

# Guest Manual

*Oxwich View Cottage*  
*Port Eynon Beach Cottage*  
*Ivy Cottage*  
*#PORT EYNON*

***Hael Farm Cottages***  
*Gower Accommodation*

# Welcome Note

**ADDRESS**

Ivy Cottage, Port Eynon, SA3 1NN

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A warm welcome to your cottage.

We are happy to share our wonderful cottages with you and thank you for choosing to stay with us. Whether you are here to relax on the beautiful beach, have fun with family or stretch your legs on our coastal path routes, our location is perfect for all your pursuits, with the log burners offering that welcome chance to relax after a full day of exploring.

Our guest manual contains information about the cottages and local area to help you enjoy your stay. You should find everything that you need, but if you have a question that isn't covered in here, please get in touch and let us know how we can help.

We hope you enjoy yourself and visit again in the future!

Best Wishes,

The John Family



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**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you need assistance with anything, please contact:

**Name:** Debbie or Dean

**Phone number:**

0794 3780251 or WhatsApp



or



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If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements to our guest manual these are always welcome.

# Directions To Your Cottage

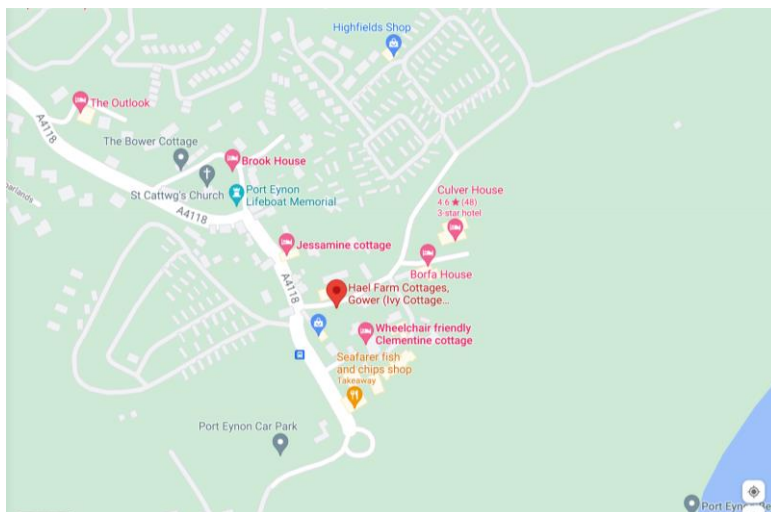
**Arrival Time – Please remember access to the property is from 4.00 pm. If you arrive a little early, you are welcome to park at the property and stretch your legs around Port Eynon.**

Guests with satnav or google maps please enter Ivy Cottage, Port Eynon, SA3 1NN to find the location. Please note there is no street name.

Or alternatively -

Leave the M4 at J42 and proceed along the dual carriageway (A483) into Swansea, past the SA1 development, Sainsburys on the left, through several sets of lights, past the leisure centre (LC2) and the County Hall on the left, follow the dual carriageway road with Swansea Bay immediately on your left. The road becomes Oystermouth road and then Mules road (A4607) and you are heading towards Mumbles. Past the university and Singleton Hospital on your right, playing fields on your right. Then with Blackpill lido on the left and the Woodman pub on the right, take the right filter at the traffic lights and turn right up Mayals Road. Continue up the tree lined hill, across Clyne Common at the top, past the villages of Murton and Bishopston and through Kittle. Approximately ½ mile after Kittle turn right (Pennard Church in front of you), along Vennaway Lane which comes to a T junction after half a mile. Turn left onto the A4118 South Gower Road and proceed through Parkmill, Penmaen, Nicholaston, Perriswood, Knelston and Scurlage to the end of the A4118 terminating in Port Eynon.

Once you have descended into the village just past the Church the road bears to the right. After 100 yards take the turning to the left (signposted Borfa House) and Ivy Cottages are located 100 yards on the right opposite the Ship Inn, set back 40 yards from the road.



## Off Road Parking for Both Properties

If using Oxwich View Cottage, there is space for two cars. Please park parallel to the fence line on the left.

For Port Eynon Beach Cottage, there is space for 2 cars along the wall to the right.

**\*If travelling by public transport please contact us if you need help with planning your journey\***

\*If you have additional vehicles, please contact us.

# Accessibility Statement

**Oxwich View is our cottage on the left, Port Eynon Beach is our cottage to the right, when used together they are known as Ivy Cottage.**

**Arrival Time – Please remember access to the property is from 4.00pm.**

**Oxwich View Cottage** is approached via a gravel driveway and is the cottage to the left-hand side. Parking is provided for two cars and the cars should be drawn up to the end of the lawn parallel to the fence.

Keys to the property can be found in a lockbox beside the front door. Codes will be given prior to your stay. Access is gained through the door of the UPVC porch over the flat flag stone patio. The entrance is sufficiently low to allow wheelchair access. There is a small step (30mm) up into the kitchen and also into the cloakroom toilet. The kitchen leads through to the living area on a level floor.

Stairs in the corner of the kitchen lead to the first-floor bedrooms (one with ensuite) and family bathroom. This cottage is not suitable for guests who have difficulty in climbing stairs.

Access to the private patio and the garden/ barbecue area are either via the side gate from the parking area or one of the two pairs of patio doors from the kitchen and living area.

**Port Eynon Beach Cottage** is approached via a gravel driveway and is the cottage to the right-hand side. Parking is provided for two cars and the cars should be drawn up and parked parallel to the wall on the right-hand side.

