uk

Can Be Done

Can Be Done can book your accommodation, flights, Eurostar, Eurotunnel, ferries, car hire or your whole itinerary.

Can Be Done, Congress House, 14 Lyon Road, Harrow, HA1 2EN Tel: 020 8907 2400 www.canbedone.co.uk holidays@canbedone.co.uk

Enable Holidays

Personally audited and carefully selected range of accessible holidays in Florida, Spain, Majorca, Canary Islands, Portugal, Cyprus, and the Greek Islands. Enable Holidays Ltd, 108/109B, The Big Peg, 120 Vyse St, Birmingham, B18 6ND

Tel: 0161 713 3323 www.enableholidays.com info@enableholidays.com

Options Holidays

A not-for-profit organisation running escorted traditional-style holidays for adults with learning difficulties.

Options Holidays, Greyhound Farm House, Cirencester, RGL7 5EF Tel: 01285 740491 www.optionsholidays.co.uk office@optionsholidays.co.uk

UK Commercial Holiday Providers

Traveleyes

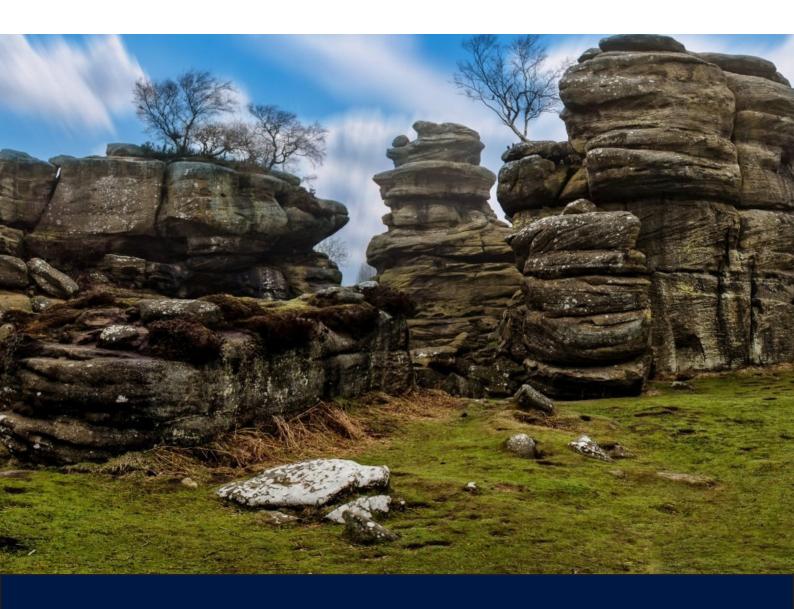
International Travel Company that specialises in world holidays for both visually impaired and sighted travellers. Traveleyes Ltd, PO Box 511, Leeds LS5 3JT Tel: +44 (0)113 834 6094 www.traveleyes-international.com

Chrysalis Holidays

Chrysalis provides supported holidays in the UK and overseas for people with learning disabilities. Providing fun, educational and exciting activities.

Chrysalis Holidays, St David's Office, Park Road South, Newton le Willows, WA12 8EY

Tel: 01925 220179 www.chrysalisholidays.co.uk admin@chrysalisholidays.co.uk



UK Breaks

Bond Holidays

Holidays for people with disabilities, special needs, carers, friends and relatives. Two hotels in Blackpool and St Annes and luxury holiday homes at Marton Mere holiday park near Blackpool.

