## KEEPING



## Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Look, the winter is past, and the rains are over and gone.

The flowers are springing up, the season of singing birds has come, and the cooing of turtledoves fills the air. (NLT)



The flowers are certainly springing up and the rains do appear to have finally subsided.

I am not sure if we have any turtledoves but there are certainly geese enjoying the lake.

During the (slightly) quieter autumn/winter months, underfloor heating and integral bathrooms have been installed throughout all of the new timber lodges, whilst feedback from both visiting and prospective guests has continued to be hugely positive.

Meanwhile, new LVT flooring has been installed throughout the upstairs "Chill Out" Zone.



In preparation for the Spring/Summer 2024 season, The Geoff Goulding memorial bench and the picnic benches have all been lovingly refurbished.



Meanwhile, other works are busily taking place "Lakeside" with the creation of a new downstairs space, the "Lakeside Lounge", within the Sports Barn complex, now well underway.

The Lakeside Lounge will offer another "breakout" area for visiting groups but also somewhere to simply relax and unwind in a space a little quieter than either the dining room or the Chill Out Zone.



Staff Training for the Climbing Tower, in partnership with the Christian Organisation Sportily, has begun and a number of group sessions are now planned for the Summer 2024 season.

Works to extend the dining room are still planned to commence in 2024 but with such a large project it requires careful planning and timing in order to facilitate ongoing construction works without causing disruption to the many visiting groups, during the extremely busy summer period.

Bookings for 2025 are now being received, with many repeat visits planned for new groups that have discovered us, and what a number have described as this "hidden gem", in 2023 and 2024.

As ever, we really thank you for your ongoing prayers and support during 2024.

Please pray for a smooth delivery of the dining room project and also for the health and safety and for the overall number of our volunteers, which work so hard on both Tuesdays and Fridays (and often in between as well) in order to keep everything "On Trac" for our growing numbers of guests.

Finally, please pray for the Health & Safety of all of our guests, both adults and children, that they may be blessed, refreshed and grow, both individually and collectively during the time that they spend with us.

## 3 John 4

I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth. (NLT)

We hope this gives you an insight into what's going on at TRAC and where your gifts and donations are going.

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