

A fabulous summer of camps...



Feedback from our camp leaders

In the date order of each camp — Matt and Emma, overall leaders of **Inheritance Camp 2022**: After a two-year break Inheritance was back with a bang this summer. With a slightly smaller in numbers camp than previous years we had 33 young men and women attend for a week of spiritual programme and activities.

As with every year Inheritance's main aim is to ensure our values are obvious to those that attend:

- Jesus notices us; so we notice you
- Jesus accepts us; so we accept you
- Jesus first loved us; so we love you
- Jesus invites us to belong, so welcome to the family

We had glorious weather this year which facilitated fantastic trips to the beach and midnight swims, encouraging new friendships to be made throughout the week.

As is custom, our worship band was made up of some of the young people themselves and testimonies and words of encouragement were shared during the main celebration meeting by them also. Inheritance really is a place where young people can come with whatever spiritual needs they have, making new friends that are most likely on a similar spiritual journey and meet their Heavenly Father in a field! Post COVID this was definitely a camp to remember!

This **video** features campers and leaders at Inheritance this summer and their reflections on a fabulous camp.



Discovery Camp — The week started off with a fantastic atmosphere. The leaders arrived on site, and it felt so warm as everyone greeted each other after a two year absence. We couldn't fault our fantastic group of leaders serving on the team this year. The campers arrived and were welcomed in by the leaders and shown to their tents. They had time to get to know their fellow campers before meeting all together as a camp for our introduction and first meal in the main marquee.



Throughout the week we had a few days on-site doing activities that some leaders led, these days seemed quite chilled, and we were able to be a bit more relaxed with the timings of things. Other days were a bit easier with trips offsite and having to be at certain places on time.

We enjoyed a couple of fun-filled offsite activities

including the Dorset adventure park and Coasteering provided by Land and Wave.

Trips to Studland beach were popular, where the campers enjoyed having a swim in the sea. On Thursday we headed



to the Streetlight project skate park in Poole. Each camper took part in having a go at skating. There was a bit of searching going on around Swanage during 'hunt the leader' the campers went off in the tent groups to find 11 leaders loose around Swanage. Our theme night this year was filled with fun and laughter, we dressed up in our kilts, ate some haggis, and danced to a ceilidh. It really was such a fun night together and both campers and leaders seemed to enjoy it.

One thing is for certain God meets us in that field each year, we have witnessed over the years of being overalls how he has moved campers and changed lives.

Explorer Camp 2022 — God is so good and blessed us abundantly during the week. We saw 57 young campers during the week of Explorer come together after a crazy couple of years. It was good to see them engaging with one another through sports, activities and worshipping Jesus together with such enthusiasm. The team, as always, were great and led with dedication and amazing commitment.

Feedback from campers and parents

Arguably the feedback from the campers and parents gives perhaps the best picture of Camp.

The trustees received a wonderful testimony about Explorer Camp, from a parent's perspective:

Just a quick note to say just how much our children enjoyed Explorer Camp week before last - it was their (and our!!) first experience of both being away from home without us, and of any type of Christian camp and it has just blown us all away. They have both come home having encountered the Holy Spirit on a whole new level, and it is joyous to see they also had SO much fun with all the activities and loved the food

They both got on really well with their tent leaders, but our son especially with Skittles being alongside Skittles for the week has had a huge impact on him, and the spiritual growth in Isaac is visible and tangible. Thank you so much Skittles for giving your time to serve God through serving these kids so well one particular 'tool' that our boy has mentioned is that each night just as they were going off to sleep, as an end of day 'activity', Skittles set the boys a scene; perhaps of a beach or a meadow, and they would be walking with Jesus having one-on-one time, and that they should just tell Jesus about their day our son has really grasped this and asks me each night to "set a scene" after we have finished prayers love it!

They were both also hugely impacted by the "It's Your Go" talks So, in short, on the car journey home after collecting them, they both immediately asked me to book them on for next year, which I did.

Feedback from campers has been really encouraging too. Here are comments from three campers at Inheritance this year:

'The teaching was very engaging and felt like it catered to all ages and different life situations. I found so much of what was said applied to my situation in life at the moment.'

'How does camp get better every year? Best week of any Christian camp I've ever been to. Jesus met me in a whole new way.'

'I really enjoyed the small groups as daily encouragement. The sense of community and acceptance was so good!'

Wonderful summaries of a fantastic week of camping at Inheritance.

Bookings for next Summer

With such strong feedback, we perhaps shouldn't be surprised to see that we have record numbers of early bookings across all three camps for next summer. Discovery Camp for example is already 35% full by the end October!!

If you want to book a place on Camp for summer 2023 then you can do so [here](#). If you want to join one of our Teams of Leaders, then you can do so [here](#).

A new marquee



Our new marquee provided us with a great facility for meeting together. The rounded ends work so well for bringing everyone together. The evenings were so lovely that on several nights the camps were able to leave the sides of the marquee down.