Keys to the property can be found in a lockbox beside the front door. Codes will be given prior to your stay. Access is gained through the main front door. The entrance is sufficiently low to allow wheelchair access. Once through the dining area and kitchen area, there is a small step up into the lounge.

Stairs in the corner of the lounge lead to the first-floor bedrooms (one with ensuite) and family bathroom. Located downstairs (next to the dining area) is one double bedroom with ensuite.

There is a small patio area with table and chairs that can be accessed via the lounge area and access to the garden/barbecue area is via a gate from the driveway. Port Eynon Beach Cottage garden is the one on the left.

From this cottage you have permission to use the gate that can be found through the French doors within the lounge area. This will provide you with a more direct route to the beach.

**Please ensure when entering the property, the main gate remains closed for your privacy and the safety of other guests. Please use the gate stop provided if you need to leave the gate open at any time to prevent the gate from swinging into the road.**

# Inventory

**To enable you to plan for your trip; here is a summary of what you will find in either one of our cottages.**

Basic Kitchen consumables: - including salt, pepper, oil, tin foil, clingfilm, kitchen roll & tea towels. Bags/liners for the kitchen bins.

Basic Bathroom consumables: - including toilet paper and handwash.

Cleaning products including dishwasher tablets: - please note powder or pods are NOT provided for the washing machine.

Fully equipped kitchens: including fridge/freezer, hob/oven, microwave, toaster, slow cooker, kettle, washer dryer and dishwasher.

Nespresso By Krups Essenza Mini Coffee Machines.

Iron & Ironing board; clothes dryers and pegs.

Coat hangers.

Towels & linen: - beach towels are not included.

TV situated in the living room and WIFI throughout.

Cot, highchair and stairgates can be provided.

Children's plastic tableware available.

Wood burners: - First basket of fire wood and fire starters/matches are provided. Additional wood can be purchased at Knelston Garage or directly from SA Firewood Suppliers who can deliver to the cottage (Tel: Steven on 07946301890). Please note the cost of this additional wood is paid for by the guest upon delivery.

BBQ Area: We do not supply BBQ's. There is however an area where disposable BBQ's can be used within the gardens. If you would like to BBQ, please bring your own disposable ones with you.

Ice: Many of our guests ask where they can purchase ice. Knelston Garage (you pass on your way to Port Eynon) stocks ice (5 mins drive) as do most of the local campsite shops (within walking distance).

# Need to know – Part 1

**Please note the information in the section on local amenities in relation to food stores and eating options.**

## Heating

Heating and hot water is supplied from an Air Source Heat Pump. Hot water is supplied on demand and heating controls are pre-set and fixed.

You can control the heat in individual rooms by using the radiator thermostats. If the temperature is not warm enough, you can increase this by increasing the setting on the controller (located in the dining area in Port Eynon Beach Cottage and the upstairs landing in Oxwich View Cottage). By pressing the on button, you will see the current temperature of the room. By using the LED arrows, you can change the temperature as required. This will increase the temperature for the current period only, which will revert to the pre-set levels for the next timed period. If the temperature is too high press the down button to lower the setting.

The hot water will automatically continue to be supplied on demand even when the heating is switched off.

Towel radiators are located in each bathroom.

The wood burner is an efficient form of heating. A first basket of wood, kindling, fire starters and matches are available. To light the wood burner, open the vents, loosely scrunch some paper and place in the back of the burner, together with kindling. Light, and as soon as the kindling has caught place some smaller logs on the fire. Once established close the air vents to push the heat into the room space.

**Please remember that the body of the wood burner gets extremely hot once the fire is established and small children must be kept away at all times.**

## Electrical Supply

The electrical circuits have been installed and tested (last test Nov 21) to the latest regulations. The fuse board is located above the door in the kitchen in Oxwich View Cottage and under the window in the dining room of Port Eynon Beach Cottage.

The circuits are marked up by the fuse board.

If a single fuse or RCD trips, try resetting it by flicking it on. If it trips again identify the cause by unplugging any appliances recently plugged in. If the fuse will still not reset, please contact us.

If the trip goes during hours of darkness, there is emergency lighting on the landing and in the kitchen (these can be used as hand held torches). In addition a torch can be found in the drawers next to the sink in the kitchen.

# Need to know – Part 2

## **Refuse and Recycling**

You will find in your kitchen the following bins.

1. Small food bin in the cupboard under the sink – for food waste only.
2. Five black bins marked up as (1) plastics (2) cardboard (3) tins (4) glass (5) general waste.
  - 1) Food waste can be collected in the green bin under the sink where you will also find liners for the bin. Once full these can be tied and transferred to the larger green food waste bin at the end of the drive.
  - 2) General waste (excluding food and recycled items). Black bin liners can be found under the sink. Once full these can be tied and transferred to the large black bin at the end of the driveway.
  - 3) Recycling – Please find more details on what can be recycled on the following pages.
    - a. Clean plastic (as detailed in the following pages) can be placed directly into the bin in the kitchen. Once full this can be transferred to the pink plastic sack located at the end of the driveway.
    - b. Cardboard can be placed FLAT in the bin in the kitchen marked for cardboard. Once full the flat cardboard can be placed in the green bin at the end of the driveway.
    - c. Clean glass/tin (see details in the following pages). Place clean glass/tin items into the correctly marked bins in the kitchen. Once full these can be transferred into the green bins at the end of the driveway.

**PLEASE DO NOT PLACE any items incorrectly into the outside bins as they will not be emptied.**

**PLEASE do not leave large broken items such as beach chairs, rucksacks etc. PLEASE take these items home with you.**

**PLEASE do not be tempted to throw non bagged items into the black bin when leaving the property or emptying the car. Please ensure all waste is bagged in the correct manner before placing into the bins.**

We have a designated collection for all rubbish. **THERE IS NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY GUESTS.** The bins will be emptied and placed back at the end of the driveway.