The Bond Hotel, 120 Bond Street, Blackpool, Lancashire, FY4 1HG Tel: 01253 341 218 www.bondhotel.co.uk sales@bondhotel.co.uk

Gaer Cottages

Committed to Tourism For All, six of the nine cottages are suitable for visitors with limited mobility and welcome individuals, families and groups. Gaer Cottages, Cribyn, Lampeter, Cardiganshire, SA48 7LZ Tel: 01570 470 275 www.selfcateringinwales.co.uk member@gaer.fsnet.co.uk

Irton House Farm

Irton House Farm is set in 240 acres of pasture and woodland and commands probably one of the finest views to be found in the Northern Lakes Irton House Farm, Isel, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 9ST. Tel: 01768 776380 http://irtonhousefarm.co.uk/ lin@irtonhousefarm.co.uk

Joey Dunlop Foundation Holiday Home

The Joey Dunlop Foundation (established 2001) is an Isle of Man Charity whose main aim has always been to create specialist accommodation that will open up the Isle of Man to visitors with disability. Bookings and enquires to Bruce Baker (Trustee and Chairman) Tel: 01624 6777 41 info@joeydunlopfoundation.com www.joeydunlopfoundation.com

The Ty Glyn Davies Trust

A unique self-catering holiday centre and gardens for people with special needs. Centre address: The Ty Glyn Davis Trust Holiday Centre and Gardens, Ciliau Aeron, Lampeter, Ceredigion, Wales, SA48 8DE Administration address: The Old Farmhouse, Esgair Arth, Pennant, Llanon, Ceredigion, Wales, SY23 5JL

Tel: 0345 094 4364 Web: www.tyglyndavistrust.co.uk

International Breaks

I Need a Holiday Too

Accessible Boating Association Canal boat holidays for people with disabilities and their carers. Tel: +44-(0)7934 926683 www.accessibleboating.org.uk



UK Activity Holidays

Accessible Boating Association

Canal boat holidays for people with disabilities and their carers. Tel: 07934 926683 www.accessibleboating.org.uk

Bruce Wake Charitable Trust

The provision of canal and river holidays for people with disabilities. PO Box 9335, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 0ET Tel: 0344 879 3349 www.brucewaketrust.co.uk

Disability Snowsport UK

Disability Snowsport UK is a people-centred organisation with a unique sense of purpose: that anyone regardless of their disability can take part in and enjoy the thrill of snowsports.

Disability Snowsport UK, Glenmore Grounds, Aviemore, PH22 1QU Tel: 01479 861272 rachel.sinclair@disabilitysnowsport.org.uk www.disabilitysnowsport.org.uk

The Kingcombe Centre

Provides holidays and courses. Dorset Wildlife Trust, The Kingcombe Centre, Toller Porcorum, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 0EQ Tel: 01300 320684 www.kingcombe.org kingcombe@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk

The Jubilee Sailing Trust

Adventure sailing for able-bodied and disabled people. Jubilee Sailing Trust, 12 Hazel Road, Woolston, Southampton S019 7GA

Tel: 023 8044 9108 www.jst.org.uk

The Lyneal Trust

The Lyneal Trust offers canal boat and cottage holidays in beautiful Shropshire for people with disabilities, illness or injury, or any other vulnerability and their family, friends and carers who may accompany them.

Lyneal Cottage, Lyneal Wharf, Ellesmere, Shropshire, SY12 0LQ Tel: Tel: 01948 710708 www.lyneal-trust.org.uk

