

The Fuffins

Holiday Information



Please take time to read this important information about staying in our cottage.

Important Cottage Information

In alphabetical order

Bed Linen

During the Covid-19 period, at the end of your holiday please strip the sheet, duvet cover and outer pillow cases off your bed and place the linen in the laundry bag provided. Thank you for helping in these strange times.

When staying for more than one week, let us know if you would like to change your sheets and towels. If so, please strip the beds on a Saturday morning and have the linen ready for collection. We will bring clean towels and sheets so that you can make up your beds.

Breakages

Don't worry if something gets broken but please tell us straight away so we can replace or mend it as soon as possible. We reserve the right to charge for breakages or damage.

Bicycles

These can be stored in the old wash house. Please don't take them into the cottage! A puncture repair kit and bicycle pump can be found in a box in the wash house.

Bins

At the end of your holiday please put all your rubbish into the dustbins in the arched cart shed. The blue bin is for waste that can be recycled and the list next to the kitchen bin will help you sort your rubbish. Do not bag waste for recycling.

There is a compost bin in the garden for raw vegetable waste. Please don't put paper, eggshells or cooked food into the compost bin.

Cars

Parking is at the side of The Fuffins in front of the white gate.

Drive with extreme caution down the hill into the farm. Animals, children, peacocks, farmers and tractors are invariably in the middle of the farmyard so please drive very, very carefully and expect the unexpected!

Departure

We always try to ensure the cottage is spotless for our guests and this is even more important due to the threat of Covid-19. It takes us six hours to clean the cottage from top to bottom, therefore please depart before 10.00 am on a Saturday morning and leave the cottage clean and tidy, as you found it. We will need to use the dishwasher so please leave it empty.

Doors

If the French doors and the front door are left open a through draught will cause the doors to slam. Please take off outdoor shoes and muddy footwear before entering the house and leave the farm outside!

Duvets

There are lighter duvets available in the wardrobes if the feather duvets are too warm.

The Farm

We hope you will explore our lovely farm footpaths while you are here - they help to make a visit to Hunting Hall special.

For safety, visitors are not allowed in the farm buildings, near farm machinery or on the bales. It is difficult to see behind whilst reversing farm machinery so stay well away from vehicles that are in use.

Farm animals may bite therefore take care and supervise children near fields and pens.

The Garden

There is an unfenced wetland area and a stream in The Fuffins Garden. Young children must be supervised near water at all times.

The garden parasol and furniture cushions are stored in the tank cupboard in the entrance passage (2nd door along).

Heating

The central heating and hot water are heated by a ground-source heat pump and solar panels. There is under-floor heating downstairs and radiators with adjustable valves upstairs. If you would like the heating settings adjusted please do not hesitate to contact us.

Internet Access

The wi-fi password is barnowl1

Left and lost property

If you leave something behind please let us know and we'll try to forward it to you. Unclaimed items will not be kept after the end of the year.

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Living room Fire

This stove is designed to burn with the doors open and will burn both wood and coal. Don't adjust the lever on the flue pipe or the smoke may not go up the chimney. **It is essential that you put the spark guard in place.**

The coal house can be found through the wicket gate at the side of Newt Cottage. It is the middle of the 3 green outbuilding doors on your left. The ash bucket can be found in here and ashes are emptied into the metal dustbin provided. Wood and kindling for the fire are available in the cart shed (the arched building on the far side of the Fuffins white gate). Please be extremely cautious when using the open fire.

Pets

We regret that pets (including farm dogs or cats - no matter how endearing they endeavour to appear) are not allowed in The Fuffins.

Smoking is not allowed in The Fuffins nor anywhere on the farm.

Toilet

The toilet cistern in the downstairs shower room may be filled from the outside water butt when the lever next to the toilet is set to 'rainwater'. Please be patient as the water runs into the cistern slowly. If it hasn't rained for a while and there is no water in the barrel please turn the lever to 'mains'. **Do not leave the lever mid-way or the mains water will run into the water barrel and we'll have a flood!**

All our toilets are connected to a septic tank so please don't use harmful chemicals or put anything down the toilet other than toilet paper. Place sanitary products in the small bags provided in the bathroom, fold the tops and put them in the bathroom pedal bin. Please empty this into the black wheelie bin in the cart shed.

The Washhouse

This outbuilding is the first green door closest to the wicket garden gate. In here you will find beach games and fishing nets. Don't forget to put them back ready for the next guests and don't worry if anything gets lost or broken but please supply a replacement so that other children may continue to enjoy these items. Always supervise children near water.

Wild bird food to fill up the garden feeders can be found in the washhouse.

Shopping

Our local village store, 2 miles away in Lowick, has a good stock of basic necessities. To drive to Lowick from the farm take every right hand turn you come to. The shop is at the crossroads on the main street through the village.

The nearest town is Berwick upon Tweed, 8 miles away, where there are several supermarkets.

Tesco is easy to find on the main route into Berwick.

Organic produce, locally produced goods and Fairtrade goods can also be bought in:

The Green Shop, Bridge Street, Berwick
Sunnyhills Farm Shop, Belford
Oxford Farm Shop near Berwick
The Good Life Shop, High Street, Wooler
T.R. Johnson Butcher, Wooler Main Street

Eating Out

The Black Bull, Lowick, has a nice restaurant and coffee shop. Tel. 01289 388375 It is an easy walk of under 2 miles from the farm to the Black Bull along a green bridleway. Directions can be found in the cottage.

The fish and chip van is in Lowick every Wednesday evening from 6.30 onwards. It's very popular :)

Cycle Hire

Ford Village Cycle Hire - Ford Village Shop, Ford. Tel. 01890 820230

Berwick Cycles - Bridge Street, Berwick upon Tweed. Tel. 01289 331476

Other Local Services

Public Transport

Local bus services run from Beal on the A1 and Lowick. The 464 bus runs regularly between Lowick and Berwick upon Tweed railway station. Closest railway station - Berwick upon Tweed. Taxi, Fife Taxis: 01289 307188

Petrol and Cash Machine Beal Garage on the A1. This also has a small forecourt shop which has longer opening hours than Lowick Village Store.

Post Office 44 High St, Wooler NE71 6BG
Tel. 0345 611 2970

Tourist Information Centre, Berwick upon Tweed - situated in the library.

Emergency Numbers

Doctors Belford Medical Practice, Croftfield, Belford. Tel. 01668 213738
Dentist 54 High Street, Belford. Tel. 01668 213744
Chemist Boots, 60 Marygate, Berwick upon Tweed Tel. 01289 306036
Medical Advice Tel. NHS 111
Northumbria Police Call 101 for non-emergencies.
Accident and Emergency Berwick upon Tweed
Minor Injuries Unit Tel. 01289 356 607

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