

Welcome to Netherway Farmhouse 2022



Welcome to Netherway Farmhouse! We hope you enjoy this lovely old thatched cottage dating back to the 16th Century. The cottage is in the conservation area of the village of Okeford Fitzpaine with its beautiful country surroundings and easy access to nearby shops, towns and the spectacular Dorset Jurassic Coastline. Netherway Farmhouse has been refurbished and we hope to have included all the things you may require to make your stay relaxing and enjoyable. There is further information about the cottage and the surrounding area available in the cottage. Please feel free to add any other leaflets you may find during your stay that you think other visitors may like to see. We have tried to equip the cottage with all the things we think it needs but no doubt we have omitted something - so your suggestions for any additions, however small, would be much appreciated. Please let us know by text or email if something is not correct or if there are issues to be resolved on your arrival. Despite our very best endeavours, mistakes can happen and we will do our very best to put them right. Our telephone numbers are 07768 803828 or 07715 591799 or email netherwayfarmhouse@gmail.com.

The cottage is available from 4pm on the Friday and we kindly request it should be vacated by 9:30am the following Friday to allow time for cleaning. We are currently carrying out a full cleaning service on our changeover day in line with our Covid Policy in order to keep our guests safe, which is why we are asking guests to be kind enough to arrive a little later on arrival day and to leave a little earlier on departure day.

Here are a few notes to help you make your stay more enjoyable.

Keys

The keys to the cottage are located in the Sentinel key entry box on the wall outside the cottage to the left of the back door. Please keep the keys in this box when entering or leaving so nobody gets locked out. The code to the sentinel is will be sent to you via email.

Internet

Internet access details are given by the Welcome Book in the cottage. We have recently installed fibre-optic broadband so the connection speed should be good. The same code applies to the barn.

Central heating and hot water

The cottage is heated by gas central heating on a 'Hive' system controlled in the cottage by a thermostat in the lounge on the bookshelf, and is also controlled remotely. Hopefully nobody will feel cold (nor too hot in some of the rooms), but if you do want to override the system you can double click one of the buttons and follow the display. (Please do not pull out the smart plugs situated in the plug sockets around the house as these make the internet system work and allow the heating to be controlled.) A separate Hive system operates in the barn. The barn has under-floor heating.

Electric fire in the Dining room fireplace. This has 2 functions: a log-effect flame and an electric fan. It operates most easily by a remote control by the fire. The flame effect is in fact a fine moisture mist generated in the fire. It should work for a week or so with normal use. If it runs low the fire will cut out and the water reservoir needs filling up. It is simple to do and the instructions are by the fire. The best water to use is the water from the tumble drier pull out tray as the water from there is softer and prevents longer term lime scale buildup.

Bins

Bin collection is on a Monday morning. There is a green recycling bin (paper, card, tins, recyclable plastic), a black non-recyclable bin, a green smaller bin for bottles/glass and a small brown food

bin. Please do not put the packaging in the wrong bins as the council will not then empty them. There are special disposable food bags to use in the brown food bin that need to be used. If you should need to add a new one, they are located in the kitchen drawers (small pale green bags).

Other utilities

The oven, fridge, freezer, washing machine, tumble drier, microwave and TV are all quite easy to operate. Any problems just let us know by phone or email and we will try to sort out as soon as possible.

Electricity: The cottage has been rewired with circuit breakers etc. If the electricity does happen to trip, the box is in the high cupboard near the sink in the kitchen.

Wardrobes: The bedrooms have wardrobes apart from the middle bedroom which has its wardrobe space in the cupboard on the landing.

Eating out

The Royal Oak pub is only a very short walk down the road in the centre of the village. It is a great locals pub and the Landlady, Micky serves traditional pub food most evenings. It isn't open at lunch time at the moment, except on a Sunday when they do a Sunday roast. Currently there is a Pie and a Pint (or glass of wine) night for £12 on Wednesday and a home-made selection of Burgers and Pint night for £10 on Thursdays. The new chef has introduced a specials menu for Friday and Saturday evenings. We would just recommend booking ahead of time especially at the weekend. Tel number is: 01258 861561. Just mention that you are staying at Netherway Farmhouse and we are sure you will be treated very well.

You can buy fish and chips from a van outside the Village School (next to the village shop) on a Tuesday evening between 5:30 and 7:30. The fish is excellent but it is best to arrive early as otherwise they may have sold out! We usually order ours early for a later collection time. It is only a few minutes walk from the Farmhouse.

The Fox at Ansty is a famous local pub and restaurant about 6 miles away from the village. The Fiddleford Inn, recently refurbished, is about 2 miles away and serves good food. The White Horse in Stourpaine is also a good local pub which serves very nice food. It is most renowned for having been visited by Prince Charles on several occasions as it is the local pub for the Parker-Bowles family. The Ibberton Pub, located in the village of Ibberton just 2 miles away is also very good for food and does a wonderful Sunday roast.

Sturminster Newton, about 3 miles away has a variety of small restaurants and pubs serving food whilst 6 miles away Blandford offers more choice and the Crown Hotel which has a comfortable lounge for afternoon tea and drinks.

Local food shopping

The village shop is really good for a wide range of food and the owners, Vince and Sharne are most welcoming. They are open weekdays from 7am to 7pm. Saturday 7 to 5 and Sunday 7 to 12. The meat there is from 'Else's' which is a local butchers - the sausages are great!

There is small Co-op in Shillingstone about 2 miles from the cottage. You can also purchase freshly laid eggs outside various cottages in the village.

There is an excellent independent supermarket a little further afield in the village of Stalbridge called Dikes where you will find some different things to the usual large supermarkets. Sturminster Newton has a good butchers and a larger co-op. 6 miles away from the village in the market town of Blandford, you will find a large Tesco, Morrisons and an M&S Food Hall.

We are collecting some menus and brochures to add to our folder but have not had much opportunity to sample all the recommended places and delights that we know the surrounding area has to offer, so there is just a small sample included to start with.

Market Days:

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME CHANGES MAY BE MADE THIS YEAR DUE TO COVID

Bournemouth: Thursdays & Saturdays

Blandford Forum: Thursdays & Saturdays + Farmer's Market on the second Friday of each month

Bridport: Wednesdays & Saturdays + Farmer's Market on second Saturday of each month

Christchurch: Mondays + Farmer's Market on first Friday of each month

Dorchester: Wednesdays + Farmer's Market on first Saturday of each month

Poole, Thursdays and Saturdays

Portland: Tuesdays (Summer only)

Shaftesbury: Thursdays + Farmer's Market on first Saturday of each month

Sherborne: Thursdays & Saturdays + Farmer's Market on third Friday of each month

Sturminster Newton: Farmer's Market on fourth Friday of each month

Swanage: Fridays 8am - 5pm

Verwood, Fridays + Farmer's Market on fourth Thursday of each month

Wareham: Thursdays & Saturdays + Farmer's Market on fourth Thursday of each month

Weymouth: Thursdays + Farmer's Market on fourth Saturday of each month

Wimborne: Friday + Farmer's Market on fourth Saturday of each month. Saturdays & Sundays-large flea market

For other local information

Please see the Fippenny News magazine or the Blackmore Vale paper which comes out regularly and provides a wealth of information about local events. We will try to keep an updated copy of these available for you in the Holiday Home.

Our contact details

The best way to contact us is by e-mail: netherwayfarmhouse@gmail.com This email address is on our mobile phones, so we are able to deal quickly with any queries.

Finally we would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable stay at Netherway Farmhouse and hope to welcome you back some time in the future!

Best regards

Dave and Corie Graham