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## HOUSEDON HAUGH

Reedsford Mindrum TD12 4QQ

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It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to HOUSEDON HAUGH.

HOUSEDON HAUGH is one of nine holiday homes in the Wild Plum Escapes portfolio, all located in the heart of North Northumberland, and exceptionally well placed for exploring the wider area.

With *Northumberland National Park* just a short distance away, 400 square miles of stunning landscape awaits the avid walker or cyclist. For families, the *Breamish Valley* is a popular area with pretty river picnic spots and lovely walks to the waterfall at *Linhope Spout*.

Alternatively, visit *Ford & Etal Estates*, with over 20 attractions to explore, including a 15" gauge steam railway, fishing, canoeing, cycle hire and riding centre.

We very much hope you enjoy your stay at HOUSEDON HAUGH. Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time here more enjoyable.

All the best,

*Andrew & Corinne Joicey*

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### Emergency Contacts

#### **Emergency Contact**

Andrew & Corinne Joicey 01890 820540  
Corinne Joicey 07866 880724

#### **Head of Property/Estate Maintenance**

Richard Thornton 07909 025487

#### **Head Housekeepers**

Philippa Richardson 07971 525212  
Tasha Buckland 07795 474289  
Andrea Thornton 07516 231945

#### **Letting Agent**

Crabtree & Crabtree Ltd 01573 226711

#### **Police**

Berwick Police Station Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1DZ 101 / 999

#### **A & E Hospital**

Borders General Hospital Melrose TD6 9BS (*40 miles*) 01896 826000

Please note that there are minor injuries departments at Berwick Infirmary and Alnwick Infirmary and Wansbeck Hospital has a 24-hour emergency care centre. Call 0191 203 1200 for advice on which venue to attend.

#### **Doctors**

Cheviot Medical Group Wooler NE71 6BL 01668 281575  
Coldstream Medical Practice Coldstream TD12 4LQ 01890 882711



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### Other Useful Telephone Numbers

#### **Dentist**

Tweedmouth Dental Clinic Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2EQ 01289 356966

#### **Pharmacies**

Glendale Pharmacy Wooler NE71 6BY 01668 281343

Boots Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1BN 01289 306036

Coldstream Pharmacy Coldstream TD12 4DL 01890 882412

#### **Vets**

Alnorthumbria Veterinary Group Wooler NE71 6DY 01668 281323

Galedin Vets Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1TB 01289 330066

Galedin Vets Coldstream TD12 4AG 01890 882322

#### **Taxis**

Border Villager 01668 216360

Ron's Taxi 01668 281281

Glendale Taxi 01668 282292

#### **Train Station**

Berwick-upon-Tweed Train Station TD15 1NF (15 miles)

#### **Airports**

Newcastle International Airport NE13 8BZ (56 miles)

Edinburgh Airport EH12 9DN (61 miles)



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# Safety Information

### **Fuse Box**

The fuse box can be found in the cupboard in the utility room. In the event of loss of power you will find a torch, candles and matches in the under the sink in the utility room and in the dining room side table.

### **Stopcock**

There are two stopcocks in this house; one under the sink in the utility room and the other under the sink in the kitchen.

### **First Aid Kit**

You will find a first aid kit in the kitchen in the drawers to the right of the sink..

### **Fire Extinguishers**

There are multi-purpose dry powder fire extinguishers and two fire blankets in the larder off the kitchen. A further fire extinguisher is positioned on the landing on the first floor.

The house is fitted with both smoke alarms and CO<sub>2</sub> alarms.

### **Stairgates**

There is a retractible stairgate at the foot of the stairs and a removable gate can be offered for the top of the stairs and is stored in the family bedroom.



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# Cottage Information

### **Cleaning Equipment**

You will find cleaning equipment and cleaning products in the utility room. Further items, including an iron, ironing board and airtex, can be found in the cupboards in the accessible family bathroom/shower room on the ground floor.

There is a washer and a dryer in the utility room.

### **Electrical Appliances**

Instruction manuals for all the electrical appliances can be found in a box file in the under-counter drawer in the kitchen.

### **Damage & Breakages**

We understand that accidents do happen. For any minor breakages to kitchen items such as glasses or cups, we ask that you please leave a note for our housekeeper and a contribution towards replacement. In the event of other damage to items of furniture, furnishings or bed linen, it is important that you contact us or our agents, Crabtree & Crabtree, as soon as possible. The cost of repair or replacement will be taken from your good housekeeping deposit.

### **Dogs**

We understand how lovely it is to be able to bring your dogs with you on holiday. We just ask that you keep them out of the bedrooms and do not allow them on any of the soft furnishings. Please ensure you keep your dogs under control, and clear up after them at all times.

