

Welcome to Isaacs Byre!

Welcome to Isaacs Byre. We hope you had a good journey. If you have any queries or problems after reading this book, please knock next door or phone us; our home number is 01434 381 013, and our mobile number is 07989 859 727. Alternatively, drop us an e-mail using contact@isaacsbyre.co.uk.

If we're not available, you can phone our daughter Becca on 01434 381 951 or her mobile 07968605061.

The cottage is a former byre (cow shed) and was originally built as a bastle or fortified farmhouse. It was recently converted back to a house, with an emphasis on being as sustainable as possible. As such, we have fitted a ground source heat pump to provide hot water and central heating.

The following pages should provide all the information you need to have a wonderful stay here at Isaac's Byre.

Rob and Judith Ann

Emergency Contact Numbers

GP Surgery

Alston Medical Practice
The Surgery
Cottage Hospital
Alston
Cumbria
CA9 3QX

Tel: 01434 381 214

Hospital

Ruth Lancaster Hospital
Church Road
Alston
Cumbria
CA9 3QX

Tel: 01434 381 218

Dentist

Alston Community Hospital, Alston,
CA9 3QX

Tel: 01434 381511

Police

Townhead,
Alston
CA9 3SL

Tel: 0845 33 00 247

N.B. By appointment only

Vetinary Practice

Old Stone Vets:
6 Skelgilside
Nenthead Road,
Alston
CA9 3TR

Tel: 01434 381 792

Fire, Ambulance and Police: In case of emergency dial 999 or 122.

Heating and Hot Water Systems

Heating is by ground source heat pump, which is regulated by an exterior sensor, and a temperature sensor in the hall, which is normally set at 20°C. Given that it is a complicated system, this is normally kept locked. If you're too hot or cold, please get in touch with one of us and we'll come and adjust it for you!

The ground source heat pump also keeps the hot water topped up automatically, meaning hot water should always be available unless a large amount has been used. If this is the case, it will automatically reheat within thirty minutes.

Wireless Internet

Wireless internet (WiFi) is included for the duration of your stay. To access it, please use the following details:

Network name: HOLIDAYNET

Passkey: Tyn3view8080

Health and Safety Information

Main Stopcock

The mains stopcock for the water is in the main cupboard in the hall, which is normally kept locked. If you need to access the stopcock, please get in touch with one of us using the details above.

Mains Fuse box and Trip Switch

The main fuse box and the trip switch for the electricity is in the main cupboard in the hall, which is normally kept locked. If you need to access the stopcock, please get in touch with one of us using the details above.

Emergency gas turnoff

To turn off the gas in an emergency, turn the wheel located at the top of the gas bottles.

Fire Blanket and Extinguisher

The fire blanket and extinguisher are located above the worktops, either side of the cooker. The extinguisher is on the wall to the left of the cooker, whilst the fire blanket is underneath the cupboard to the right.

Smoke Detectors and Heat Sensor

The smoke detectors are wired in to the mains. They are located in the ceiling of the kitchen, and in the ceiling at the top of the stairs. The kitchen smoke detector also incorporates a heat sensor, which will go off in the event of a fire.

Spare Light Bulbs

Spare light bulbs are located in the small cupboard, under the stairs in the hall. If you use one, please let us know and we'll replace it!

First Aid Kit

A first aid kit is located under the sink, and includes plasters and a crate bandage.

Torches

A clockwork torch is provided on the windowsill of the kitchen next to the door. There is also a rechargeable torch plugged in to the socket in the upstairs twin bedroom.

Wood burner

When using the wood burner, we recommend you use the spark guard, located underneath the wood burner itself. There are also fire gloves for opening the door, in the bucket on the right.

When you've finished using the wood burner, please clean it out and place all ash in the metal can to the left of the burner.

There is a fireguard provided in the boot room if you wish to use it.

Use of Stairs

At the bottom of the stairs, there is a slight turn to the right, and the steps are narrower on the inside of the turn so please take care when going up or down.

Rubbish and Recycling

Please bag up all rubbish from the bins, using the blue bags provided, and place them outside the back door on the patio.

A recycling box is provided outside in the yard. Please leave glass, paper, cans and all plastic in here.

How to lay an open fire

First of all, twist a sheet of newspaper lengthways to make a rolled up stick, and tie a knot with it. Repeat this about six times. Place these in the centre of the woodburner, and lay some kindling over the top. Then, place a larger log over the top, and light the newspaper.

Extra logs are located in the bag outside the side door. All fuel is included in your stay, however we would ask that you are economical with their use. See additional information in the house file on how best to minimise the amount of logs you need.

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Pets

Pets are more than welcome here at Isaac's Byre. For the duration of your stay, we provide free dog tags which have the phone number of the cottage and our phone number.

However, we do ask that you make sure they respect the cottage. Please keep them off the furniture, and note that they are not allowed upstairs or in the bedrooms.

In addition, please don't exercise your pet in the garden. If you do decide to take them outside, please keep them on a lead at all times, for the safety of the livestock in the surrounding fields.

We provide complimentary poop bags, hanging on a peg in the boot room. If you are taking your dog out first thing in the morning or last thing at night, you may take them down the track between the end of the terrace the houses to the right of the front door. However, please clean up after them, and place them in the small plastic pedal bin outside the back door in the yard.

For some other recommended walks, please see the more general pages on walks in the surrounding area.

The boot room also contains towels and old sheets to clean your dogs' feet and dry them off before they walk on the carpets.

Finally, never leave your pets unattended in the property.

Breakages and Damages

If you break or damage anything during your stay, please let us know as we will need to replace it for the next people!

Cleaning Materials

Cleaning materials are provided under the sink and in the boot room. As we are on a septic tank, please use the materials provided

Parking

There is designated parking for two cars, right outside the front door, between the walls either side of the property. Please be considerate of the neighbours and don't block off access to their properties through the gate.

Countryside Walks

At the end of your stay

When you finish spending your holiday with us, please can you make sure you leave the cottage as you would wish to find it. This includes doing the following before you leave:

- Turn off all lights
- Bag up all rubbish from the bins, using the blue bags provided, and place them outside the back door on the patio.
- Leave glass, paper, cans and all plastic in here recycling box is provided outside in the yard
- Removing pet hair from all furniture and carpets.
- Drop the key into Loaning Head next door.

Many Thanks,

Rob and Judith Ann