UK Activity Holidays

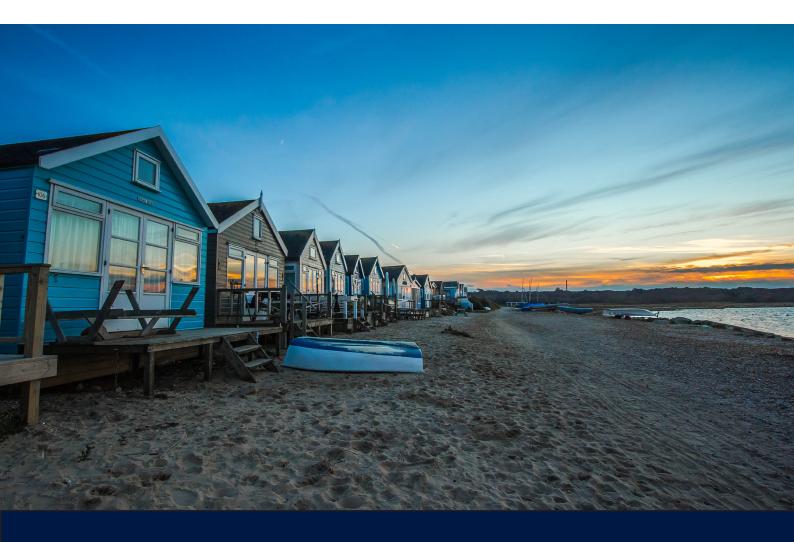
The Vale of Llangollen Canal Boat Trust

Canal boating for people with disabilities The Vale of Llangollen Canal Boat Trust, The Old Armoury, 2 Berwyn Street, Llangollen, Denbighshire, LL20 8NF Tel: 01978 861450 www.vlcbt.org.uk

The Wirral Community Narrowboat Trust

Two narrow boats provide a year round service to user organisations ranging from The Alzheimer's Disease Society to the Zipper Clubs, covering young persons and senior citizen groups, special schools, hospitals and hospices. Wirral Community Narrowboat Trust, c/o Hillyer McKeown, 1 Hamilton Square, Birkenhead, Wirral, CH41 6AU

Tel: 0151 647 6300 www.wirralnarrowboats.com



Specialised Holidays

Age UK Holidays

Age UK have partnered with Silver Travel Advisor, the travel review and information site for mature travellers aged 50+ to bring a selection of holiday suggestions and special offers. Tel: 0800 678 1602 OR 0800 169 8787 www.ageuk.org.uk/products/holidays--travel

The Back-Up Trust

A national charity for spinally injured men and women. Back-Up, 4 Knightly Walk, London, SW18 1GZ Tel: 20 8875 1805 www.backuptrust.org.uk admin@backuptrust.org.uk

The Caravan and Motorhome Club

Have a list of sites that have facilities for disabled people. The Caravan Club, East Grinstead House, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 1UA Tel: 01342 326 944 www.caravanclub.co.uk enquiries@camc.com



Holiday Insurance

Higos Insurance Services Ltd

Higos Insurance Services Ltd, 2nd Floor, 50 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3JY Tel: 01749 834 500 enquiries@higos.co.uk www.higos.co.uk/travel

Saga Insurance

Tel: 0800 068 3317 www.saga.co.uk/insurance

Stroke Association

The Stroke Association is an Introducer Appointed Representative of AllClear Insurance Services Limited Tel: 0808 168 8711 www.stroke.org.uk/finding-support/help-daily-living/travel-insurance-providedallclear Stroke Association

Staysure

Over 50's travel insurance and experts in pre-existing medical condition cover. Staysure.co.uk Ltd, Britannia House, 3-5 Rushmills Business Park, Bedford Road, Northampton, NN4 7YB Tel: 0808 281 7547 www.staysure.co.uk/travel-insurance

Brokers

If you are finding it difficult to find suitable cover, a specialist insurance broker will usually be able to help. The British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA) can put you in touch with a specialist broker.

BIBA (British Insurance Brokers' Association)

To find a broker telephone Consumer Helpline Tel: 0370 9501 790 www.biba.org.uk enquiries@biba.org.uk

Association of British Insurers (ABI)

A trade association for the UK insurance industry. Information and factsheets on their website. Association of British Insurers, One America Square, 17 Crosswall, London, EC3N 2LB

Tel: 0207 600 3333 www.abi.org.uk

Funding for Holidays

Publications

A Guide to Fonacial Help Towards the Cost of a Holiday, Respite Care or Convalescence

Tourism for all has a booklet which has details of trusts and funds that consider applications for financial assistance towards the cost of a holiday. It is available from Tourism for All price £3.50 or free to members. Tourism for All UK, 7A Pixel Mill, 44 Appleby Road, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 6ES

Tel: 0845 124 9971 info@tourismforall.org.uk www.tourismforall.org.uk

A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need 2020/2021

(17th Ed, Mar 2020. Directory of Social Change ISBN 978 178482 062 6) Available in public libraries. There is also a reference copy at The Brain Charity library. This publication details sources of help and funding for individuals. It is arranged by general charities, charities under specific conditions, occupational charities, service charities and religious charities. There is also a geographical listing of local charities.