### **Furniture**

We respectfully request that you please use the provided coasters and table mats to avoid water and heat damage to the furniture, and deal promptly with any spillages.

### **Heating & Hot Water**

The oil-fired central heating boiler, which also heats the hot water, is located in a cupboard within the downstairs shower room, and its programmer is mounted on the wall in the utility room. Heating is by underfloor heating on the ground floor, and radiators upstairs. Guests are asked not to alter any temperature settings in the boiler cupboard, or time settings on the programmer, although set timed periods may be extended or brought forward by pressing the appropriate '+ 1Hr' or 'ADV' buttons. Downstairs room temperatures are controlled individually by means of wall-mounted thermostats in each room, and a single thermostat at the top of the stairs controls the upstairs radiators. In addition,



each radiator is fitted with a thermostatic valve. The two upstairs bathrooms have towel rails permanently heated by the domestic hot water circuit, with provision for electrical heating as well. The hot water cylinder should provide hot water for an adequate number of baths or showers, but guests should be aware that if all the stored hot water is used at once, a recovery time of at least half an hour should be expected for the water to be reheated.

Please use all water carefully, as the flow rate of the spring-fed source may become limited during a dry summer.

### **Wood Burning Stove**

Additional logs and kindling can be found in the most left-hand outhouse to the rear of the property.

### **Smoking**

Please note that this is a strictly no smoking property.

### **Wi-Fi & Mobile Reception**

The router is located in the utility room cupboard where the fuse box is located.

Borderlink-housedon-haugh

Password: Housedon4321

There is very patchy mobile reception. However, WhatsApp and WhatsApp calling works very well.



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### Your Departure

#### **Departure Time**

Please depart the house by 10am. This ensures that the housekeeper has time to prepare the property for incoming guests. If you wish to depart later please contact us, as special arrangements may be possible.

#### **Smart TV**

If you have signed into your personal account on the Smart TV, please ensure that you log-out before you depart.

#### **Keys**

House keys should be placed in the key safe on your departure. Thank you.

Ideally we would rather you leave, or be in the habit of leaving, the door keys in the key safe whenever you go out for the day. This is to ensure that keys are not misplaced or lost. You would be surprised how often this happens!

#### **Departure Cleaning**

Please leave the house tidy on your departure and put all disposable waste and recycling in the bins provided. Glass, however, cannot be placed in either of the bins. We ask that you please take glass to the Council communal recycling bins – see guidelines on following page, *Rubbish & Recycling*.

Guests will be charged for any additional cleaning required over what is considered acceptable for a property this size.

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### Rubbish & Recycling

Pull-out bins can be found in the centre island unit in the kitchen. Rubbish should be placed in the bin to the front, recycling should be placed in the bin to the rear. Outdoor bins sit to the rear of the property. The black refuse bin is collected every other Tuesday. The blue recycling bin is collected every other Tuesday. There is no requirement for guests to place the bins out for collection but please be aware that a member of the property team will attend to change the bins where necessary.

Glass bottles cannot be recycled and must be removed from the property at the end of your stay. These should be placed in the Council's communal recycling bins, the nearest of which can be found outside the Cornhill Village Shop or in the public car park at the southern end of Wooler High Street. There is also a glass recycling facility at most of the main supermarkets.

Please put the following materials in your **blue recycling bin**:


Paper	Cardboard	Cans	Plastic Bottles
Newspapers Cardboard boxes Magazines Leaflets Unwanted mail Books Envelopes Catalogues	Clean cardboard packaging e.g. cereal boxes egg boxes kitchen roll tubes	Food cans e.g. beans cans soup cans  Drinks cans e.g. fizzy drinks cans beer cans  Empty aerosols	Drinks bottles Plastic milk bottles Shampoo bottles Washing up bottles



**IMPORTANT:** Do not put glass or textiles into your blue bin.

Please **DO NOT** put the following materials in your blue recycling bin:

Paper	Cardboard	Cans	Plastic Bottles
Envelopes with windows Padded envelopes Crisp packets Polystyrene packaging	Tetrapaks such as fruit juice cartons, milk cartons etc. They contain metal or plastic liners and due to their construction are not suitable for reprocessing.	Old paint tins Oil cans	Plastic bags Yoghurt pots Margarine tubs Icecream tubs Plastic film Plant pots Plastic toys







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## Additional Services

### **Catering**

For complete relaxation, special occasions and large get-togethers, you may wish to consider a catered service. We can suggest:

Thyme2eat – [www.thyme2eat.uk](http://www.thyme2eat.uk)

Fig Food – [www.figfood.co.uk](http://www.figfood.co.uk)

Fiona Burn – [www.fionaburn.co.uk](http://www.fionaburn.co.uk)

### **Wine Delivery**

Majestic Wines ([www.majestic.co.uk](http://www.majestic.co.uk)) should deliver to this property. However, Crabtree & Crabtree also have an arrangement with Corney & Barrow, who will deliver free of charge. Call them on 01573 226711 if you would like further details.