Collected dog waste should not be put out in the bins but must be disposed of in the special local authority bins located around the village.

Thank you for your co-operation.



# Need to know – Part 4

## **Barbecue**

The barbecue area is available for guests, guests are advised to provide their own disposable barbecue.

Please place the barbecue on the bricks provided to avoid cracking the slate.

Please dispose of spent barbecues, after allowing to cool, in a black bin liner, tie and place in the bin at the end of the driveway. **Please tidy up the area after use.**

## **Appliance Manuals**

The information you require is almost always online at the manufacturer's web site.

"Appliances Online" also have very good information on their web site at ao.com, including "how to use" videos

Please note the washing machines have a 2 minute safety interlock after the cycle is completed. If you try to force the door open before the interlock releases you will break the door handle.

## **WIFI**

WIFI is provided free of charge to guests. Passwords required can be found in the cottages located by the TV.

Please be aware that improper or illegal use of this facility is strictly prohibited.

## **TV**

The TV in Oxwich View Cottage is freeview only.

The TV in Port Eynon Beach Cottage is a smart TV.

# Pets

## **Pets**

Pets are welcome by arrangement. Please observe the following.

- Please keep pets off furniture and beds.
- Please keep pets downstairs. Use the stair gate provided.
- If there is an accident or your pet causes any damage, please let us know before you leave.
- Please make sure you pick up all waste from the driveway or garden in a plastic bag and dispose of in one of the dog waste bins placed around the village. There are poo bags available in the cupboard under the sink if required.
- Please do not wash your pets in the bathrooms, there are outdoor taps at both cottages for this purpose.
- Please do not use the guest towels for your pets, there is a small basket of towels for pet use only.
- There is normally a supplement per week or part week for each pet to cover extra cleaning costs.
- Each property has its own gated garden for your convenience. Please be mindful of other guests and keep your pet's noise to a minimum.
- The Ship Inn and The Smugglers are both dog friendly.
- You are situated perfectly for long walks along the coastal paths or along Port Eynon Beach. Dogs are welcome on the beach from the 1<sup>st</sup> October until the 30<sup>th</sup> April. During the summer months dogs are welcome at the far side of the beach (Horton) which can be accessed using the dunes at the back of the beach or as you access the beach from Port Eynon, dogs are welcome to the right of the Lifeguards hut. Long walks can also be taken across the dunes, behind the beach. If unsure please see the website <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/dogsonbeaches>
- Please note during spring and summer, Adders are common (but rarely seen) in the long grass surrounding the dunes, please be mindful when walking with small children or pets.

Nearest Vet: St James Veterinary Group

Phone Number: 01792 403600

Address: Nearest Clinic is in the Mayals, which is the tree lined road leading from the Mumbles Road, which you came along from Swansea.

Or

Gower Veterinary Surgery

Phone Number: 01792 737195

Address: 68 Edgemoor Close, Upper Killay, Swansea, SA2 7HJ

# Safety Information – Part 1

## **Please Note –**

There is a **torch and basic medical kit** under the sink in each cottage. There is additional emergency lighting on the landing and in the kitchen, these can also be removed and used as torches.

**Fire blankets** can also be found under the sinks in each cottage – please notify us if these are used in the event of a small fire.

The **stopcock** for both cottages is located at the top of the driveway, when leaving the cottage it is just roadside of the gate to the left near the gate column. You may have to move some small stones to locate it.

**Fuse boards** can be found above the kitchen door in Oxwich View Cottage and in the dining area of Port Eynon Beach Cottage.

## **Fire Escape Routes and Evacuation Plan**

The cottages are equipped with hard wired fire and smoke alarms. In the event that one or both are activated or a fire is discovered evacuate the building immediately and notify us. Do not stop to gather any belongings. Assemble in the drive way well away from the buildings and any danger from the fire.

The primary evacuation route is via the main entrance door, but where this is not accessible, use the patio windows from the kitchen or living area.

The balcony window in Oxwich View in the master bedroom on the first floor can also be used, but be aware there is a 10-foot drop onto the path/lawn below.

There are fire blankets in the kitchen area, but this is only suitable for small scale fires and in general the first priority must be evacuation of all persons.

**Please note that these are Non-smoking properties. This includes E-Cigarettes/Vapes.**

**The use of candles (any kind) is also prohibited.**

**Please note our what3words for the location of the cottage. These are HANGS.PINGING.ESCAPING. These will help the emergency services find your location and can be found on the Fire Action Notice located at the front and rear entrances of the cottage.**

## **Children and Safety**

- Please mind the steps.
- Some upstairs windows open fully.
- Cot, highchair and stair gate can be provided.
- The wood burner gets very hot.
- There may be guests with cars next door.
- The cords on blinds can be a hazard for toddlers.

# Safety Information – Part 2

- Please close the main gate when exiting the property.
- **Orange/EE is the only mobile network with reception in Port Eynon.**  
In an emergency if you do not have a mobile signal. Use the phones in The Ship, Smugglers Haunt or the public phone on the roundabout. If in doubt please ask. 0794 3780251.

## **Insurance**

We carry full Public Liability insurance to protect our guests and a copy of the policy is available if required. However, we do not cover guest's personal property and effects of theft, loss, or damage in whatever form and however caused.

You should check your own household policy to ensure you are covered for personal possessions away from the home, and if you are not then you need to take out a holiday/travel policy as you would if you were going abroad.

