



# SUMMER 2022

Quarterly newsletter of Kits Coty Glamping



## Welcome

Written by Ami and Mark Culver

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Helloooooo - Welcome to the new and improved KCG newsletter.

So much has happened since last season we thought we'd give you a little update. With Covid restrictions now hopefully behind us here we've had lots of guests arriving to spend some quality time in the Kent countryside with us and a huge amount have already booked to come back, which is amazing!!

We reached our 300th review on TripAdvisor recently and across all our review platforms we are nearing an amazing 1000 reviews the majority of which are 5 star!! Don't forget you can review your stay at any time and receive an extra 5% off any new booking for doing so.

We have limited summer and weekend spaces left for this season and are happy to announce that next years booking calendar is well and truly open. All our availability is live and up to date on our website [www.kitscotyglamping.co.uk](http://www.kitscotyglamping.co.uk) so check it out now.

We hope you enjoy reading through our news below.

Yours in glamping  
Ami and Mark

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## NEW FACILITIES

### ADDITIONAL UNDERCOVER SEATING

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"The new seating area is a great addition to the site. It was lovely for us all to be able to sit together despite the rain"

We had a wonderful season last year however we didn't rest on our laurels during the closed season!

We spent the winter months building our new and improved Alice In Wonderland Seating Area.

Ami spent nearly 50 hours painting away on the mural and Mark ended up in A&E after a close call with a glove and an electric screwdriver!

It all ended up well though with the whole team stepping in to complete the project ready for opening in May.

We added new seating and tables to the area so we can now accommodate 16 guests undercover in a "Covid friendly" environment.

It's a great addition to the site and has proved to be very popular this season with larger groups.

Other changes :-

Additional Fridge in Kitchen  
New Advertising Screen  
New Leaflet Wall

GOLD

Glamping  
Business  
of the Year  
Kits Coty

THE GRAND

the Beautiful South

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

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# AWARDS

## GLAMPING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2021/2022

Kits Coty Glamping were again recognised at the Tourism South East Beautiful South Awards 2021/22. KCG won Glamping Business of the Year for the second year running and Ami was recognised for her customer service winning Bronze in the Unsung Hero category.

The team were over the moon as you can imagine as it shows all their hard work has paid off.

Following our 2022 site inspection by the AA we are also pleased to announce that we have now achieved 5 Gold Pennants in the Glamping category. All the improvements we have made over the last year have increased our quality score to over 90% meaning we were awarded the top "Gold" status!!



Sarah

Vicky

Ami

Lucy

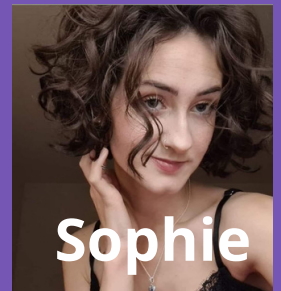
Mark



Mum



Tom and Dan



Sophie

## MEET THE STAFF

### WHO'S WHO AT KCG

I'm sure most of you recognise Ami, Mark and Sarah from your stays with us. This year we have also added more friendly faces who you may see on site during your stay. Vicky is a life long friend and has fitted into the team like a dream. We also welcome Sophie who has been a little star helping out this season allowing Ami to spend more time on our social media, enquiries and to be on hand even more for the guests during their stay. Lucy has been helping us out on a volunteer basis. Her help is greatly appreciated.

Not to forget all the rest of the family who help out no end.

Lorna (Mark's Mum) does all the ironing for us.

Daniel and Tom are in charge of the "Blue Jobs" - that's bins, firewood, fire pits and general site maintenance to everyone else!!



# A SAD LOSS

## FAREWELL POP'S

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We sadly lost Mark's dad Brian to Motor Neurone Disease at the start of this years season, just 4 months after celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary.

He has left a huge hole in our lives however we have to be thankful that he left us with such an amazing legacy.

Our two boys are the 5th generation to live here at Kits Coty, the plot over the years has been developed from a smallholding to the amazing glamping site it is now.

Brian was very much a keen gardener and handyman who spent many hours keeping the site maintained, tidy, watered and in bloom.

We hope he will be proud of us as everyone has stepped up and tried to carry on so the site stays beautiful for all our lovely guests.



# SUSTAINABILITY

## TWINNING, LITTER AND TREES!!

We have this year had a think about how we can be even more sustainable and make a difference in our local community.

We sold our tents and donated the proceeds to Woodlarks a charity who provide camping for disabled children.

This year we have twinned more of our toilets together with our bins and taps. Twinning is a campaign to help improve access to safe clean water and facilities in some of the poorest communities on the planet.

We have twinned with several places we have visited in the past and hope our help improves lives in these communities.

We also recently donated brand new litter picking tools and equipment to the local village litter picking teams who work tirelessly to ensure our local area is kept clean and tidy.

In addition we are also making monthly donations to the woodland trust to offset our environmental footprint. These donations go towards planting and replanting woodland throughout the UK.

Scouts 

#DreamWild

scouts.org.uk/wsj

    /ukcontingent



# CHARITY

## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE & MNDA

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Our son Tom has been chosen to attend the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023.

Tom is busy fundraising the £4000 he needs to pay for his trip.

We've added an "invisible breakfast" to our booking page for 2022/23. When guests add this option to their booking we are transferring these funds to his fundraising total. So far he has raised nearly £3500 with some of this coming from your generous support.

Tom does have a fundraising page running so if any of our supporters would like to support Tom further please donate via this link:-  
<https://maidstoneeastscouts.enthuse.com/WSJ-Tom>

Thankyou.

Once Tom has reached his goal we will be changing our chosen charity to the Mid Kent Motor Neurone Disease Association as their support was so amazing during the last few months of Mark's dad's life.





# FRIENDS OF KITS COTY GLAMPING

COMING SOON.....

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We are excited to announce the launch of our new Friends Of Kits Coty Glamping Community.

Keep your eyes peeled for more details on our social media channels

By joining the community you will get access to early bird dates, booking perks, discounts, invitations to community projects and lots of other exciting things associated with Kits Coty Glamping.

We'll be hosting special events for volunteers over the winter where you can get involved in site maintenance such as work parties, hedge cutting, planting etc even the chance of helping design and build our new Petanque court which will be a great addition to the site for 2023.

You never know you might even want to join the Kits Coty Petanque Team!!

Look out for more details of how to join soon.