### **Food Delivery**

Sainsbury's (Kelso)

Tesco, ASDA and Morrisons (Berwick-upon-Tweed)

### **Additional Housekeeping**

Guests requiring additional cleaning or linen changes during their stay should contact the housekeeper.

### **Church Services**

**St Michael & All Angels Church** Ford Village Ford TD5 2PX

**Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Etal Village Cornhill-on-Tweed TD12 4TL

*For more information on the churches in Ford & Etal visit:*

[www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/history-heritage/churches/](http://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/history-heritage/churches/)

**St Ninian's Catholic Church** Burnhouse Road Wooler NE71 6EE

**Saint Cuthbert's Parish Church** Norham Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2LE

[www.norhamlife.co.uk](http://www.norhamlife.co.uk)



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### Local Shops & Amenities

#### **Cornhill-on-Tweed**

The Cornhill Village shop is excellent. A very friendly family-run business, newsagent and post office. It offers locally sourced groceries, take-away hot snacks, breakfasts and pack lunches, and also sells wines, beers, local Doddington cheeses and ice creams and much, much more. Open Monday to Saturday 6.30am - 4.30pm and Sunday 8am-12pm (01890 883313).

#### **Norham**

RG Foreman Butchers in Norham is very good, with a selection of meat, cheese, wine and spirits, fishing tackle, waders and fishing permits. They will also deliver goods to Cornhill Village Shop for you to collect (01289 382260). Why not visit Norham Castle while you are there?

#### **Coldstream**

Coldstream has a small Co-op supermarket, butcher, pharmacy and petrol station.

#### **Kelso**

Kelso has a fine selection of local shops, banks, cafés and pubs, all situated round a pretty cobbled square in the centre of town. You will find everything from gifts, kitchenware, hardware, outdoor clothing, sporting equipment, shoes, bags, a wonderful florist and Hunters the Butcher. Take a peek at Kelso Abbey while you are there.

There is a large Sainsbury's, a Lidl and a Co-op, and we highly recommend Julian's Veg (07596 704783), an independent greengrocer based at Mayfield Garden Centre.

#### **Wooler**

Wooler has a good range of local shops, including the Good Life Deli, two butchers, gift shops, an antique shop, cafés, and pubs. There is also a small Co-op supermarket, bank, chemist and garage. Farm to Freeze Butcher & Game dealer also have a convenience store. Also worth a visit is the Doddington Dairy Milk Bar – [www.doddingtonmilkbar.co.uk](http://www.doddingtonmilkbar.co.uk)

#### **Berwick-upon-Tweed**

Berwick-upon-Tweed is a historic town with a mainline train station. There is a good range of local shops and cafés on Bridge Street and several supermarkets on the edge of town, including Morrisons, Tesco, Asda and M&S. Northern Edge Coffee Shop & Café on Silver Street is worth a visit on the way down to the pier and lighthouse. For fans of fresh fish and seafood, we can recommend The Berwick Shellfish Company.



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### Farmer's Markets

Alnwick Market Place – last Friday of the month 9am-2pm  
Berwick The Maltings Art Centre – last Sunday of the month 10am-1.30pm  
Kelso Town Square – 4th Saturday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm  
Jedburgh Market Place – 1st Friday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm  
Peebles Eastgate Car Park – 2nd Saturday of the month 9.30am-1.30pm

### Electrical Car Charging Points

**Etal** Village Hall – TD12 4TL

#### **Coldstream**

88 High Street – TD12 4AQ

73 High Street – TD12 4AE

#### **Wooler**

Black Bull Car Park – NE71 6BY

#### **Berwick-upon-Tweed**

Swan's Leisure Centre – TD15 2AS

40 Chapel Street Car Park – TD15 1BX

Berwick Infirmary – TD15 1LT

Tesco – TD15 2XG

#### **Kelso**

Town Hall – TD5 7HF

The Butts Car Park – TD5 7BH

Rose Lane – TD5 7AD

Inch Road – TD5 7JP

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### Places to Eat

*Below is a list of recommended eating places in the area, listed by most local first. Some will do takeaways, so contact them to enquire.*

#### **The Black Bull**

Etal TD12 4TN  
01890 820200  
[www.theblackbulletal.co.uk](http://www.theblackbulletal.co.uk)

#### **The Lavender Tea Rooms**

Etal TD12 4TN  
01890 820761  
[www.thelavendertearooms.org.uk](http://www.thelavendertearooms.org.uk)

