



## The School House

NE71 6TR

Accommodation all on one level throughout

### Entrance

- Via front door into square tiled hall with door through into

### Kitchen

- Galley style kitchen with good range of floor and wall units to one side.
- Serving hatch through to living room
- LPG gas cooker
- Toaster
- Microwave
- Kettle
- Good selection of pans and cookware
- Good selection of crockery, cutlery and glassware etc

### Utility Room

- Back door to property
- Tall larder fridge with small freezer compartment at top
- Belfast sink
- Automatic washing machine
- Boiler

### Lounge

- Enter from hallway through double paned glass doors
- Comfortable sofa and chairs
- 2 coffee tables
- Inbuilt bookcase with good selection of books
- CD music system
- TV and good selection of DVD's – NB no TV reception
- Wi-Fi router
- Open coal fire
- Telephone for your use (We ask that should you use this excessively; a contribution is made to the cost of your calls. Calls to mobiles to be kept to a minimum and no calls are to be made overseas).
- Circular wooden dining table with seating for 4

## Bathroom

- Recently refurbished modern bathroom with over bath shower

## Bedrooms

- Super King bedroom with large chest of drawers
- Twin bedded room with large chest of drawers

## Outside facilities

- The cottage sits within a large fully fenced and lawned garden with a concrete patio area to both front and rear
- There is off road parking directly outside the cottage for 2 cars
- Opposite the rear entrance is an outbuilding containing logs
- There is a coal bunker on the gable end of the property
- A large outbuilding opposite the property contains 2 large purpose-built kennels that are lockable for security
- Large wooden picnic table
- Wooden 2 seater bench
- Portable BBQ (please provide your own coals)
- Storage for bicycles

## What we include at The School House

- Fast, unlimited Wi-Fi
- Vehicle Permits (general public access limited to 12 cars per day)
- All bedding, bed linen, towels, t-towels and dishcloth
- Travel cot and highchair on request
- Electricity & LPG gas for cooker
- Oil – for central heating and hot water
- Logs & Coal
- Firelighters and matches
- Iron & Ironing Board
- Hairdryer
- Hand soap
- Washing up liquid
- Kitchen roll
- Toilet rolls

## Bringing your dog to The School House

- We welcome well behaved dogs (up to 3) @ £15.00 per dog per week, or part thereof.
- On booking for your pet, you are confirming that it is fully up to date on its flea and worm treatment.
- Your pet should not be allowed in the bedrooms or on the furniture.
- We ask that you do not use the bath for washing your dog.
- Please clean and dry muddy dogs before allowing them into the cottage.
- Your pet should not be left in the cottage unattended (unless crated).
- Please clean up the garden area if your dog has toileted there. This is not a job for the cleaners.
- Please, please be mindful of the fact that not all our guests are dog lover/owners, so please treat all areas with respect.
- Please read our dog policy available on the website

### Important

- Dogs need to be kept under control and on leads where livestock is present.
- Lambing takes place during the months of April and May. During this time, we ask that dogs, **however well behaved**, are kept on leads at all times. This is a very stressful time for farmers and sheep alike.

## Useful information

- Online shopping can be ordered prior to your arrival from Asda, Tesco or Sainsburys.
- Wooler is your nearest small town (20-minute drive away approx. 11 miles) Here you will find a selection of bakers, butchers, newsagent, Co-op, cafes, an excellent Deli, public houses and restaurants.
- Large supermarkets Asda, Tesco, Morrisons & Aldi can be found in Berwick. upon Tweed or Morrisons, Sainsburys, LIDL and Aldi in Alnwick. Both are approximately 1-hour drive. Sainsburys and LIDL are at Kelso – approximately 40 minutes' drive.

Places to eat in Wooler are The Milan, No 1 Tapas Bar, or The Tankerville Arms. At Milfield the next village, in the opposite direction, there is The Red Lion Inn or the Maelmin Café. The Bluebell Inn at Crookham is good, and also The Collingwood Arms at Cornhill

## Special notes & Conditions

- **Unlimited WIFI** (guest access code on underneath of router in lounge)
- All water is supplied via a spring
- The School House uses a septic tank, so nothing other than loo roll should ever be put down the toilet.
- **In case of cancellation by yourselves the full amount is due unless the dates are re-let, in which case only the deposit is forfeit. We therefore strongly suggest that you take out insurance.**
- Due to the remoteness of The School House it is occasionally impossible to get safe access in deep snow, in this case a refund will be given or an alternative date offered.
- Well behaved dogs and children are very welcome at The School House.

- The adjacent fields can often contain livestock.
- You are asked to observe The Countryside Code at all times. Please see below:

## The Countryside Code

### Respect other people

- Please respect the local community and other people using the outdoors. Remember your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods.
- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Respect the needs of local people and visitors alike—for example, don't block gateways, driveways or other paths with your vehicle.
- When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slowdown or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Co-operate with people at work in the countryside. For example, keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.
- Busy traffic on small country roads can be unpleasant and dangerous to local people, visitors and wildlife – so slowdown and where possible, leave your vehicle at home, consider sharing lifts and use alternatives such as public transport or cycling. For public transport information, phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info).
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in but, may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.
- Follow paths unless wider access is available, such as on open country or registered common land (known as 'Open Access land').
- If you think a sign is illegal or misleading such as a 'Private-No Entry' sign on a public path, contact the local authority.
- Leave machinery and farm animals alone – don't interfere with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead.
- Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries if you can – climbing over walls, hedges and fences can damage them and increase the risk of farm animals escaping.
- Our heritage matters to all of us – be careful not to disturb ruins and historic sites.

### Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

- Protecting the natural environment means taking special care not to damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees. They provide homes and food for wildlife and add to everybody's enjoyment of the countryside.
- Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals – so take your litter home with you. Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.
- Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property – so be careful with naked flames and cigarettes at any time of the year. Sometimes, controlled fires are used to manage vegetation, particularly on heaths and

moors between 1st October and 15th April, but if a fire appears to be unattended then report it by calling 999.

## Keep dogs under effective control

- When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you:

**Keep your dog on a lead, or keep it in sight at all times Be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command**

**Ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access**

- Special dog rules may apply in particular situations, so always look out for local signs – for example:
  - Dogs may be banned from certain areas that people use, or there may be restrictions, byelaws or control orders limiting where they can go.
  - The access rights that normally apply to open country and registered common land (known as 'Open Access' land) require dogs to be kept on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July to help protect ground nesting birds and all year round near farm animals.
  - At the coast, there may also be some local restrictions to require dogs to be kept on a short lead during the bird breeding season, and to prevent disturbance to flocks of resting and feeding birds during other times of year.
- It's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'Open Access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner.
- However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you.
- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

## Plan ahead and be prepared

- You will get more from your visit if you refer to up-to-date maps or guidebooks and websites before you go. Visit [www.gov.uk/natural-england](http://www.gov.uk/natural-england) or contact local information centres or libraries for a list of outdoor recreation groups offering advice on specialist activities.
- You are responsible for your own safety and for others in your care – especially children – so be prepared for natural hazards, changes in weather, and, especially if they have young – so give them plenty of other events. Wild animals, farm animals and horses can all behave unpredictably if you get too close space.
- Check weather forecasts before you leave. Conditions can change rapidly especially in the mountains and along the coast, so don't be afraid to turn back. When visiting the coast check tide times at [www.ukho.gov.uk/easytide](http://www.ukho.gov.uk/easytide). Don't risk getting cut off by rising tides and take care on slippery rocks and seaweed.

**Part of the appeal of the countryside is that you can get away from it all. You may not see anyone for hours, and there are many places without clear mobile phone**

signals, so let someone else know where you are going and when you expect to return.

## **Directions to The School House NE71 6TR**

### **From North**

- From the A68, take the A697 south to Coldstream.
- Cross the bridge into England at Coldstream and through Cornhill and take a right turn at the roundabout continuing up the A697.
- Drive approx 10 miles (you will pass the Bluebell Inn at Crookham).
- South of Crookham take the second right to turn off the A697, signposted Howtel B6352 (NB this is soon after the turnoff to Ford Castle)
- Follow that road for approx 3.5 miles and take a left turn for Kilham.
- Go over the bridge and turn left at the T-junction for Kirknewton/Wooler (B6351).
- Follow that road for approx 2.5 miles and take a right turn signposted Hethpool (immediately before a row of cottages).

### **From Berwick**

- Drive past Etal and turn right over Ford bridge.
- At the T-junction take a left turn onto the A697.
- Drive approx 0.5 miles and turn right off the A697, signposted Howtel (B6352)
- Follow that road for approx 3.5 miles and take a left turn for Kilham
- Go over the bridge and turn left at the T-junction for Kirknewton/Wooler (B6351).
- Follow that road for approx 2.5 miles and take a right turn signposted to Hethpool.

### **From the South**

- Head for Morpeth on the A1.
- About 4 miles north of Morpeth turn-off, take the slip-road off the A1 onto A697 for Coldstream/Rothbury/Longhorsely/Wooler.
- Follow the A697 for approximately 50 miles.
- Drive through Wooler and continue on the A697 for around 2 miles (until you see 4 big flag poles) take a left turn here, signposted Kirknewton and Yetholm.
- Drive through Kirknewton and over a small hump-backed bridge.
- Just after the bridge there are some cottages on the left. At the end of the cottages turn left, signposted to Hethpool.

### **And then....**

Follow the road, don't go over the cattle grid at the wagon turning area signposted Trowupburn and Elsdonburn; follow the road which bares left. Soon after this you will pass a row of cottages on your right, this is Hethpool. NB the road beyond Hethpool is private and is therefore not may be marked on all road maps. Ignore the sign at the car park that says 'private road ahead please park here'.

Follow the single-track road for a couple of miles until you come to a fork with a building (Cuddystone Hall) on your right. Take the left fork – not far now – pass the stone sheep and cattle pens on your right and turn immediately right, the Schoolhouse is the white cottage in front of you at the bottom of the slope. Please

park to the right of the cottage in case the farmer needs access to the fields down the track to the left. The kennels are in the building the gable end of which is closest to the cottage.