

# Lantern House – 5\* holiday cottage in the Cotswolds UK

## Families Welcome Information

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### Introduction

The following provides an overview of helpful information to help families with children get the most out of their holiday whilst staying in Lantern House.

### Facilities

- Lantern house is a non-smoking and pet free cottage for the comfort of all our guests.
- Pushchairs/prams can be stored in the utility room off the kitchen or in the secure courtyard under the covered locked exit together with bicycles.
- There is a fully equipped Nursery room for little ones including: feeding chair, black out blind and curtains, baby listening device, toys and books, changing unit and mat, wooden cot, baby bath, potty, infant toilet seat and step, toys and books. Ample cot bedding, including a baby sleep bag and pillow are provided.
- A travel cot and blow up Bob the Builder toddler bed/ sleep bag are stored in the Nursery – both the master bedroom and single bedroom can accommodate these.
- 2 fold-up bed rails are provided for younger children which are stored in the single bedroom under the bed.
- A Stokke High Chair is kept in the utility room together with harness and an adjustment Allen key. A vinyl floor cover for the high chair is provided for when feeding in the Lounge.
- In the kitchen there is: bottle steam steriliser, bottle/ food warmer and electric hand blender. Children's cutlery, plates, dishes and drinking cups are provided too.
- A Nappy bin is kept in the Nursery. Regretfully there is no local nappy recycling/ laundry service.
- There is a fridge freezer in utility room to store children's food.
- In the lounge there are children's: books, toys (in cupboard to right of fireplace under stairs), DVD/videos, games, and channels on freeview TV.

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### Safety & security

#### *Baby listening/ monitoring*

A wireless baby listening/ monitoring device is provided. The listening device is in the Nursery bedroom and the monitoring device is in the Master Bedroom, but they may be moved as needed.

#### *Stair gates, child proof lock and socket cover*

There is a lounge door at the bottom of the stairs and stair gates on both the first and second floor landings.

There are also child safety covers on open electrical power sockets and a lock on the kitchen cupboard underneath the sink.

#### *Carbon Monoxide sensor*

A Carbon Monoxide sensor is fitted in the utility room.

#### *Wood burner*

When using the wood burner please ensure the door is kept closed and the fire guard is secured using the wall attachments to protect children/ babies. A child safety fire guard is stored in the cupboard under the stairs to the right of the wood burner.

#### *Fire safety*

Fire alarms are located in the lounge, kitchen, all bedrooms, first floor landing and second floor landing.

A copy of the fire safety risk assessment for Lantern House is provided in the top left draw of the chest in the lounge.

Fire extinguishers are located in the front entrance hall, utility room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor landing and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor landing. A fire blanket is stored on the wall in the kitchen.

#### *External doors*

The front and rear exit doors of the cottage are lockable from both the inside and outside. The courtyard exit door is lockable from both sides.

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### *First aid kit*

A first aid kit is stored in the utility room cupboard directly above the microwave.

### *Further important safety information*

Please take time to read an important safety information sheet in the A-Z folder.

### *Chemists (late night)*

Boots: Primary Care Centre, Community Hosp, Burton Hill, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 0EQ tel. 01666 826115

Boots: Unit B3 Orbital Retail, Swindon, Wiltshire SN25 4AN tel. 01793 728569

### *Accident and Emergency*

Nearest A&E department (20.5miles) is at Frenchay Hospital ,Frenchay Park Road, Frenchay, Bristol, BS16 1LE tel. 0117 970 1212

Cirencester Hospital (17miles) has a Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) and is at Tetbury Road, Cirencester, GL7 1UY tel. 01285-655711

In the event of an emergency you should call the emergency services number 999 using the red public payphone on the left of the High Street as you exit the cottage. If you have a mobile then dial 112 for emergency services.

### *Information*

#### *When booking please note*

- There are no age restrictions on children staying.
- Rental prices are inclusive, unless extra items are needed e.g. birthday cake, flowers, or champagne. We would be happy to arrange this on your behalf.
- A £100 damage deposit cheque is taken when the balance of the booking is due (8 weeks for rental), which is destroyed after your stay subject to no damage. Any minor breakages e.g. mug/cup are not charged for.
- Please refer to booking conditions on cottage website.