#### **BOES Café at Heatherslaw Mill**

Ford TD12 4TJ  
07519 640933  
[jodie@carreraonline.uk](mailto:jodie@carreraonline.uk)  
[www.boes.co.uk](http://www.boes.co.uk)

*Located within Heatherslaw Corn Mill offering a full range of coffee, tempting lunches and handmade cakes, patisserie and gelato.*

#### **The Cheviot Tap**

Slainsfield TD12 4TP  
07778 478943  
[www.cheviotbrewery.co.uk](http://www.cheviotbrewery.co.uk)  
*Brilliant rustic outdoor bar, serving locally brewed beer (Cheviot Brewery) and fresh pizzas from the wood-fired pizza oven.*

#### **The Border Hotel**

Yetholm TD5 8PQ  
01573 420237  
[www.borderhotel.co.uk](http://www.borderhotel.co.uk)  
*Just up the road from Reedsford and perfect stop along the St Cuthbert's Way.*

#### **The Blue Bell Inn**

Crookham TD12 4SH  
01890 820789  
*A walk across a field from Crookham Eastfield.*

#### **The Collingwood Arms**

Cornhill-on-Tweed TD12 4UH  
01890 88242  
[www.collingwoodarms.com](http://www.collingwoodarms.com)

#### **The Red Lion Inn**

Milfield NE71 6JD  
01668 216224  
[iain@redlionmilfield.co.uk](mailto:iain@redlionmilfield.co.uk)  
[www.redlionmilfield.co.uk](http://www.redlionmilfield.co.uk)

#### **The Black Bull Inn**

Lowick TD15 2UA  
01289 388375  
[www.blackbulllowick.co.uk](http://www.blackbulllowick.co.uk)

#### **The Allanton Inn**

Allanton TD11 3JZ  
01890 818260  
[www.allantoninn.co.uk](http://www.allantoninn.co.uk)

#### **The Cross Inn**

Paxton TD15 1TE  
01289 384877  
[www.thecrossinn.co.uk](http://www.thecrossinn.co.uk)

#### **The Percy Arms**

Chatton NE66 5PS  
01668 215244  
[www.percyarmschatton.co.uk](http://www.percyarmschatton.co.uk)

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## **Atelier**

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1ES  
01289 298180  
[www.atelier.cafe](http://www.atelier.cafe)

## **Cobbles Inn**

Kelso TD5 7JH  
01573 223548  
[www.thecobblesinn.co.uk](http://www.thecobblesinn.co.uk)

## **The Terrace Café at Floors Castle**

Kelso TD5 7SF  
01573 225714  
[www.floorscastle.com](http://www.floorscastle.com)  
*Lovely in the summer - we recommend  
reserving a table in the walled garden!*

## **The Café at The Mainstreet Trading Company**

St Boswells TD6 0AT  
01835 824087  
[www.mainstreetbooks.co.uk](http://www.mainstreetbooks.co.uk)  
*Award-winning bookshop & café, with  
a delightful deli and inspiring  
home shop. Really worth a visit!*

## **The Barn at Beal**

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2PB  
01289 540044  
[www.barnatbeal.com](http://www.barnatbeal.com)  
*Perfect before or after a visit to Holy Island.*

## **The Potted Lobster**

Bamburgh NE69 7BS  
01668 214088  
[www.thepottedlobster.co.uk](http://www.thepottedlobster.co.uk)  
*Excellent seafood bistro, ideal after a day  
at Bamburgh beach. Pre-booking essential.*

## **The Treehouse Restaurant**

Alnwick Gardens NE66 1YU  
01665 511350  
[www.alnwickgarden.com](http://www.alnwickgarden.com)  
*Gets busy during holidays, so advisable  
to book.*

## **Carnaby's**

Chathill NE67 5HW  
Everyday 9.30am-4pm  
[www.carnabyscafe.co.uk](http://www.carnabyscafe.co.uk)  
*Gift shop, café and delicious deli lunches.*

## **The Pack Horse Inn**

Ellingham Chathill NE67 5HA  
[www.packhorseinn-ellingham.co.uk](http://www.packhorseinn-ellingham.co.uk)  
*Traditional English Country Pub, known  
for its locally sourced produce and ales!*

*Seaside pubs where dogs are welcome, with  
fabulous walks to Dunstanburgh Castle.*

## **The Ship Inn**

Low Newton-by-the-Sea NE66 3EL  
01665 576262  
[www.shipinnnewton.co.uk](http://www.shipinnnewton.co.uk)

