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Dear Members,

Our Association has been in existence for less than two months and we are delighted to tell you that we already have well over 200 members. Thank you for giving us your support. Members are spread far and wide - the furthest is from York (yes York!), another is from Ilford and we have several members from the Sudbury area, Stowmarket and many from the Ipswich area as well as Felixstowe.

With the considerable assistance with the admin from of one of our members who works for Barclay's, we have now opened a bank account and all your subscriptions will soon be paid in. We are looking into the best method of providing you with something to show that you are members.

We are sure you will want to know who is running the Association on your behalf. The elected Committee is: -

Joanne Woodward (Chairman) - Hut 925 (Brackenbury Cliffs)
Roy Gray (Vice Chairman) - Chalet 14 (Bath Tap)
Julie Downton (Secretary) - Hut 188 (Undercliff Road East)
Trevor Mason (Treasurer) - Hut 39 (Spa)
Barbara Grace - Hut 830 (Brackenbury Cliffs)
Simon Brace - Hut 931 (Brackenbury Cliffs)
Carol Crabb - Hut 7 (Manor End)
Derek Markham - Hut 332 (Brackenbury Fort)

We have had our first meeting with Councillors Herring and Holdcroft. We took minutes of the meeting and they are enclosed with this letter for your information. This is our record of the meeting and a copy has been sent to Suffolk Coastal. You will note that we pressed them not to increase the rents next year, but did not receive any reassurances. Their decision will not be made until the beginning of 2014 so we will continue to raise the matter at future meetings. They did take on board many of the practical issues we

raised and they are endeavouring to do something about defective taps at Manor End and Bath Hill, and we are regularly passing on matters that require attention. If you ever try to report defects to the telephone numbers displayed on SCDC premises and do not get a satisfactory response - please let us know.

It remains to be seen what Suffolk Coastal will do about all the matters we raised. Rome wasn't built in a day so we will continue to raise the concerns that members have brought to our attention. There will be regular meetings at which we will hold them to account.

Please encourage your hut and chalet neighbours and friends to join the Association. All Committee members can give them an application form, there are forms at the Tourist Information Centre or an e-mail can be sent to the Association e-mail address. If you have a relative who can receive e-mails on your behalf, or if you get e-mail yourself, please let us know the address as it is a more immediate method of getting in touch with you. Our Treasurer is also happy to take telephone calls on the number at the top of this letter. The more members we have, the more weight we can put behind our dealings with Suffolk Coastal.

We hope you continue to enjoy your huts and chalets. We will keep you up to date with our activities as often as we can.

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