We sincerely hope that the need to make a claim does not arise, but we do advise you to ensure that you have the appropriate insurance cover during your stay with us.

## **Breakages & Accidents**

Please report breakages, accidental damage to furniture and kitchen equipment, spillages on carpets and spillages or accidental soiling of bed linen and mattresses.

You are unlikely to be charged, but we do need to know so we can repair, replace and renew for future guests.

Please notify us before your departure morning.

Honesty is the best policy and we will appreciate it.

Many Thanks.

# Important Contacts – Part 1

## **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

If you have a real emergency use the emergency services **DIAL 999** but let us know as well, perhaps we can help.

**Mountain Rescue Tel: Dial 999 or 112, then ask for 'Police' then 'Mountain Rescue'.**

### **Make a note of all relevant details:**

- Location (with a grid reference if possible)
- Name, gender and age of casualty
- Nature of injuries or emergency
- Number of people in the party
- Your mobile phone number

Give all your prepared details of the incident and **STAY WHERE YOU ARE** until contacted by the rescue team. If you have to make a further 999 call, follow this procedure in full again.

If you have hearing or speech difficulties, you can contact the 999 emergency services by text. You will only be able to use this service if you are registered with emergency SMS first, so register now — don't wait for an emergency! Text 'register' to 999 then follow the instructions sent. In an emergency, contact the emergency SMS service by texting 999. Your message should include 'Police' + details of incident + location.

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## **RNLI Lifeguards**

Present on the beach from the beginning of April through to the end of August.

# Important Contacts – Part 2

If you have a minor emergency here are the local points of contact:

**Nearest medical center: The Gower Medical Practice**

**Phone number: 01792 390413**

**Address: Nearest surgery can be found in Scurlage.**

From the cottage head up the hill out of Port Eynon, continue for approximately one mile, then turn left following the sign to Rhosilli. The surgery is located on the right 100 yards after the turning. There is also a chemist next to the surgery. \*Please note this surgery is not open every day, the doctors divide their time between Pennard and Scurlage. So please ring in advance and check whether you should visit Scurlage or Pennard.

**\*There is a basic first aid kit located in the kitchen of each cottage.**

**Closest A&E department is Morriston Hospital - Heol Maes Eglwys, Morriston SA6 6NL**

**Nearest Vet: St James Veterinary Group**

**Phone Number: 01792 403600**

**Address: Nearest Clinic is in the Mayals, which is the tree lined road leading from the Mumbles Road, which you came along from Swansea.**

Or


**Gower Veterinary Surgery**

**Phone Number: 01792 737195**

**Address: 68 Edgemoor Close, Upper Killay, Swansea, SA2 7HJ**

Any other emergencies: please ask us, we normally have a solution.

**Name:** Debbie or Dean

**Phone number:** 0794 3780251 

**E-mail:** enquiries@haelfarmcottages.co.uk

# Local Amenities – Part 1

## **Location:**

The Cottages are situated just 150m from the beach and walking distance to all the local amenities including pub, restaurant, takeaways to suit all the family, a coffee shop, surf shop and general stores for provisions.

Port Eynon is the most southerly point of the Gower peninsula and surrounded by stunning coast and countryside vistas - there is nothing like the view over the village with the sea stretching to the horizon as you begin your descent down into Port Eynon via the winding lane. The former fishing village is a popular beach resort and although there is no port as the name suggests, it was once dominated by oyster fishing and the remains of the oyster pools and old harbour can be seen at low tide. The Blue Flag beach is backed by magnificent sand dunes to stretch your legs. Walking to the west, the Salt House ruins at the headland are a favourite walking destination and were once used by smugglers, whilst to the east you will find Horton or for those with more energy the beach provides direct access to the coastal path.

## **Food supplies:**

In Port Eynon there are local shops on the camp sites (Highfield Caravan Park has a well-stocked shop) and mini markets at Scurlage and Knelston garage, both of which have a wide variety of produce including fresh bread, milk and newspapers. Tesco and Sainsbury deliver to the area and you are advised to take advantage of this facility. Use the post code SA3 1NN and the landmark "opposite the Ship Inn". The sign at the entrance is Ivy Cottage. Please remember to add the name of your cottage in the additional information: Port Eynon Beach Cottage (right) or Oxwich View Cottage (left).

During the summer months there are often local produce markets held at the Gower Heritage Centre, The Gower Market held in Three Crosses and there's also a farmers market in Mumbles - but please check their website or Facebook pages for further details. Some of the farms you pass through also have vegetables or fruit picking options during the summer months.

Another favourite for guests who like to barbecue or just really like a good bacon sandwich! Gower Coast Meat – Butchers in LLanmorlais.

# Local Amenities – Part 2

**Eating Options:** The Ship Inn is our local pub where you can enjoy food and drink and not have to worry about driving home! The pub is both child and dog friendly.

There are also two fish and chip shops on the sea front. The Captains Table and the Seafarer, offering food, cold drinks and breakfast options. The Smugglers Beach Bar & Kitchen has a great outdoor space for catching those last sun rays and food and alcoholic drinks are available.

The Beach House Surf & Coffee shop has a wide variety of coffees, teas and delicious cakes and sandwiches if you are looking for a little something between meals.

Ships Ahoy Fish & Chip Shop, Scurlage (Easter/Summer open times). Three Cliffs Campsite (a short car journey) has two vendors that visit during the peak holiday months which are also great alternatives. Food Anarchy and The Gower Dough co. Please check their Facebook pages.

And let's not forget ice cream! Try one of the many ice cream flavours down the front or buy a tub of Joe's or Gower Gelato – made right here in Wales.