Organisations

Turn2Us

Turn2Us is a free website for finding grant providers. It has a grant search facility which provides the details of a large range of grant giving charities. Includes on-line search of the Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need. www.turn2us.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau

It is sometimes possible to get a grant from local charities or disability groups. Citizens Advice Bureau can provide details of local charities. See local telephone directory for the nearest branch or their website. www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Other local charities that can provide help:

Lions Club International

Lions Clubs International British Isles & Ireland, 257 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6DT Tel: 0121 441 4544 enquiries@lionsclubs.co.uk www.lionsclubs.co.uk

Funding for Holidays

National Association of Round Table

Round Table, Marchesi House, 4 Embassy Drive, Calthorpe Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 1TP Tel: 0121 456 4567 www.roundtable.co.uk

Rotary Club International

Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, Warwickshire, B49 6PB Tel: 01789 765 411 www.ribi.org

The 3H Fund

The 3H Fund provides grants to families on low income that include someone with a physical or learning disability so that they can have a modest UK holiday break when funds are available. 3H Fund, (Helping Hands for Holidays), B2 Speldhurst Business Park, Langton Road, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN3 0AQ Tel: 01892 860207 info@3hfund.org.uk www.3hfund.org.uk

Help for families and children

Support groups for different conditions can sometimes help with sources of funding. Contact our information centre for details of specific support groups. Funds are also available based on past or present occupations, professions, Trade Union membership and service within the Armed Forces. See the above 'guide to grants for individuals in need' for details and contacts.

Contact-a-family

Contact-a-Family can provide information on sources of funding. They also have a holidays, play and leisure fact sheet. Contact a Family, 209-211 City Road, London EC1V 1JN Tel: 0808 808 3555 www.cafamily.org.uk

Funding for Holidays

Family Fund

For low income families with disabled children under 17yrs. 4 Alpha Court, Monks Cross Drive, York, YO32 9WN Tel: 01904 550055 www.familyfund.org.uk

The Family Holiday Association

The Family Holiday Association is the only national charity dedicated to providing British seaside breaks and day trips for families struggling with some of the toughest challenges life can bring. Family Holiday Association, 3 Gainsford Street, London, SE1 2NE Tel: 020 3117 0650 info@FamilyHolidayAssociation.org.uk www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk



Booklist

Britain's Accessible Places to Stay

Published by VisitBritain. ISBN 0709581467 Concise Blue Badge UK Road Atlas 2009 2nd rev ed. published by PIE Guide. ISBN 978-0955171185 Road Atlas which incorporates useful information for Blue Badge holders including accessible car parks, petrol stations, shopmobility locations, toilet and an accessible accommodation guide. www.thepieguide.com

Holidays in the British Isles: A Guide for Disabled People 2013

Published by Disability Rights UK ISBN 978-1903335628

Rough Guide To Accessible Britain 2016

7th ed. Published by Rough Guides 978-0241342145; available to view for free on their website: www.motability.co.uk/rough guide to accessible britain.pdf

Rough Guide To Accessible Britain

Family Days Out View free online at: www.accessibleguide.co.uk/familydaysout

HFT

HFT is a national charity, providing local support services for people with learning disabilities throughout England. They produce an annual Holiday Information Guide. Available to download at www.hft.org.uk/ holidayinformationguide or if you would like a copy of the guide sent by post, please send an A4 stamped addressed envelope with £1.40 worth of stamps on it to the address: Holiday information guide 2018 HFT, Family Carer Support Service, Whitefriars, Lewins Mead, Bristol, BS1 2NT Tel: 0808 801 0448 familycarersupport@hft.org.uk



The Brain Charity offers emotional support, practical help and social activities to anyone with a neurological condition and to their family, friends and carers. We support people with neurological conditions to live longer, healthier more active lives. info@thebraincharity.org.uk 0151 298 2999

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