

# Jennie's Children's Trust Welcome You



## Broad Haven

One of the best beaches in  
Pembrokeshire.



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45 mins drive from Timber Hill

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**ST DAVIDS**  
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**LITTLE HAVEN**  
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**CAREW CASTLE**  
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# Welcome

We are thrilled to have you with us for the week at Timber Hill.

Set in picturesque and peaceful grounds, children will love the outside space and freedom to explore and play. Your individual self catering lodge has its own veranda allowing you to sit outside, relax and enjoy your surroundings. There is a playground and even a fishing lake at the top of the estate with plenty of wildlife around.

Timber Hill is close to the popular sandy beaches of Broad Haven and Little Haven. There are also plenty of interesting places to visit and attractions nearby, some of which are featured in this guide.

One of our lovely volunteer families will also be on site for the week. They will be on hand daily to answer any questions you have and to help with anything you need.

Please be assured this is your holiday, to spend however you like.

We hope you have a fantastic holiday, full of fun and laughter and memories that will last a life time.

We look forward to meeting you.

Safe travels

*Jennies Childrens Trust*



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## YOUR VOLUNTEERS

Lodge XX

Claire and her family

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## Some memories from previous years

*“The last few years have been stressful for us and the last week has made up for all of it. Thank you so much to the Trust. The volunteers were very friendly and the children adored them”*

Over the years at Jennie’s Children’s Trust, we’ve met and spent time with incredible families, so deserving of a week away from the normal challenges of their daily lives. Timber Hill’s, set in the beautiful, peaceful countryside in Pembrokeshire, Wales, provides the perfect place for families to enjoy quality time together, meet other families and relax knowing their children are having fun in a safe environment.

It’s wonderful to see children come together and enjoy the simple pleasures of running around, playing games, digging holes and making sand castles on the beach (whatever the weather!).



You can swing as high as you like ...

## Green fields and a rope swing.

**Sometimes the little things in life give so much pleasure and fun.**

Timber Hill offers, play areas, climbing frames, swings and slides, a stream and pond with great rope swings. Children and adults can spend hours exploring and having fun.

Building a dam across the small stream seems to be an annual favourite both for the children and adults.

## Together we make happiness



Families connect, children make new friends, no one judges, careless times having fun with others.

## A lovely quote to share

*“We cannot thank the Trust enough for allowing us to come here and relax with our children and forget what an exhausting couple of years we have had.*

*Watching the children have so much fun is a memory we will hold forever”*

## Creating memories forever

Water fights are such fun, even when the adults get wet. Watching from a distance will put a smile on anyone’s face.





# Timber Hill



## Site Map

Timber Hill is approached along a private leafy lane, which emerges to reveal an open, unspoilt valley. Here the lodges are landscaped into various levels and enhanced with thoughtful planting of trees, shrubs and open areas of grass and wildflowers

You may choose to spend time relaxing at your lodge, enjoying this oasis of peace or maybe take a stroll around the approximately 100 acres making up the estate. There are many lovely walks through the woods and fields, with bridges crossing a pretty stream which runs through the valley, you can discover small hidden waterfalls and stunning views. In addition to the fishing lake at the top of the hill opposite the lodges, three shallow pools form part of a conservation area in the valley and which are a focus for dragonflies, damselflies, and fascinating pond life and a peaceful spot to take a seat.

The whole valley is a haven which attracts a huge variety of birds and wildlife. Watch out for foxes on the field opposite, and in addition to rabbits (including a black variety) you may see badgers quite close to the lodges. Barn owls, tawny owls and sparrow hawks have all nested here and there are around 30 monitored bird boxes in various parts of the grounds, which provide a home for a large population of blue and great tits amongst others.

Children will love the outside space and freedom to explore and play, and many families become regular visitors.



Broad Haven beach is a paradise for children and is one of the finest in Pembrokeshire.

