



BLACKPOOL MILL COTTAGE

The 15th century cottage is situated in a sheltered valley, a stone's throw away from a remote Atlantic cove. It sleeps 8 people but is equally suitable for 2! It is approached by a private track through woodland, at its best from February when all the snowdrops come out followed by the bluebells in April and May; it quite suddenly opens out to reveal a view of the cliffs and the sea, with the cottage below the gorse by the Abbey stream. It's unique position makes it a wonderful place to relax, enjoy the natural surroundings, and escape from the pressures of modern living; there is no telephone or television! A mobile telephone, if you must, will work from the top of the cliff - 5 minutes steep climb - but you would not find a more spectacular place from which to telephone! In 2005 the cottage was used as a film location for Rosamunde Pilcher's 'The Shell Seekers' with Vanessa Redgrave and Maximilian Schell heading a star studded cast. In May 2007 the BBC used the cottage to film Andrew Davies's adaptation of Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility, with Janet McTeer and Mark Williams leading a wonderful young cast of Hattie Morahan, Charity Wakefield, Dan Stevens, David Morrissey and Dominic Cooper. Shown on Jan 1st 2008, the cottage looked stunning as 'Barton Cottage' where Mrs Dashwood moved with her daughters, on the death of her husband.

The beach, with its rock pools, sandy gullies and unique cliff formation, is always interesting and at low tide prawns, mussels, limpets, star fish, crabs, lobsters and fish are to be found in the pools. They are also wonderful natural paddling pools for children. The sea is very clean and excellent for bathing and surfing, in the right conditions. Very few other people can get to the beach as their only access is from the coastal footpath. In good weather, evening barbecuing on the beach, with the sun setting over the sea, and cooking your day's catch, 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 wonderful in all weathers; the beautiful rugged coastline combines with a profusion of wild flowers, butterflies and birds in summer, and 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 a tennis court nearby.

The cottage remains largely unmodernised. The downstairs is beamed throughout and the sitting room has a huge open fireplace. 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 and a good larder. We have just installed **central heating** and a **dishwasher** so things are really looking up!!



Hartland Quay with its hotel and superb cliff scenery, Hartland point and lighthouse, Hartland Abbey and Gardens and St. Nectan's Church are all within walking distance; Clovelly, Welcombe and Morwenstow are slightly further, but well within a day's walk. Hartland with its Post Office, general stores, antique shop, interesting craftsmen, artists, woodworkers and potteries is also easily walkable. Fresh fish can be bought in Clovelly. There is a wonderful Farm Shop at Woolfardisworthy about 15 minutes away by car; a little further away, Bradworthy has very good shops. There is absolutely no need to go near a supermarket unless you want to but Morrisons at Bideford does have v good fish!

There are many other beautiful 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: Exmoor and Dartmoor are approx 1 hour's drive.. Junction 27 on the M5 is approximately 1 1/4 hours.

ACCOMMODATION **Upstairs:** 2 double (kingsize beds) 2 twin bedded rooms, 1 with extra bed:
Downstairs: Sitting Room with large open fire. Large kitchen with oil-fired Rayburn, electric cooker, fridge/freezer and larder; dishwasher. Central heating in winter. Bathroom, basin and lavatory. Mains electricity for the first time in 2007! Logs are provided.

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)

2010 Prices (per week) Friday changeover day, except Christmas and New Year

Jan 6 – March 26, £775

April 2,9,16,23 £900, April 30, May 7, May 28 £1000, May 14, 21, June 4, 11 £975, June 18 £1000 June 25 – August 27 £1300, September 3 – October 15 £975, October 22 £1200, October 29 - December 10 £875. Christmas Wednesday 22nd December £1250, New Year Wednesday 29th December £1250.

Booking details

On receipt of a deposit of 25% of the weekly rent, your booking will be confirmed.

The balance is due one month 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 2pm and depart NOT LATER than 10.00am, in order for the cottage to be cleaned between lets. Thank you.

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