A big thank you to the Slavanka Trust who provided £1500 towards the cost of the marquee, and also the H&D admin team who researched the options for the new marquee and certainly came up with a great addition to our canvas stock.

Trustees H&D 2031 Vision

In each newsletter we want to reflect on the work that we are undertaking around our 10 Year Vision aims. These are as follows:

- To have an organisation that aims to build the Kingdom of God, that serves the body of Christ, particularly in Dorset/Hampshire and surrounding areas, being focused on introducing people to Jesus, and to encourage and equip children and young adults as they grow as followers of Jesus.
- To be an organisation that pursues spiritual gifts in the expression of faith.
- To have a network of key supporting churches.
- To own at least 10 acres of land, with facilities that make all-year activity possible.
- To be a community where people have a high level of ownership and sense of belonging, built upon strong communication and efficient organisation.

Meet the Trustees! Saturday 19th Nov 2 pm

With record numbers of early bookings for next summer, we have a great deal to look forward to and begin to plan for. **The annual Consultation Meeting with the Trustees** is an opportunity for anyone involved with H&D to share ideas and be involved in discussions as we look ahead. We will also be able to publish the final accounts for 2021-2022.

The meeting is for anyone associated with H&D and we would therefore like to invite you to join us at Salisbury Baptist Church, Brown St, Salisbury, SP1 2AS.

Practicalities: There is limited car parking available at the church. A public car park is located directly opposite (charges apply - approximately £1.60 an hour - coins only no change given). Cheaper parking is available at the Culver Street Shoppers Car Park, Salisbury, SP1 2BQ, and is a four-minute walk from the church.

H&D Family News

Many H&D people will remember Jeff Ballantine and his years of devoted service to H&D. Sadly, Jeff died in October. Paul Wareham served on Team for many years with Jeff and shares his memories here.



Jeff Ballantine (left) and Robin Heyward take a rest during takedown at Rempstone in August 1989

Jeffrey Robert Ballantine. 1950—2022

Lovingly known as ‘Jeff’ to all of us at H&DCYC and just about everyone else. I first met Jeff in 1976 when he was a fresh 26 year old youth leader and I was a 10 year old lad, we were both going for the first time to ‘Junior boys camp’. He was the camp “Padre” spiritual leader and I was on my first holiday away from home with my youth club friends. My first impression was of a very large man in jeans and a tee shirt, who preferred to talk leaning on the marquee guy rope rather than play a game. He was a man who was always there supporting whatever activity was going on interested in getting alongside people to find out who and how they were, he had a natural affinity with children and teenagers, making time and giving his full attention to everyone. His teaching for me made the bible and Gods message come alive, I became a Christian that week and will be eternally grateful to Jeff for leading me to Christ.

Jeff continued as the spiritual leader and I grew up seeing him every year, where he would always ask how I was getting on, we both saw the years and the camp names change. As I grew up and became more involved with H&D I became more aware of just how much care, love and respect Jeff showed in his words and actions, while calmly and courteously standing up for what he believed.

Jeff was a firm and trusted foundation giving much reassurance, strength and support to many overall leaders, his teaching was always fresh, relevant and to the point, so it was no surprise that he was asked to be a trustee and to help with the H&D organization, this he did generously giving his time, wisdom and skills to help navigate the legal maze, building camp teams and give spiritual guidance.

I think what stands out to me about Jeff was that he always had his eyes on Jesus, his decisions, actions and manner backed up the faith and love he had for our Lord. I am sure all of us who have known Jeff over the years will remember him as a man with a happy disposition, can do attitude and a true friend that would go out of his way to help in times of trouble.

It is sad that Jeff had to fight cancer and that his last few years were a struggle but he gallantly fought with a positive mind and attitude, trying and trialing new drugs, whilst all the time still being concerned and caring for those around him, it’s at these times that your faith is stretched and doubts can come in but Jeff was firm and ready to meet his God, sure in the knowledge of his Salvation and I am sure that shone out to all who helped him in his hours of need.



Although Jeff never married or had children of his own I feel God allowed him to be a ‘dad’ to a very many young people, he has a huge family which he prayed and cared for looking after their spiritual lives, taking his job seriously and being there in their times of need. The word Padre means dad and that is exactly what Jeff lived up to.

It was a pleasure and privilege to have been a friend and serve with Jeff and this kind, considerate and gentle human being to me was really an angle dressed in a tee shirt and jeans.

Rest in Peace Jeff
Paul Wareham

Jeff seeing if his physique will help propel the rocket the furthest on camp in 2006



Leader’s Survey

The trustees are asking those who served on a Team last summer to provide feedback on their experience and hope to learn how we can further improve the experience of being on the Team at one of our camps. If you served last summer and haven't yet completed the survey, please use this [link](#) to do so and share your thoughts.