## **Jolly Fisherman**

Craster NE66 3TR  
01665 576461  
[www.thejollyfishermancraster.co.uk](http://www.thejollyfishermancraster.co.uk)  
*Fabulous seafood, including world famous  
Craster Kippers!*

## **The Joiners Arms**

Newton-by-the-Sea NE66 3EA  
01665 576112  
[www.joiners-arms.com](http://www.joiners-arms.com)



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# Things to Do & See in the Local Area

### Ford & Etal Estates

**Ford & Etal Estates** has so much to see and do, it will keep you busy for at least a couple of days! We recommend starting at Heatherslaw, where you will find Heatherslaw Light Railway, a working Corn Mill & Shop, Boes Café and newly arrived Raven Clay Pottery. Further information on short walks around the Estate can be gathered at the Visitor Centre.

Both villages of Ford and Etal have much to offer, places to eat and historic sites to see. At the other end of the railway track or a short walk from Heatherslaw, Etal Village boasts The Black Bull Pub, The Lavender Tearooms and Etal Castle ruin, built in the mid-14th Century. Visits to Etal Castle can be booked through English Heritage.

In Ford, we recommend seeing the Lady Waterford Hall (free of charge) and the Horseshoe Forge (it's an Aladdin's cave). Ford Village Shop sells teas, coffees and ice creams and other sundries, but notably, you can hire excellent bicycles here.

### Flodden Field

Visit Flodden Field, site of the infamous battle between the English and Scots. The 500th anniversary of the battle has been commemorated with an eco-museum – [www.flodden1513.com](http://www.flodden1513.com). Park at Branxton below the memorial, and follow the outdoor trail.

More information can be found at [www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/attractions](http://www.ford-and-etal.co.uk/attractions)

### Berwick-upon-Tweed

#### **The Berwick Ramparts** (4km)

Built in 1558, an easy and well-worthwhile walk around the walls of this historic garrison town.

#### **The Maltings Theatre & Cinema**

A cinema and live arts venue well worth visiting. Check their box office for the programme. The Maltings Café, with great views over the Berwick rooftops and the Tweed, is highly recommended for lunchtime and evening dining – [www.maltingsberwick.co.uk](http://www.maltingsberwick.co.uk)

## Boat Trips

**Berwick Boat Trips** – [www.berwickboattrips.co.uk](http://www.berwickboattrips.co.uk)

Run seven days a week, tides and weather permitting. Check their website for timetable or private hire. Ask David and Pamela Thompson (07713 170845) about mackerel fishing, dolphins, seals, sea trips to St Abbs Head, Holy Island and one-hour or two-hour bay trips and river excursions.

**North Berwick Boat Trips** – [www.seabird.org/boats](http://www.seabird.org/boats)

Book boat trips through the Scottish Seabird Centre to the Isle of May, where you will see the unusual, architecturally interesting lighthouse, operational since 1635, and large colonies of breeding seabirds, including puffins. Trips also include visits to the Bass Rock and Craigleith. You'll find lots of information on their website.

**St Abbs Rib Rides** – [www.ribridesstabbs.co.uk](http://www.ribridesstabbs.co.uk)

Offers fast blasts or a leisurely cruise up and down the rugged coastline.

**Eyemouth Harbour Rib Trips** – [www.eyemouthribtrips.co.uk](http://www.eyemouthribtrips.co.uk)

Skipper Tim, a lovely man, full of interesting information, offers various trips up the coastline.

**Victoria Harbour Dunbar, Blue Wild Boats** – [www.bluewild.co.uk](http://www.bluewild.co.uk)

Skipper Alan Stewart (also a lovely man) mainly does private charter. Can offer professional tour guides for historical or ornithology trips and is well worth it!

**Farne Island Boat Trips Seahouses** – [www.farne-islands.com](http://www.farne-islands.com)

Probably the best seabird colony in Britain and also famous for its seal population. We recommend booking through Billy Shiels, Glad Tidings.

**Paxton House Boat Trips** – [www.mouthofthetweed.co.uk/boattrips](http://www.mouthofthetweed.co.uk/boattrips)

Take a boat trip on a RIB up the Tweed from Berwick to Paxton House.

## Local Area Information

[www.visitnorthumberland.com](http://www.visitnorthumberland.com)

[www.visitscottishborders.com](http://www.visitscottishborders.com)

[www.scotlandstartshere.com](http://www.scotlandstartshere.com)



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### Beaches, Coastline & Hills

*To the south of Berwick-upon-Tweed:*

#### **Cheswick** (25mins)

Often very quiet. Miles of sand. Great for dog walks, picnics and swimming.

