

A guide to staying at

The Hunting Hall Shepherd's Hut



Please take time to read this useful
information about visiting our
Shepherd's Hut.

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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.

Bicycles

These can be stored in the farmhouse stable. A puncture repair kit and bicycle pump are available - just ask.

Bins

The wheelie bins are under the oil tank next to the car parking area. The blue bin is for recycling only. You will find recycling advice under the kitchen sink.

There is a wooden compost bin in the corner along from the oil tank next to the garden wall. It's just for vegetable waste - please don't put paper, egg shells or cooked food in the compost.

Cars

Parking is on the gravel next to the farmhouse stable.

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 make the shepherd's hut spotless for new guests and this is even more important due to the threat of Covid-19. Please make sure you go before 10.00 am on the last morning of your visit and that you leave everything as you found it to give us plenty of time to prepare the hut for the next guests.

Door

The shepherd's hut door catches the wind. Please use the hook to hold it back to the wall if you want to leave it open - not swinging in the breeze.

Duvets

There is a lighter duvet in the cupboard at the bedhead if you are too warm at night.

The Farm

We hope you explore our lovely farm footpaths while you are here - they make a visit to Hunting Hall special. To get into the field in front of the shepherd's hut head for the telegraph pole in the left corner of the field from your front door and you'll find a gap in the hedge onto the footpath.

The Farmhouse Orchard

Enjoy a stroll through the trees and wild flowers by the shepherd's hut. The first fruit trees were planted to celebrate Karen's 50th birthday.

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Fire extinguisher

We'd prefer you didn't set the hut alight but in case of major emergencies, the fire extinguisher is in the tank cupboard and there's a fire blanket next to the hob.

Heating

The shepherd's hut is heated by an electric radiator with pre-set controls. If you are too hot, turn it off at the wall and please don't hesitate to let us know if you want it a hotter.

Internet

The Wi-Fi password is sheepdog!

The Stove

Each stove is different - please read the instructions hanging beside the stove before using this one.

The ash bucket hangs from a hook under the hut and wood and kindling are also stored below it.

At the end of your visit please empty your ashes into the metal dustbin which you will find against the wall to the left of the oil tank (as you look from the shepherd's hut).

Please be extremely cautious when using the stove - it can get very hot if you don't follow the instructions.

Smoking is not allowed in the Shepherd's Hut nor anywhere on the farm.

Toilet

The toilet is connected to a septic tank. Do not put harmful chemicals down the drains or flush away sanitary products. Place sanitary products in the small bags provided, fold the tops and put them in the toilet pedal bin. Please empty this into the black wheelie bin.

Washing up

There is a foldable drainer in the cupboard to the right of the sink. You'll find it really useful for your wet dishes.

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.

The Green Shop in Bridge Street, Berwick, and Sunnyhills Farm Shop, Belford, have a good selection of local or organic produce.

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 :)

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.

Please contact Karen if you have any questions: 01289 388652 or 07770 658634