Below the cliffs, there are numerous rock pools and on the north end of the beach is the craggy Lions Head. Haven Sports have a well-stocked watersports shop near the seafront and offer surfboard, paddleboard, wetsuit and kayak hire.

At low tide, you can walk from Broad Haven to Little Haven along the beach past a bay called The Settlands.

Take care if you plan to swim at Broad Haven South Beach as the currents can be strong and change quickly.

To access the beach you can walk along the pretty board walks through the dunes that take you past lily ponds at the north end of the sand.

There are public toilets and a local supermarket, with cafes and a pub on the seafront.

Car parking is no more than a 5 min walk to the beach.

Broad Haven is west facing which means you're in for a fantastic sunset.



## Broad Haven Twilight

"Twilight fell: The sky turned to a light, dusky purple littered with tiny silver stars."

J.K. Rowling

About 5 mins drive from Timber Hill.

# Beaches



## Little Haven



**About 10 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

Further around after The Settlands you get to Little Haven Beach, a small sandy and rocky inlet. Little Haven is popular with boat users as it has a slipway. There is a cafe, pub, shops, toilets and a car park available at Little Haven.

You can also walk back along the road to Broad Haven but be careful as it's narrow (and also not as scenic as walking across the beach).

If you're planning to walk back to Broad Haven across the beach keep an eye on the tide.

Over on Little Haven if you make your way down the steep path you can come to a little pebble beach called 'The Sheep Wash'. It's so called because it was used by local farmers, 50 years ago, for washing sheep before shearing. It's now a popular, sheltered, safe swimming cove.

## Newgale Beach Whitesands Bay

**About 20 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

Newgale beach stretches for around two miles along the Welsh coastline. The sandy beach is surrounded by pebble banks and rugged Pembrokeshire hills.

Surfing is one of the most popular activities at the beach. Due to the strong winds, kitesurfing is another favourite pastime, too. The beach is home to a walk-through cave that takes visitors into sheltered bays.

**About 40 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

Whitesands Bay is a perfect location for visitors to enjoy on sunny days. The beach is ideal for surfing and throngs with wet-suit clad surfers on winter days as well as summer ones. In 2016, Whitesands Bay received Europe's exclusive Blue Flag rating, meaning the water quality is top notch and visitors can expect a high standard when it comes to the beach, as well as its great amenities.



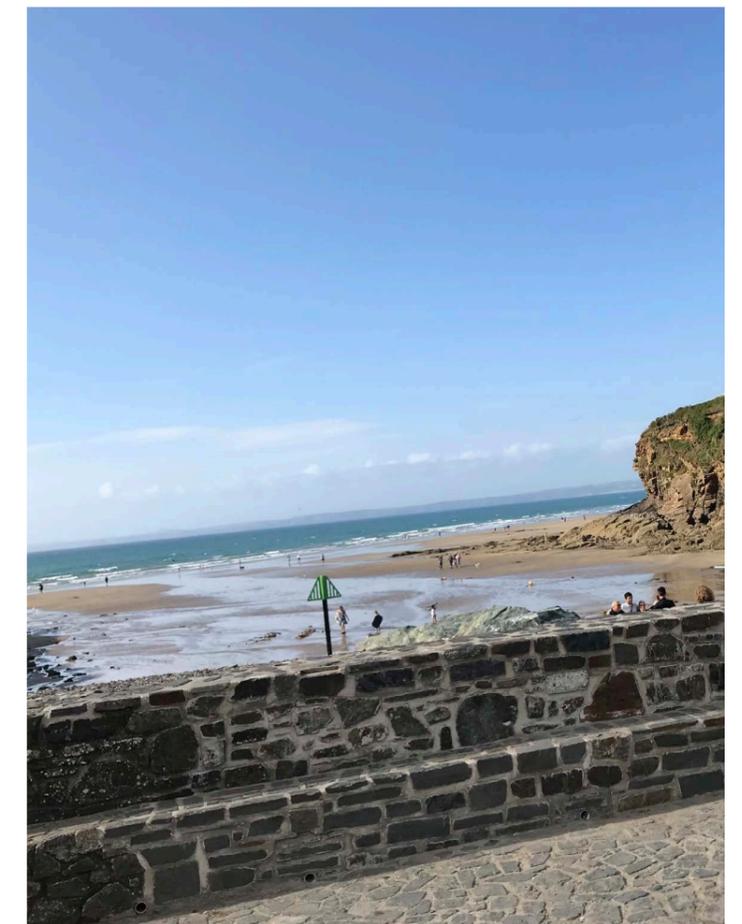
## Come Rain or Shine..



