



## ASBAH

The Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, founded in 1966, has two main objects: to provide individual support to children and young persons disabled in these ways, and to their families; and to promote research. The second is an important part of the work. A large fund is necessary, so that if a grant for a promising project is sought, the Association can help without delay. Many projects are currently being supported.

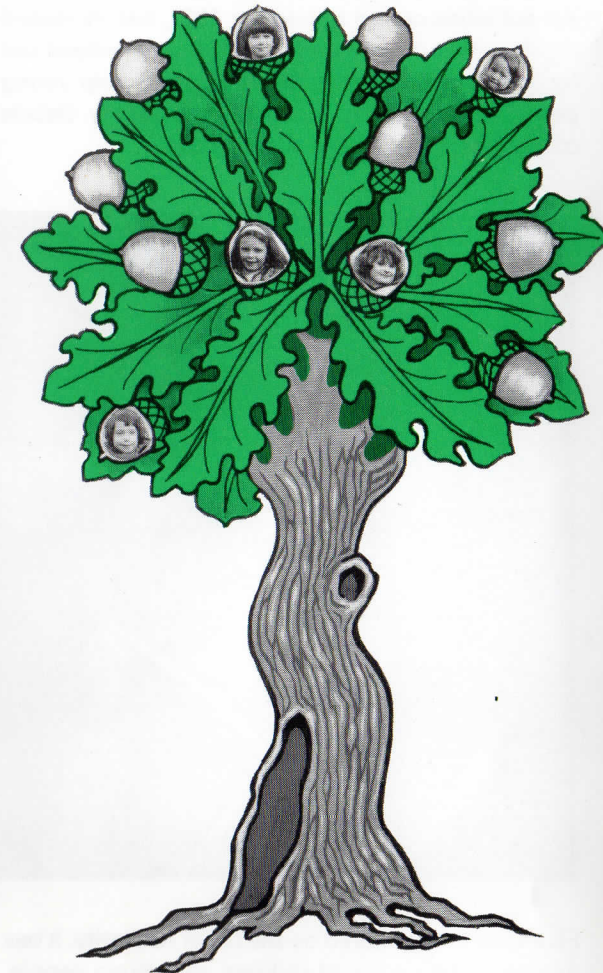
The National Office is in London, with departments specializing in equipment and appliances, holidays, information, social work support, training, and employment.

There are more than 80 Local Associations covering most of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland (Scotland has its own Association). In each locality meetings are held for the exchange of information and to plan events and projects. Members receive practical and financial help, and the Local Associations raise funds for these objects.

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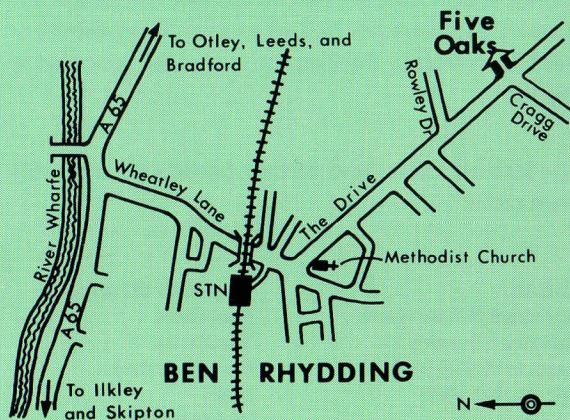
## Residential Care Home



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## How to reach Five Oaks

The nearest cities are Leeds and Bradford, both having frequent bus and train services to Ben Rhydding (half a mile from the house) and Ilkley (2½ miles). From either city the train journey takes 30 minutes. Ilkley station is more convenient for wheelchair users, and trains are met from either station.



# Five Oaks

Five Oaks, opened in 1976, is ASBAH's home for children and young people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. It provides holidays, refuge in times of family emergency, and the security of a family home for children who need long term care or who have no other family base during school holidays. An activities centre opened in 1981, has increased the facilities offered and enabled us to extend our Independence Training Courses which help young people to take a fuller part in the community. Details of our training schemes are enclosed.



Five Oaks is registered by the Local Authority. It has accommodation for 18 children and young people, eleven of whom may have a long term stay. There are also two day places.

Parents, families and friends, can be sure that all residents receive expert care. Staff with approved qualifications are always on duty, including a nurse at night, and a local GP makes regular weekly visits and attends as required. We aim to be flexible in our use of Five Oaks to meet as many needs as possible. Please contact us if you think we could help.



The house stands in delightful grounds of 3½ acres and has a splendid view across Wharfedale to the moors. The house is attractively decorated in an informal way and has a warm and friendly atmosphere. Staff and residents at Five Oaks have been welcomed into the community by the people of Ilkley who take a real interest in the house and from whom members of the House Committee are drawn.



## Fees

Details of charges which are fixed in consultation with the Local Authority are available on request. If money is a problem please contact National ASBAH at the London address below. No-one has ever been refused a holiday for lack of money. If no statutory grant is available the help of voluntary agencies is sought.

Application forms and further particulars available from either:

ASBAH  
Tavistock House North  
Tavistock Square  
London WC1H 9HJ  
Tel: 01-388 1382

The Head of Home  
Five Oaks  
The Drive  
Ben Rhydding  
Ilkley  
West Yorkshire  
Tel: Ilkley 609468