Further afield there are more restaurants and pubs in The Gower – please check our website.

<https://www.haelfarmcottages.co.uk/category/pubs-and-restaurants/>

\*From late October through to the start of Easter, some of the eateries at the front are closed. Please check with us before you visit if you would like further information.

**ATM'S:** The nearest free to use machines are in Mumbles or Killay. There are cash machines in Knelston Garage and Scurlage which charge for cash withdrawals.

**Post Office:** There is a post office in the village of Reynoldston.

**Taxi:** There are two taxi firms, booking ahead is essential.

Mike's Taxis - 07970 523019/07854 374344 – local

Oyster Cabs - 01792 367777 – Mumbles & Swansea based (and will charge an additional call out fee to the Gower).



# Local Amenities – Part 3

**Bus Routes:**

Bus service runs from Port Eynon (115,117,118,119).

Gower Heritage Centre, Oxwich Bay, Three Cliffs Bay and Swansea can be reached from the village. Please check the noticeboard or online for further details.

**Cycle Repair:**

Essential Cycles – located at Gower Heritage Centre.  
Tel: 07968 705282

# What To Do – Coastal Walks

## Coast Walks

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/coastal-walks-wales>

[Top coastal walks in North and South Wales | National Trust](#)

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/rhosili-and-south-gower-coast/lists/top-walks-on-gower>

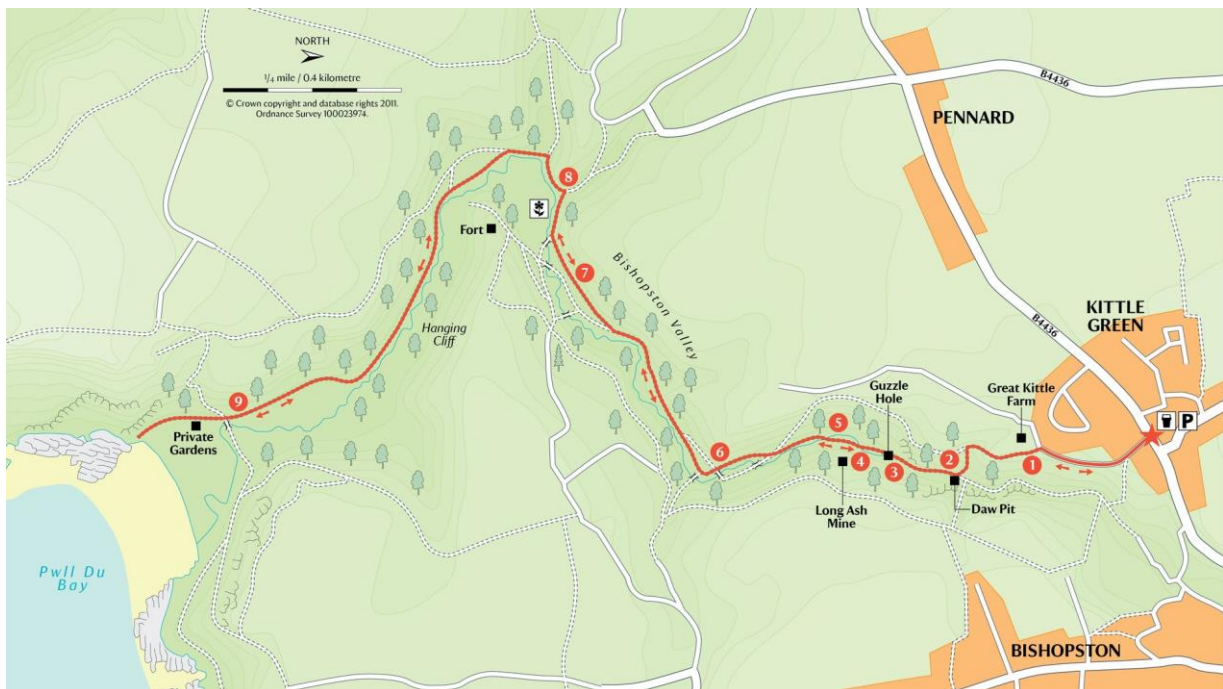
[Top walks on Gower | National Trust](#)

Use the websites above for Wales coastal path walks. Information plus printable maps for your reference.

Recommended areas for you in close proximity:

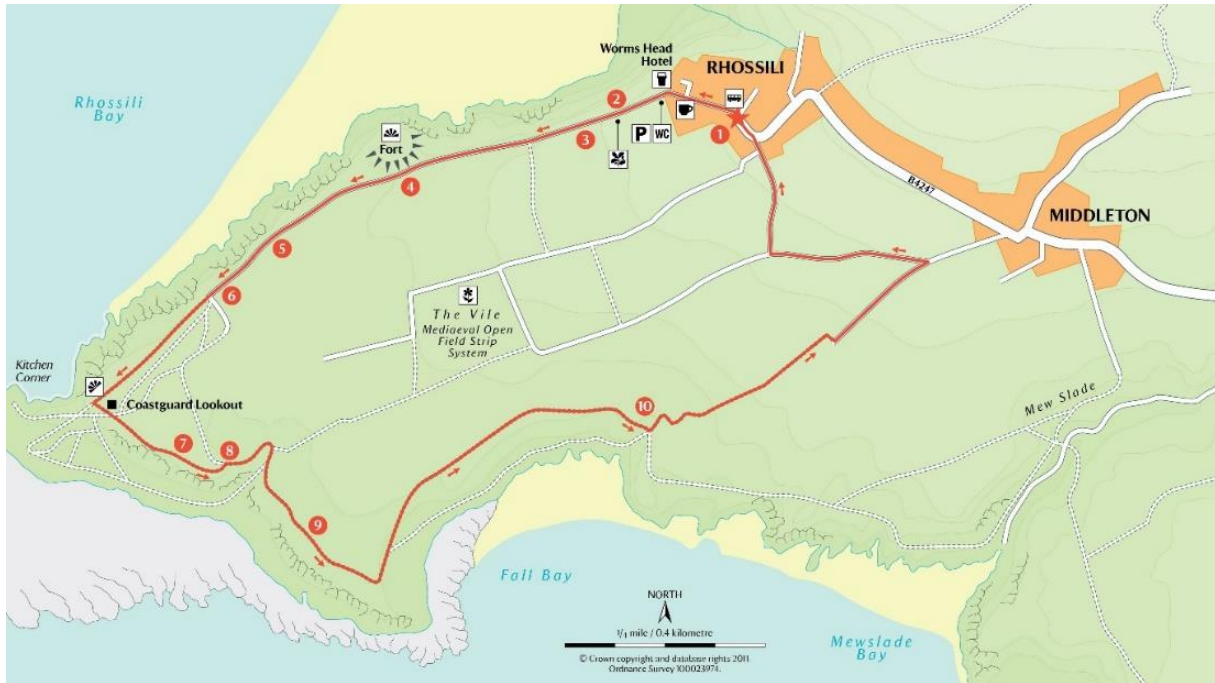
Pennard Cliffs, Penmaen Burrows, Three Cliffs Bay, Whiteford Burrows & Cwm Ivy, Rhosili Bay & The Worms Head, Bishopston Valley, Southgate, Hunts Bay, Pwll Du Bay.