**Broad Haven South is known for Church Rock which protrudes from the water around 150 yards from the shore.**

Don't let this calm scene fool you though, in storms in the winter months it is fairly common for waves to reach 20 feet and engulf Church Rock when they roll in.

When the tide is out you can walk around and even climb on parts of it.





## The zoo is a truly special day out.

At Folly Farm zoo, you'll see the only giraffes in Wales, and can look them straight in the eye from the Giraffe Heights walkway. And we're one of only seven zoos in the UK that cares for the critically endangered Eastern black rhino. You can also see zebras, ostriches, Bactrian camels, bongos, lemurs, meerkats, tapirs, Barbary macaques, squirrel monkeys...the list goes on!

# Attractions

[www.folly-farm.co.uk](http://www.folly-farm.co.uk)

# Folly Farm



About 45 mins drive from Timber Hill.

Ever wanted to see lions, rhinos, giraffes or penguins up close? At Folly Farm, you'll find a world-class zoo with over 100 different species. All in the heart of the Pembrokeshire countryside.

Even in the summer months, you can't rely on the sun.

So our kids' theme park gives you a big choice of indoor and outdoor play areas to keep you and your family amused, come rain or shine. They're all different, so you can choose what's fun for you.

If you've got an annual pass, you and the kids can pop in after school any day, just for an hour or so. There's so much to do, they'll never get bored.

### Indoor play

Our huge indoor play area, Carousel Woods, features an enormous wooden climbing structure, with slides, tubes, climbing nets and rope walks. For younger children, there are smaller

indoor soft play sections (one for babies, one for toddlers), plus a smaller wooden climbing frame.

We've also got some great farm-themed play equipment undercover in the Jolly Barn. Perfect for budding farmers, whatever the weather.

### Outdoor play

We've got lots of themed outdoor play parks. One minute you'll be shouting 'ooh arrrgggghhh me hearties' at Pirate Adventure, the next you'll be playing on the diggers in our construction-themed Destruction Playground. But one thing's guaranteed - your kids will sleep on the way home after all that fresh air.

# Haverfordwest

About 15 mins drive from Timber Hill.

Haverfordwest has been established for almost 1,000 years. In Elizabethan times, Haverfordwest was the second largest port in Wales and remained the main port in West Wales until the coming of the railway in 1853. The castle is in the centre of Haverfordwest and dominates the town.

Haverfordwest has a great variety of shops in the town and the outlying retail parks.

The centre of Haverfordwest is dominated by the Western Cleddau that runs through the middle of the town and the castle that towers above it.

Haverfordwest castle was built about 1120, although no masonry remains before the late 12th century. The majority of the existing structure was built by successive Earls of Pembroke and Queen Eleanor of Castile in the late thirteenth century.

Situated within the Castle wall and previously the old prison governor's house is the town museum. It houses exhibitions of art and local history and has artefacts relating to the town's past.

Downriver on the west bank of the river are the ruins of an Augustinian Priory that have recently been excavated and repaired. They occupy a pleasant setting beside the river, a short walk from the town centre.



### Haverfordwest Farmers' Market

is now held every Friday at Riverside Shopping, Haverfordwest 9am - 2pm

# Checklist

## Essential stuff to bring..

Bedding - pillowcases, sheets, duvet cover (Pillows and duvet provided).  
Towels- beach, bath and tea towels.

