

BLACKPOOL MILL COTTAGE



The 15th century cottage is situated in a beautiful valley, a stone's throw away from a remote Atlantic cove. It sleeps 8 people but is equally suitable for 2. A private drive leading from Hartland Abbey through woodland, carpeted in snowdrops and bluebells in spring, quite suddenly opens out to reveal a view of the cliffs and the sea, with the cottage beside the Abbey stream. Its unique position makes it a wonderful place to relax, enjoy the natural surroundings, and escape from the pressures of modern living. It is a children's paradise!



In 2005 the cottage was the film location for Rosamunde Pilcher's 'The Shell Seekers' with Vanessa Redgrave and Maximilian Schell. In May 2007 the BBC filmed Andrew Davies's stunning adaptation of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility here, with Janet McTeer and Mark Williams leading a cast of Hattie Morahan, Charity Wakefield, Dan Stevens, David Morrissey and Dominic Cooper. The cottage starred as 'Barton Cottage', home to the Dashwood family when they fell on hard times.

The beach, with its rock pools, sand at low tide and unique cliff formation is always interesting in all weathers and at low tide prawns, mussels, limpets, star fish, crabs, lobsters and fish are to be found in the pools which are also wonderful natural paddling pools for children. The sea is very clean and excellent for bathing and surfing, in the right conditions. In good weather evening barbecuing on the beach with the sun setting over the sea is magical. The only two lights to be seen are from the lighthouses on Hartland point and Lundy Island. The walks from the cottage are stunning in all weathers; the beautiful rugged coastline combines with a profusion of wild flowers, butterflies and birds in summer, bracing winds and huge seas in winter. There is also trout fishing in the Abbey stream at a small extra charge and the possibility of using the Abbey tennis court.



The cottage remains purposely largely unmodernised to retain its unique character. The ground floor is beamed throughout and the sitting room has a woodburner in a huge open fireplace, a lovely place to curl up with a book or do a puzzle! The kitchen is open plan with the stairs leading upstairs from the middle - a popular place for children to sit in anticipation of their next meal! There is plenty of hot water, an oil fired rayburn and an electric cooker, a fridge/freezer, a microwave and dishwasher. We have installed oil fired heating for the colder months and provide plentiful logs.

Hartland Quay with its hotel, Shipwreck Museum and bar and superb cliff scenery, Hartland point and lighthouse, Hartland Abbey and Gardens, St. Nectan's Church and Docton Mill Gardens are all within walking distance; Clovelly, Welcombe and Morwenstow are nearby. Hartland with its excellent shops, a Post Office, Farm Shop, general stores, antique shop, artists, woodworkers and pottery is 2 miles away. Fresh fish, lobsters and crabs can be bought in Clovelly. Bradworthy has a wonderful, old

fashioned ironmongers. Morrisons at Bideford or Bude is very good.

There are many other wonderful, unspoilt beaches within easy driving distance; there are houses and gardens open to the public, family attractions, excellent pubs and restaurants and, of course, tea rooms! Hartland Abbey has **delicious** cream teas. Boat trips can be taken to Lundy Island from Clovelly or Bideford. Bideford, Barnstaple and Bude are all within 30 minutes drive: North Cornwall, Exmoor and Dartmoor are within easy driving distance. Junction 27 on the M5 is approximately 1 1/4 hours.

ACCOMMODATION **Upstairs: 1 double room (kingsize bed) with ensuite shower, wc and basin and extra bed, 1 double room (kingsize bed); 2 twin bedded interconnecting rooms, most suitable for children.** **Groundfloor: Sitting Room with woodburner in large open fireplace. Large kitchen with oil-fired Rayburn, electric cooker, fridge/freezer, dishwasher and microwave. Bathroom, basin and wc. Mains electricity.** Central heating in winter. Logs are provided. No television. Mobile telephones will work up steps to top of cliff.

LINEN IS NOT PROVIDED except duvet covers. **Please supply your own sheets, pillowcases, towels, swimming towels, bath mats and tea towels. THE COTTAGE IS EQUIPPED FOR 8 PEOPLE AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR MORE.** Please inform us if you have anyone extra who will be charged at £75 per week (except children under 2)

2012 Prices (per week) Friday changeover day, except Christmas and New Year which may vary
Jan 6 – Feb 3, Feb 17, 24: £795. Feb 10: £875. March 2, 9, 16: £895. March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27: £1050. May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 8, 15, 22: £1100. June 1 £1250. June 29 – August 24: £1395. August 31, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28: £1100. October 5, 12: £925. October 19, 26: £1100. November 2 – December 14: £850. CHRISTMAS- FRIDAY 21st – 28th December £1395, NEW YEAR- FRIDAY 28th December £1395.

Booking details

On receipt of a deposit of 25% of the weekly rent, your booking will be confirmed. The balance is due eight weeks before the holiday commences, on receipt of which further details will be forwarded to you, together with a helpful list of local services. The cottage is let from Friday to Friday (except at Christmas/New Year when another day might be more convenient). Please arrive after 4pm and depart no later than 10.00am, in order for the cottage to be cleaned thoroughly between lets. Thank you.

Please contact: Lady Stucley, Hartland Abbey, Nr Bideford, Devon. EX39 6DT. Tel:01884 860225 or 01237441234

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