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IN THE SURF



All the latest surf news from the SurfABLE team.

SurfABLE
SCOTLAND



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IN THIS EDITION

- Urgent: Crowdfunding Appeal for a reliable replacement surf van - we'd love your help
- Members' incentives
- Volunteering
- And more....

Welcome to our first newsletter. In this edition, we are reaching out to everyone, with important information, fundraising, and exciting plans for the future!



Crowdfunder campaign - we'd love a van that works

We really do fear for the future if we have to keep cancelling lessons, pay unexpected garage bills and keep our sessions restricted on locations through fear of unreliability.

That's why we've launched an **urgent crowdfunding campaign** to help us purchase a new and reliable van. It would be fantastic if anyone interested would like to set themselves a personal challenge or fundraising idea to help us towards our target.

The link to the **crowdfunding page** can make it a simple way to ask your family, friends and social network contacts for sponsorships.

Step 1.

Set yourself a challenge. Sky's the limit, it could be a one off walk or run, it could be a daily challenge incorporating movement and fitness or maybe giving up a vice.

Step 2.

Post and engage with people you know with the crowdfunding link embedded and tag #SurfABLEScotland. It all helps to build momentum behind our crowdfunder.



If you would like to keep track of donations inspired by your challenge then you can ask donators to leave a comment when donating and reference who's challenge it is in response to.

It would be amazing to see our surfers get involved.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/new-van-for-surfable>



Membership Offers

You can look forward to some great membership benefits throughout the year, in addition to our discounted surf lessons. Annual membership costs just £20

We are welcoming orders for wetsuit kit from our trade account with **Tiki**, passing on trade prices + postage to our members. If there is anything you need please let us know and we'll look out for the best options in wetsuits and accessories (availability depending).

If you do not have all the kit you have ordered previously then please come down to the van at any day were at the beach which can be seen on the [website calendar](#).



Booking your lesson with SurfABLE

SurfABLE uses 'Bookwhen' as our booking system, which has been a great tool to assist our booking process.

Unfortunately, it has had several user difficulties that we have had to work through and continue to improve.

We are currently looking to improve this.

In the meantime please get in touch if anything is unclear on the website and booking process.



We have had reports that group emails from surfable.org.uk have not been getting through to subscribers.

These emails go out periodically when new lessons are live 'open for bookings' or where important information like this can reach everyone.

Again, if anything doesn't appear to be working please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Have you completed our 2022 Surfer Information Form?

Thank you to everyone who have completed our 2022 surfer information form. This is a new format on previous years. It is essential that our records are up to date with the necessary safety information required, i.e., emergency contact and medical information, etc.

Forms must be completed prior to booking, which only requires to be completed once. Find our form [HERE](#)

Plans for Scotland's first surf therapy centre

This is an incredibly exciting sneak peek into one of our priority projects.

Sixteen months, giving 100% into planning, we are very proud to have collaborated and designed what will be Scotland's first adaptive surf therapy centre, situated In Lossiemouth.



We have submitted pre-application plans to the Moray Council and will share the full plans publicly and with you all once we receive official feedback.

We've been blown away with letters of support from individuals and organisations to support our application with one stating, 'this will be a national example of excellence in accessibility'. The building also incorporates 2 Changing Places toilets, an provision increase in Moray, by a whopping 40%!



The accepted culture for impaired individuals, with or without assistance from parents or carers, being left to sacrifice privacy and dignity in relation to essential hygiene needs is completely unacceptable for 2022.

Social Media

We would love to grow our social and physical network even further.



Your continued support online and on social media is a massive help to a charity like ourselves where instant likes, comments, and shares make our posts and stories more popular, and more widely shared. This all helps our posts reach more people who would love to access our services and strengthens our fundraising and grant efforts.



Volunteering

Working as a team, we're really proud of our awesome volunteers who are very much at the heart of SurfABLE.

SurfABLE volunteers provide invaluable support through person-centred coaching and higher ratios to create positive experiences for all our surfers.

There's no hard commitment, and we appreciate any availability you have. Volunteers are supported throughout sessions by experienced surf instructors and are invested in with training opportunities.

If you share our passion to make life changing differences and promote surf adventure, then you've arrived at the right place.

Go for it and get in touch!

Drop us an email - volunteer@surfable.org.uk, or call Kev, our Lead Instructor m.07938 214165



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