#### **The Holy Island of Lindisfarne** (30mins)

The Holy Island of Lindisfarne is an island accessible by a tidal causeway. It is home to the Lindisfarne Castle and Priory, and many other excitements, including The Lime Kilns and Lindisfarne Mead. The final stage of the historic St Cuthbert's Way crossing the sand by the well known Pilgrims' Crossing. Check safe crossing times before setting out.

#### **Ross Beach** (30mins)

A very long stretch of sand, great for walkers and runners. Well known for its bird life and seal population. We recommend trying the local oysters, available all year round from Lindisfarne Oysters Ltd, West House, Ross Farm – [www.lindisfarneoysters.co.uk](http://www.lindisfarneoysters.co.uk).

#### **Bamburgh** (40mins)

A world-famous beach with the impressive Bamburgh Castle towering over you. The main beach is very easily accessible from the village, but for the slightly more adventurous, we recommend heading to the far end of The Wynding by the Golf Club. Follow the steep narrow path down to a small bay. Please be aware that at peak times, Bamburgh can be incredibly busy.

#### **Dunstan Steads** (45mins)

Walk across the golf course onto Embleton Bay, one of the best surfing beaches in the area, in the shadow of the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle.

#### **Beadnell Bay** (50mins)

Another glorious stretch of beach with a safe bay, busy sailing club and many other water sports. The cute little harbour, with lime kilns above, sits at the northern edge.

#### **Alnmouth** (1hr)

Located five miles east of Alnwick, Alnmouth is a beautiful village on the banks of The River Aln. Known for its estuary and stunning beaches, and popular for sailing.

#### **Northumberland Coastal Path** (62 miles from Berwick-upon-Tweed to Druridge Bay)

Features many of these beauty spots and includes a diversion from the coast to St Cuthbert's Cave.





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### Beaches, Coastline & Hills

*To the north of Berwick-upon-Tweed:*

#### **Eyemouth** (30mins)

Best known for its bright, busy harbour and fishing industry, which dates back to the 13th Century. Alongside this, the town has a long history of smuggling. Guns Green House, once central to this activity, has been newly renovated and is worth a visit. The waterfront is part of a huge regeneration project which will transform the town.

#### **Coldingham Bay** (35mins)

A pretty little village with a small, sheltered sandy bay, perfect for young children and home to the St Vedas Surf school.

#### **St Abbs Head** (35mins)

This is the star of the trio. A thriving fishing village just over the Creel Path from Coldingham Bay. Its quaint and picturesque harbour, not only famous for its lobster and crab (Ebbcarrs Café), found fame following the filming of *Avengers: Endgame*. The rich marine coastal waters makes this a popular destination for divers and walkers. The Nature Reserve and seabird colony at St Abbs Head boasts outstanding views over a truly rugged coastline.

#### **Cove Harbour** (35mins)

A hidden gem and the first stop on the Berwickshire coastal route after Cockburnspath (my home town) is a must! Small car park, so best to avoid peak times.

#### **Berwickshire Coastal Path** (48km)

Cockburnspath to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Passes through all the above and many other glorious places, including the ruin of Fast Castle, along the way. For keen geologists, visit Siccar Point, the world famous geological outcrop known as 'Hutton's Unconformity'.

*Continuing north along the coastline:*

#### **Tynninghame and Seacliffe Beaches** - East Lothian (1hr 20mins)

Both beaches are well worth a day trip. Beautiful bays looking out to the Bass Rock. Tynninghame is more remote and wild, with quite some walk along a pretty woodland path to the beach.\* There is limited parking for about 20 cars (£2 for the day). I'd advise arriving early. On the other hand, Seacliffe, overlooked by the mighty ruin of Tantallon Castle, has easy access right down to the beach. Good parking (3 x £1 coins) and toilet facilities.

\* Directions are not well signposted. Please speak to Corinne if you want guidance before your visit.



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### Beaches, Coastline & Hills

*Into the hills:*

**Halterburn Loop Walk** – Kirk Yetholm (14km)

At the western fringes of the Cheviot Hills, barely a mile from The Border Hotel at Kirk Yetholm.

**Yeavinger Bell** – Kirknewton (5.5km)

A twin-topped Iron Age hill fort at the northern end of the Cheviots. Look out for the infamous feral goats.

**The College Valley** – Kirknewton

A truly wonderful unspoilt wilderness with a wealth of ancient hillfort site. There are 28 miles of paths and bridleways, and a network of cool waters including The College Burn and famous Hethpool Linn.

Those wishing to take a car beyond the free car park at Hethpool will need to pre-book a day permit (£10) [www.college-valley.co.uk](http://www.college-valley.co.uk)

**The Cheviot** – the highest of the Cheviot Hills (815m high)

The least complicated route is from Langleeford, Wooler (*approx a 2-3hr climb*), but there are many other routes to choose, including via Hen Hole in neighbouring College Valley. Nearing the top, climb the stile over the wall and follow the large paving stone footpath to the monument.