## Bishopston Valley

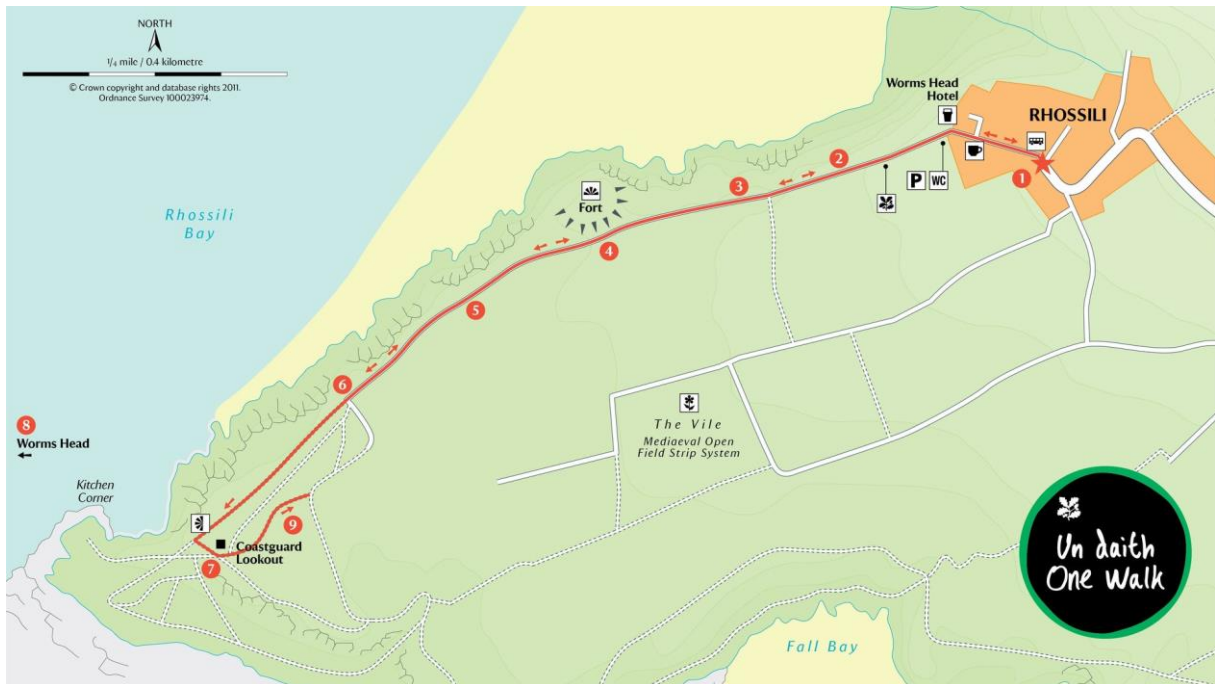


# What To Do – Coastal Walks

## Rhosili Headland Walk

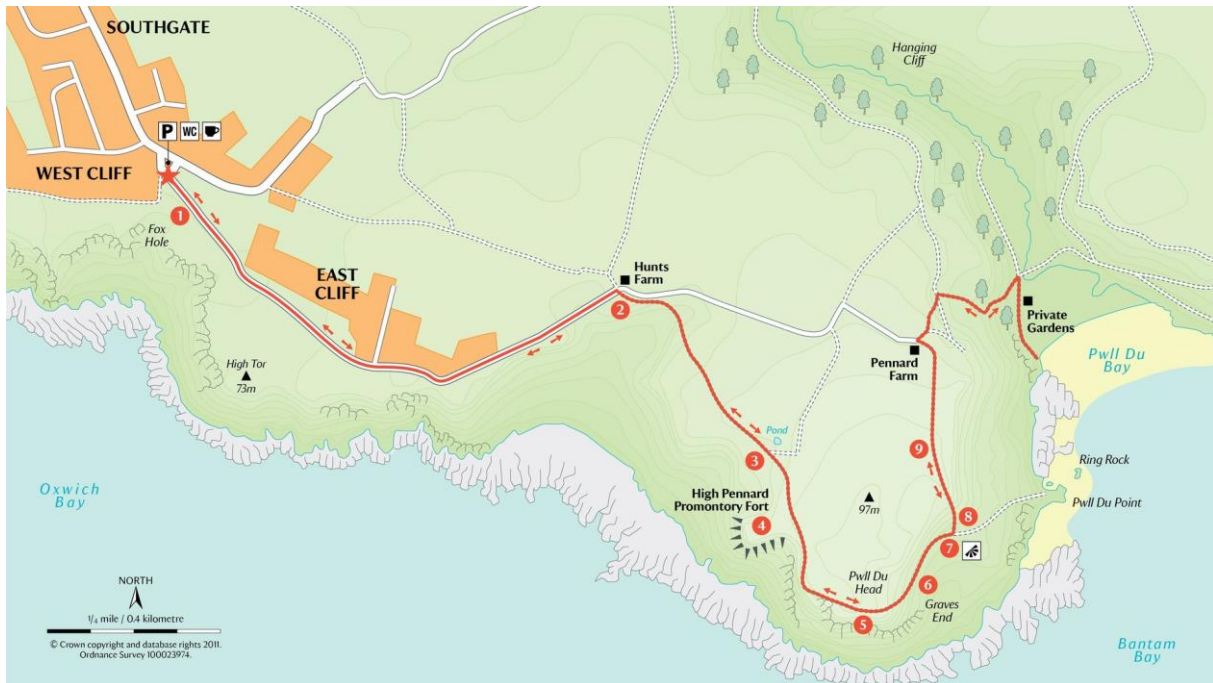


## Serpents, seascapes & shipwreck walk



# What To Do – Coastal Walks

## Southgate, Hunts Bay & Pwll Du circular walk



## Southgate to Three Cliffs



# What To Do – Coastal Walks

## Gower Super Challenge Walk Day 1

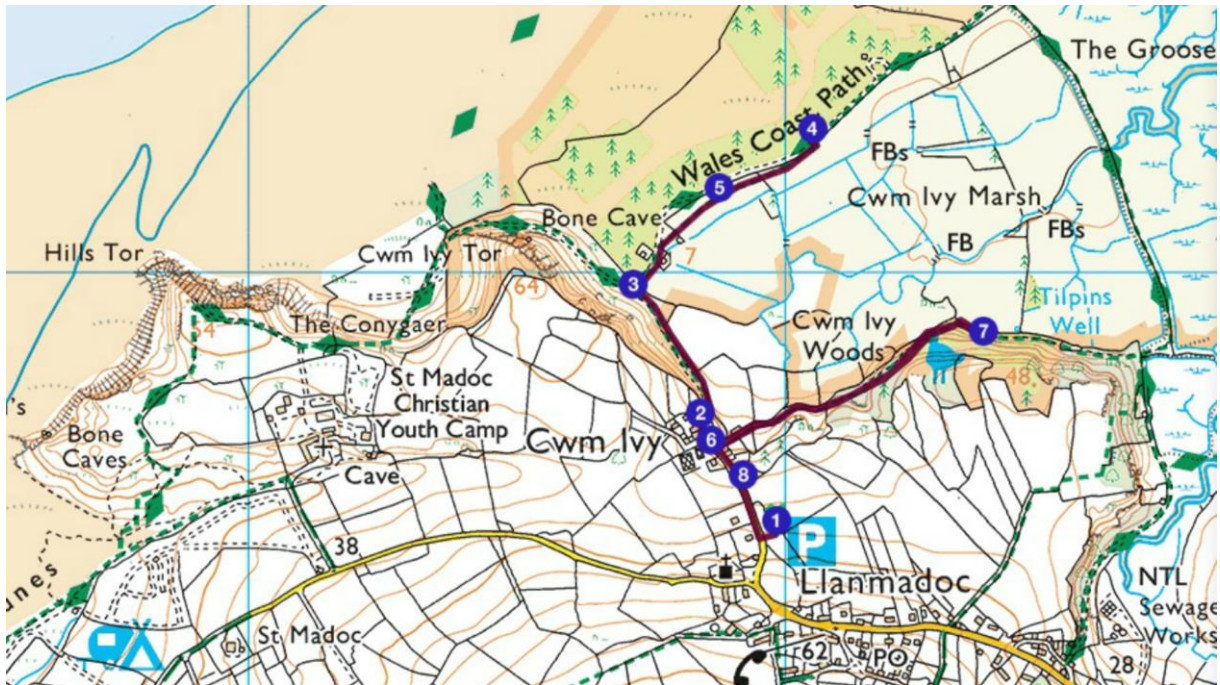


## Gower Super Challenge Walk Day 2



# What To Do – Coastal Walks

## Explore Cwm Ivy



It is important to highlight that not everyone wants to take on the coastal path during their visit, there are still plenty of opportunities of enjoying the area by driving to your destination and then strolling on our beautiful beaches and more.

**Visit:** <https://www.haelfarmcottages.co.uk/category/gower-beaches/>

### **Nature Reserves**

Explore our lovely nature reserves at Oxwich and Whiteford.

<https://www.visitwales.com/attraction/nature-or-wildlife/oxwich-nature-reserve-nrw-1843419>

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/whiteford-and-north-gower>

# What To Do – Part 1

**Please view our website for things to do!**

**[www.Haelfarmcottages.co.uk](http://www.Haelfarmcottages.co.uk)**

We also advise you download the "This is Gower" App which provides a great guide to the Gower.