## Useful stuff to bring..

Sun cream, Swimming costume, sun hats, buckets and spades, lots of spare clothes, wellies, rain proofs, board games, pack of cards, kite, detergent for the laundry...



We have wetsuits up to age 14 years you can borrow and plenty of outdoor games, fishing nets, balls, tennis, badminton, for your week.



# Tenby

About 45 mins drive from Timber Hill.

### Tenby Harbour and Beach

In the summer months, there's nothing better than sitting on the soft golden sand of Tenby Harbour Beach. Snuggled within the safety of the harbour walls and just a short walk from the main multi-storey car park in Tenby, this beach is ideal for young families.

Set in the middle of Tenby's coastline, there's no shortage of restaurants, cafes and pubs nearby to refuel at after a long day of sandcastle building. Or if you fancy a snack while sitting back on the beach, pop to the Tenby Harbour Snack Bar where the bacon sandwiches are particularly popular!



**Picton Castle about 25 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

### PICTON CASTLE

Picton Castle is a most unusual ancient building as it is a fully developed medieval castle that was transformed into a stately home in the 18th century.

From the outside with its four symmetrically spaced half round towers and gatehouse entrance flanked by two narrower towers it is based upon patterns of Irish castles of the period and is the only one of this type in the mainland UK. As soon as one enters inside it is revealed not to have an inner courtyard and Keep, but rather a series of finely planned rooms typical of the grand country house that it is. There is no other building quite like it in Britain.

Explore the Castle's rich history, discover our rare trees and plant collections from around the world and enjoy the magnificent Rhododendrons, shady woodlands, an exotic jungle garden and colourful walled garden alongside living willow dens, family trails and an engaging adventure playground. The wildlife is abundant and there's plenty of space to run or simply relax on one of our many garden seats to enjoy the tranquillity and take in the views.

## Castell Henllys

**About 45 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

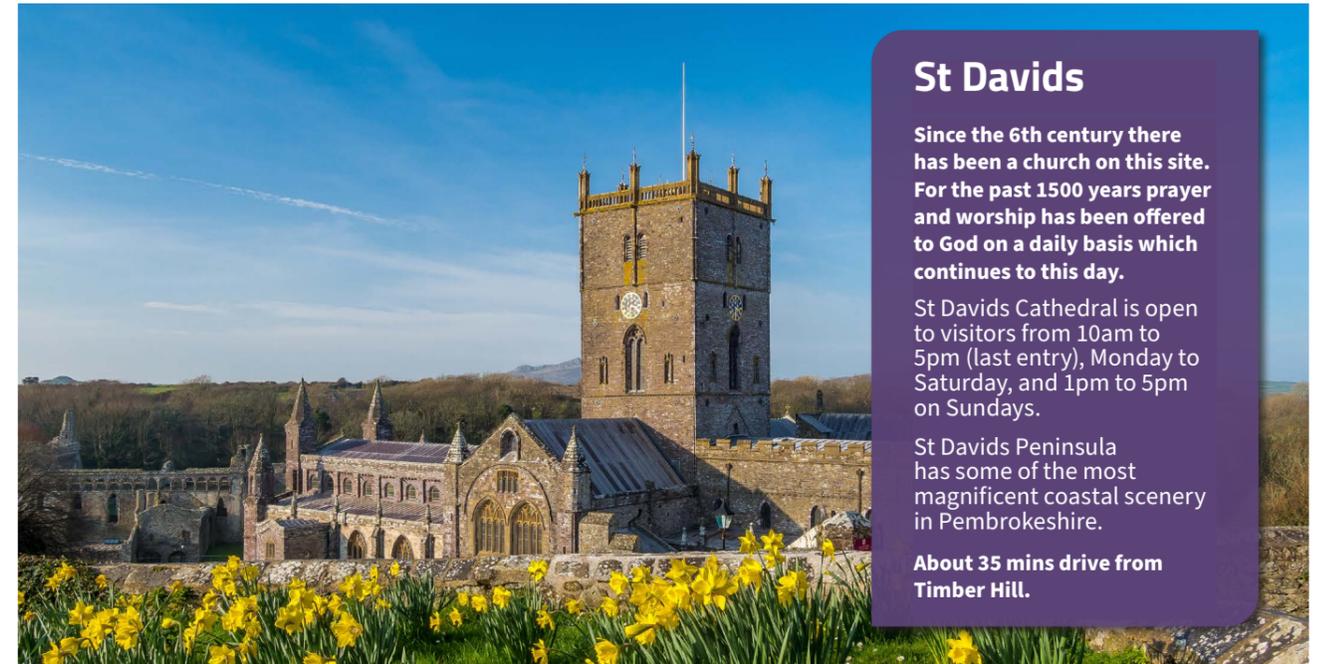
Castell Henllys is the only place you can walk among Iron Age roundhouses that have been reconstructed on the very spot they would have stood 2,000 years ago.