**Humbleton Hillfort** – Wooler (4km)

Follow the gentle, winding grassy path up behind the site to the top. Fantastic views for miles and beyond.

**Ingram Valley**

Pretty picnic spots along the Breamish River and lovely walks to the spectacular waterfall at Linhope Spout.

**For guided walks**, please get in touch with Patrick Norris – [www.footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk](http://www.footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk)  
07847 506399 / [info@footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk](mailto:info@footstepsnorthumberland.co.uk)



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# Castles, Country Houses & Gardens

*There are many great castles, houses and gardens in the area.  
Some I have already mentioned. Here are a few others to consider.*

### **Alnwick Castle and Gardens** – [www.alnwickgarden.com](http://www.alnwickgarden.com)

Alnwick Castle is a fantastic day out for the whole family, and there really is something for everyone, whether you're interested in the magnificent castle and gardens, hands-on activities, eating out, outdoor events, or the castle's fascinating history dating back to Norman times. Alnwick Castle is the family home of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, and has appeared as a set in many film productions, including *Harry Potter* and *Downton Abbey*. We'd highly recommend a visit to the Treehouse for lunch.

### **Warkworth Castle** – [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

With stunning views over both the Coquet River and the coast, Warkworth Castle is operated by English Heritage and is well worth a visit. It has a tremendously important border history and magnificent architecture, and also offers family activities and occasional outdoor events.

### **Chillingham Castle** – [www.chillinghamwildcattle.com](http://www.chillinghamwildcattle.com) – [www.chillingham-castle.com](http://www.chillingham-castle.com)

The Wild Cattle have run wild in the park for hundreds of years. Visit the nearby 13th century Chillingham Castle, famous for its ghosts!

### **Howick Hall Gardens & Arboretum** – [www.howickhallgardens.org](http://www.howickhallgardens.org)

Well known for its spectacular grounds and gardens and boasts a world renowned Arboretum. Covering some 65 acres, almost all of the garden has been grown from seed collected in the wild since the 1980s. An absolute must! The visitor centre provides a wealth of information about the house and grounds.

### **Floors Castle** – [www.roxburghe.net](http://www.roxburghe.net)

Floors Castle, in Kelso, is home to the 11th Duke of Roxburghe. Walk or cycle around the trails situated within the garden and grounds. Make sure to pop into the shop and cafés along the way.

### **Thirlestane Castle** – [www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk](http://www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk)

For over 400 years, Thirlestane Castle has been home to the Maitland family. Book a guided tour around the castle to see the grand state rooms, followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Check their events calendar, which is full of a variety of activities, ranging from outdoor theatre productions to classic car festivals.



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### **Abbotsford** – [www.scottsabbotsford.com](http://www.scottsabbotsford.com)

Abbotsford is the historic home of the famous novelist and poet, Sir Walter Scott. The house is full of fascinating history and Scott's quirky collections, with a beautiful library and writer's room, and views out onto the Tweed. There's also a visitor centre giving an insight into his life and legacy. The gardens, laid out by Scott himself, are picturesque and peaceful for walking. The Ochiltrees Restaurant offers a lovely lunch and you can also buy drinks and snacks from the horsebox in the carpark. It's best to book tickets online.

### **Bowhill** – [www.bowhillhouse.co.uk](http://www.bowhillhouse.co.uk)

Full of great adventure and outdoor fun, Bowhill is a perfect destination for families. They have a large adventure playground and also offer lots of other activities, from fishing to horse riding. The magnificent house hosts the impressive Buccleuch Art Collection, a Courtyard Gallery, café and gift shop.

### **Manderston** – [www.manderston.co.uk](http://www.manderston.co.uk)

Possessing the only silver staircase in the world, Manderston, an Edwardian country house, is worth a visit. It stands in 56 acres of immaculate gardens and is a well-known venue for various events.

### **Mellerstain House & Gardens** – [www.mellerstain.com](http://www.mellerstain.com)

A local treasure, with spectacular views of the Cheviot Hills, Mellerstain provides a very enjoyable visit. You can easily while away the hours, immersing yourselves in the 100 acres of beautiful parkland, and explore the children's play area located along the woodland walks.