### *Provisions/ groceries*

Provisions/ groceries can be bought from the Post Office a short walk down the High Street or from Tucks Farm Shop which is a 2 minute easy walk on the road to the right after the Rattlebone Inn. Tucks provide bread, dairy products, organic meats and vegetables and other necessary provisions mostly sourced locally. The Post Office also have local bread, eggs, provisions etc and baby/ childrens' goods such as nappies and food.

Nearest supermarkets are Tetbury (Tesco) and Malmesbury (Somerfields).

### *Places to eat with children*

- Carpenters Arms, Sherston: play area for children, good food.
- Westonbirt Arboretum (~4 miles): has one the world's best collection of trees and play area and wooded area with indoor/ outdoor restaurant and outdoor cafe (entrance fee payable).
- Priory Inn Hotel/ Pub/ Restaurant, Tetbury (~7 miles): coffee/ cake bar with small play area. Restaurant has option for children to make their own pizza.
- Gumstool Inn, Calcot (~10 miles): excellent food, but no play area but good childrens' food.
- Hunters Hall, Kingscote (~12 miles): pub with big garden and play area with slide and swings. Take road to Tetbury. When you get to the Hare and Hounds Hotel take the road to the left through Westonbirt to A46. Follow road to Wooton-under-Edge and Hunters Hall is approx 2 miles on left.
- Ragged Cot, Minchinhampton (~14 miles): pub with garden and excellent food. Take road to Tetbury, then Avening and turn right at pub on corner to Minchinhampton Common. Pub is on "T" junction.
- Whitehall Garden Centre, Lacock (~15 miles): restaurant and good play area for children.



### *Places to visit and things to do with Children*

The folder and bureau in the lounge contains lots of information flyers on places to visit and things to do with Children. It's also worth taking a look at things to do on [www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com) . Here is a sample:

- Local walks: there is an excellent choice of nearby local countryside walks suitable for all ages. Please refer to books, maps and leaflets in cottage.
- Westonbirt Arboretum has one of the world's most spectacular tree collections and a great place for all the family to relax and recharge.
- Cotswolds wildlife park, Burford: with over 250 species of animals, from ants to white rhinos and beautiful landscaped parkland and gardens.
- Cattle Country Adventure Park, Stroud: indoor and outdoor play areas suitable for all ages. Farm trail. Restaurant and gift shop.
- Model village, Bourton-on-Water: a model of the actual village, built in Cotswold stone to 1/9th scale.
- Cotswold Farm Park, Nr Bourton-on-Water: over 50 flocks and herds of British rare breeds of farm animals, seasonal farming demonstrations, children's activities, cafe and gift shop.
- Narrow Boat Day Trips, Bradford-upon- Avon
- Cotswold Leisure Centre, Cirencester: modern sports facilities and swimming pool (including separate infant/ baby pool)
- Magic Land, Cirencester: large indoor soft play area
- The Cotswold Water Park, South Cerney: 140 Lakes and wetlands covering 40 square miles, south of Cirencester - great for outdoor pursuits.

You can also get further information by visiting one of the local Tourist Information Offices in the towns of Tetbury (Tel: 01666 503552) and Malmesbury (Tel: 01666 823748) both just over 5 miles away.

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### *Transport*

Local bus timetables/ routes leaflets and local taxis service telephone cards are in the bureau in the lounge.

### *Kids club*

Tetbury Leisure Centre runs childrens' clubs (Tel: 01666 505805) Monday to Friday during school holidays.

The Camp Easton Grey near Sherston (01666 825500) also run day camps in the school holidays.

### *Childcare*

Please contact "Harmony at home Childcare Specialists" local service provider Mob 07772 881357 or email [sarah@harmonyathome.co.uk](mailto:sarah@harmonyathome.co.uk) for Nanny, babysitting, mobile crèche, and Mother's help services.

### *More information*

Please refer to the Lantern House A-Z and Lantern House Inventory on our website for more general information about staying in the cottage. Hard copies are also provided in the cottage.

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