

## WEST KIRBY DISTRICT GUIDE HEADQUARTERS Westbourne Road, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 40Q

The West Kirby District Guide Headquarters is a modern single storey building situated by Ashton Park in the centre of West Kirby. It is convenient for the shopping centre and station and has full disabled access.

Up to 18 people can be accommodated:

12 Brownies (maximum) + Leaders

15 Guides or Rangers (maximum) + Leaders

There are camp beds provided, 3 zed beds and two fitted bench beds together with four mattresses suitable for adults or children. Pillows and sleeping bags/blankets must be brought.

One room is carpeted and the other has cushion flooring. Both lead off the large entrance hall. One room is for daytime use and the other for sleeping. The kitchen is well equipped and has a double sink and drainers, large gas cooker, fridge/freezer, microwave, large toaster. Ample crockery and cutlery are provided.

There are 2 showers and 4 toilets in addition to a toilet and shower suitable for disabled visitors.

Heating is by gas radiators, and thermostatically controlled wall mounted convector heaters (these can be safely left on at night).

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms are fitted. An electric immersion heater provides hot water.

A badge machine is available on request with a small charge for the components. Sports equipment is available but pre-booking is necessary to ensure availability.

**West Kirby** is a pleasant seaside resort, on the shores of the Dee Estuary, situated about 11 miles from Liverpool and 18 miles from Chester, both easily reached by public transport. The Wirral Country Park runs close to the Headquarters and there are beaches at West Kirby and Caldy for rural and country walks. There is also a Leisure Centre in West Kirby which includes an indoor heated swimming pool, squash, badminton and table tennis courts. There are several nature reserves nearby and excellent bird watching facilities on the shore and on Hilbre Island.

**Ashton Park** is immediately behind the HQ and can be accessed through a private gate. The children's play area has been recently improved catering for up to 14 yr olds, and there are picnic tables. In the upper park there is a football pitch, a basket ball/netball court and tennis courts. Another new addition in the park is a tree trail, and the leaflets are in the information box for you to use.

**Hilbre Island** – It is possible to walk across the sands to Hilbre Island. This visit must be undertaken with the greatest of care due to tides and dangerous currents. Notices are displayed at Dee Lane Slipway showing a safe route and tide times.

"Wirral Sailing School" The Promenade and marine lake is a five minute walk away, where the "Wirral Sailing School" is based. The instructors hold the necessary RYA and BCU qualifications and will provide tuition and testing in sailing, canoeing and windsurfing for anyone from 7 years upwards. Group rates are available and all equipment is provided free of charge. Phone the Sailing School for further details. Tel. 0151 625 2510

## **IDEAS FOR "DAYS OUT"**

The Wirral Country Park is a traffic free three mile pathway from West Kirby to Thurstaston. It is called The Wirral Way (a former railway line) and at Thurstaston there is a visitors centre, bird hide and BBQ site for visitors. Special days are held for kite making, pond dipping and other activities. Tel: 0151 648 4371 Chester can be reached by bus (one and quarter hours) or private coach (half an hour) or train. Visitors can walk the Roman Walls, and visit the many other attractions. There are Boat trips on the river Dee and excellent shopping. Chester also has a Leisure centre with a swimming pool.

**Liverpool** is only thirty minutes by train or bus, or 45 minutes by train and ferry. It has a host of attractions including the Maritime Museum at The Albert Dock, other Museums and the Planetarium, two Cathedrals, Theatres, Art Galleries, and Concerts.

New Brighton by train (half an hour), Amusement Park, Ten Pin Bowling, and Floral Pavilion Theatre.

BOOKING DETAILS AND CHARGES - 2015/ 2016

Price: £7.00 per head per night (1<sup>st</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> September) £8.00 per head per night (1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April)

Price inclusive of gas and electricity

All enquiries to **Booking Secretary**: 2 Wirral Mount, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 6EW

Tel: 0151 625 6316 Email: trickeyfamily@yahoo.com

PROVISIONAL TELEPHONE BOOKINGS TAKEN, BUT ONLY BECOME CONFIRMED ON RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT OF £25.00

Cheques made payable to: "West Kirby District Guides (Hall A/C)"

BOOKINGS NOT CONFIRMED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF PROVISIONAL BOOKINGS WILL NOT BE RESERVED. DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED IF HALL CANNOT BE RE-LET OR RESERVATION HAS NOT BEEN CANCELLED THREE MONTHS BEFORE DATE OF HOLIDAY.

Brownie Pack Holiday Adviser: 54 Raeburn Avenue West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5JE Tel: 0151 625 3505

Hall Secretary: 2 Wordsworth Walk West Kirby, Wirral CH48 3LG Tel: 0151625 5458

Guide/Ranger Holiday Adviser: Mrs Lynn McCoy email: lynnmccoy15@googlemail.com

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

Supermarket	Morrison's, Dee Lane W K	
One Stop Shop	Banks Rd, W K	
Post Office	Thornton's shop The Crescent, W K	
Chemists	Boots, The Crescent	
	Wilson's, The Crescent	
	Welsh's, Banks Rd	
	Peels, Grange Rd	
Doctors	Marine Lake Medical Practice	0151 625 9171
	The Concourse, WK	
	(next to the rail station)	
Emergency out		0151 648 8496
of hours		
Walk in centre	Arrowe Park Hospital, Upton	0151 678 5111
A/E Department	Arrowe Park Hospital, Upton	0151 678 5111
Trains/buses	Merseytravel	www.merseytravel.gov.uk