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## Golf

### **The Hirsell Golf Course**

Kelso Road Coldstream TD12 4NJ  
01890 882678  
secretary@hirsellgc.co.uk  
www.hirsellgc.co.uk

### **Wooler Golf Club**

Dod Law Doddington Wooler NE71 6AN  
01668 282135  
enquiries@woolergolf.co.uk  
www.woolergolf.co.uk

### **Goswick Golf Club**

Station Cottages Goswick  
Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2RW  
01289 387256  
rory@goswickgolfclub.com  
www.goswickgolfclub.com

### **Bamburgh Castle Golf Club**

The Wynding Bamburgh  
NE69 7DE  
01668 214378 (Clubhouse)  
01668 214321 (Secretary/Manager)  
secretary@bamburghcastlegolfclub.co.uk  
www.bamburghcastlegolfclub.co.uk

### **SCHLOSS Roxburghe Golf Course**

Championship Course and Hotel  
Heiton Kelso TD5 8JZ  
01573 450333  
info@roxburghe-golf.com  
www.roxburghe-golf.com/en/contact

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## Cycling

There are some fabulous local cycling routes.  
For more information, visit:  
www.wooler.org.uk/cycling/373-wooler-cycle-hub

## Adventure Sports

### **Adventure Northumberland**

Alnwick 01665 602925  
www.adventurenorthumberland.co.uk  
*Organised rock climbing, kayaking,  
coasteering, abseiling or surfing.*

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## Tennis

### **Lennel Tennis Club**

Swinton Road Coldstream TD12 4AX  
Richard Ward 07906 928454  
rwtennis@btinternet.com

### **Berwick Tennis Club**

Pier Fields Devon Terrace  
Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1JE  
Richard Ward 07906 928454  
rwtennis@btinternet.com

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## Wellbeing

### **The Beauty Room**

Branxton TD12 4SL  
07900 841636  
www.thebeautyroombranxton.co.uk  
*Book yourself one or more of Lisa Turnbull's  
lovely treatments.*

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## Riding

### **Kimmerston Riding Centre**

Wooler Northumberland NE71 6JH  
01668 216283 / jane@kimmerston.com  
www.kimmerston.com  
*Riding in the Cheviot Hills or along  
the Northumberland beaches.*

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## Surfing

*There are many beaches along the East Coast from Coldingham to Warkworth, which, are notable for surfing, including Bamburgh, Cocklawburn, Seahouses and Beadnell.*

*For surf lessons contact:*

### **Sally Cook**

07810 562972

[sally@surfnorthumberland.co.uk](mailto:sally@surfnorthumberland.co.uk)

[www.surfnorthumberland.co.uk](http://www.surfnorthumberland.co.uk)

### **KA Adventure Sports**

07766 303876

[info@kitesurfinglessons.co.uk](mailto:info@kitesurfinglessons.co.uk)

[www.kitesurfinglessons.co.uk/surfing/](http://www.kitesurfinglessons.co.uk/surfing/)

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## Leisure Centres & Swimming Pools

### **The Swan Centre**

Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 2AS

01670 620200

[www.activenorthumberland.org.uk](http://www.activenorthumberland.org.uk)

### **Kelso Swimming Pool**

Inch Road Kelso TD5 7JP

01573 224944

[www.liveborders.org.uk](http://www.liveborders.org.uk)

## Fishing

*For salmon fishing on the River Tweed and its tributaries, see FishTweed. Salmon season begins on 1st February and runs right through to 30th November, with fishing available from Monday through to Saturday (no Sunday fishing).*

### **FishTweed**

01573 470612

[www.fishtweed.co.uk](http://www.fishtweed.co.uk)

### **The Till Fishing**

From Redscar Milfield to Tindal House

Contact Brian Thompson

01668 216 223

*The legal season for brown trout starts on 15th March and finishes on 6th October, but in practice most clubs restrict the season from 1st April to 30th September.*

*Whilst it is legal to fish on Sundays (unlike salmon and sea trout), most clubs do not allow Sunday fishing. Crabtree & Crabtree (01573 226711) can also advise on local fishing, guides, instructors, and tackle hire.*

*There is also still water trout fishing at:*

### **Chatton**

[www.chattontroutfishery.com](http://www.chattontroutfishery.com)

### **Watch Water Fishery**

Lammermuir Hills

[www.watchfishery.co.uk](http://www.watchfishery.co.uk)

### **Coldingham Loch**

near St Abbs Head

[www.coldinghamloch.co.uk](http://www.coldinghamloch.co.uk)



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# The Countryside Code

We kindly ask that all guests follow The Countryside Code:

### **Respect everyone**

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

### **Protect the environment**

- take litter home - leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo - bag it and bin it - any public waste bin will do
- care for nature - do not cause damage or disturbance

### **Enjoy the outdoors**

- check your route
- plan your adventure - know what to expect and what you can do
- enjoy your visit

### **Further reading may be found at**

[www.gov.uk/countryside-code](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-code)

### **Scottish Outdoor Access Code**

Scotland has its own outdoor rules.

Visit [www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.scot) for details.