Archaeologists and other experts have helped rebuild these structures with the help of volunteers, using the same kind of materials to create an authentic Iron Age experience.

The history of the hill fort is brought to life by costumed guides who represent members of the Demetae

tribe, which lived in this corner of Wales before, during and after the Roman invasion.

Once you enter the hill fort you will see the four roundhouses and a granary, which have been painstakingly reconstructed on the original Iron Age foundations.



### St Davids

Since the 6th century there has been a church on this site. For the past 1500 years prayer and worship has been offered to God on a daily basis which continues to this day.

St Davids Cathedral is open to visitors from 10am to 5pm (last entry), Monday to Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm on Sundays.

St Davids Peninsula has some of the most magnificent coastal scenery in Pembrokeshire.

**About 35 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

## St Davids

Pretty St Davids, in west Wales, its quaint streets decorated with bunting and cute cafes, boutiques and galleries, is actually the UK's smallest city.

The history behind it is because from the 16th century a town with a cathedral was considered a city by the English Crown. This link was abolished in 1888, but Queen Elizabeth II granted St Davids city status again in 1994 in recognition of its heritage.

### CAREW CASTLE & MILL

**About 25 mins drive from Timber Hill.**

## Former home to Princess Nest

An earth and timber castle that was built here by the Norman Gerald of Windsor around 1100. He was given the site of Carew Castle in a dowry when he married Nest, the most beautiful woman in Wales.

Set in a stunning location overlooking a 23-acre Millpond, the Castle is one of the most architecturally diverse in Wales; from the west a Norman fortress, yet from the north a splendid Elizabethan mansion.



Carew Castle's rich history spans over 2,000 years and tells of knights of the realm, kingmakers, Elizabethan intrigue and Civil War devastation.

The site also includes the only restored Tidal Mill in Wales, an 11th century Celtic cross, a Medieval bridge and picnic area all linked by a mile-long circular walk, suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, with magnificent views over the Millpond.

There is ample free parking for cars and coaches in the main Castle car park.

There is wheelchair access to the ground floor of the Castle and Mill, both shops and Nest Tearoom. The mile-long walk is also wheelchair friendly.

There are toilets at the Castle Visitor Centre, with two disabled toilets.



## Pirates in Pembrokeshire

### Pirate Ships and buried treasure all over the coast.

These days it seems to be restricted, in the main, to the near and far East. But it was not so long ago that pirates and piracy flourished around the Welsh coast - around Pembrokeshire in particular.

In the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries the problem of piracy was a major issue in all of the western counties of Wales. This was, in many respects, due to the fact that the area was so far away from central government but a large part of the problem also stemmed from the fact that all elements of society, from squires and landed gentry to humble shop owners and fishermen, were involved in the business.

For a long while, in the days of Elizabeth I, one of the prime movers in both piracy and smuggling was George Clerk. He was at the centre of a web of illegal operations that brought him hundreds of pounds every year. And he was also a senior customs officer stationed at the town and port of Pembroke! Small wonder he could operate with impunity.

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