## **Golf**

### **Pennard Golf Club**

Phone 01792 233451 or visit the website:

Visit: <http://www.pennardgolfclub.com/>

## **For The Kids**

### **Gower Coast Adventures**

Phone 01792 348229 or 07866 250440 or

Email: [info@gowercoastadventures.co.uk](mailto:info@gowercoastadventures.co.uk)

Visit: <https://www.gowercoastadventures.co.uk/>

### **Gower Heritage Centre**

Phone 01792 371661 or email: [info@gowerheritagecentre.co.uk](mailto:info@gowerheritagecentre.co.uk)

Visit: <https://www.gowerheritagecentre.co.uk>

### **Horse riding or pony trekking**

[Horse B&B & Livery, Rhossili – Pilton Moor Stables and Cottages](#)

Tel: 01792 390554

### **Perriswood Archery & Falconry Centre**

Phone 01792 371661

Email: [perriswoodarchery@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:perriswoodarchery@tiscali.co.uk)

Visit: <https://www.perriswood.com/>

# What To Do – Part 2

## Surfing

[Gower Surf School, Learn to Surf & Surfboard hire at Caswell bay, Swansea, gower, Surfing lessons in Wales \(gowersurfing.com\)](http://gowersurfing.com/)

<http://gowersurfing.com/>

[Progress Surf School Swansea Gower – Learn to Surf, Surfing Lessons in South Wales \(swanseasurfing.com\)](https://www.swanseasurfing.com/)

<https://www.swanseasurfing.com/>

[:::Llangennith Surf School :::](http://www.llangennithsurfschool.com/)

<http://www.llangennithsurfschool.com/>

## Activities

Body boarding, caving, climbing, kayaking, canoeing.

[Gower Adventures – Activity Days & Outdoor Pursuits](https://www.goweradventures.co.uk/)

<https://www.goweradventures.co.uk/>

## Abseiling & Climbing

Outdoors Matters - Phone 07849 109100 or visit: <http://www.outdoor-matters.co.uk>

Rip N Rock - Phone 07815 784122

Visit: <https://www.ripnrock.co.uk/>

## For The Adults

### Gin Tasting & Tours

Located in Port Eynon – at the top of the hill!

Gower Gin

Phone: 07854 319768

Email: [info@thegowergincompany.wales](mailto:info@thegowergincompany.wales)

**Visit:** <https://www.thegowergincompany.wales>



# Seasonal Activities & Events

I'm sure there are many more activities & events happening in the local community and surrounding area but here's a small summary of some of the things to look out for when visiting. Please check Websites or Facebook pages to confirm exact dates and timings or ask one of us!

- January - March      The start of the year is very quiet in the local community. A perfect time to visit to blow off the cobwebs or enjoy some early Spring sunshine if you are lucky. Regardless of the weather the cottages offer a perfect retreat from it all. Please remember as the "season" has not begun, some local eateries and stores will be closed. Please ensure you bring with you what you need or if you need any additional information please ask.
- March                      Easter Activity for the children at Poundffald Farm (Facebook@GowerFreshChristmasTrees) located in Three Crosses.
- April                        By now the local community and campsites are getting ready to receive guests. You will find more open for eating out, takeaways or topping up on supplies.
- RNLI lifeguards return to our beach.
- Gowers Farmers Market – was located in Scurlage, now found at Poundfflad Farm – which means they can open in any weather. Lots of amazing local produce to be found – be early to get what you need! (Facebook@GowerFarmersMarket)
- Horton Lifeboat Shop – our local RNLI lifeboat store – please visit and contribute a little to the great work they do.
- Adders! They really don't want to bother you and if they see you coming, they will happily slide away. Not often seen but they are around. Please take care when walking dogs or children through long grass areas – such as the dunes behind the beach.
- May                         April/May is a stunning time to be in the wooded areas in our local area. Blue Bells, wild garlic and much more to see. Areas around Parc Le Breos, Gower Heritage Centre, Bishopston Valley and the wooded walkway from Gower Heritage Centre to Three Cliffs Bay.
- June                         Gower PYO Strawberries (Facebook@GowerPickYourOwn), Scurlage Farm, Scurlage. Amazing strawberries, raspberries, picnic area, tea and homemade cakes – what more could you ask for. Open from early June to early September.

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- July
- King Arthur Hotel, Reynoldstone – An evening watching the Morris dancers to mark the Summer Solstice.
- Rhosili Sunflowers (Facebook@RhosiliSunflowers) – Through July and August. An amazing sight. Should also feature lavender fields from Summer 2023.
- Gower Triathlon / Gower Bike Ride / Iron Man – we have lots of local sporting events. You may want to stay with us to attend one of the many events. Please look out for planned road closures around these events.
- August
- Horton Life Boat Open Days – for the children (and adults). Pop over to see when they are holding their open days.
- Seashore Safaris – run throughout August by marine biologist Judith Oakley. Port Eynon Beach is included plus other surrounding areas. Check her facebook page for details (Facebook@Seashoresafaris).
- The Gower show – The annual Gower Show is held on the 1st Sunday in August each year. The venue is Penrice Castle Park, Reynoldston, Gower. A traditional one-day agricultural show - a fun day out for all the family.
- Oystermouth Castle – outdoor theatre performances. If your planning on visiting Mumbles during your stay, look out for the outdoor theatre performances held throughout August.
- September
- RNLI Lifeguards – end of peak season and no long present at the beach.
- Sunday roasts are back on the table at The Ship Inn.
- October
- Pumpkin Picking at Poundffald Farm (Facebook@GowerFreshChristmasTrees) located in Three Crosses.
- Cider & Music Festival at the Gower Heritage Centre.
- November
- Firework display – There is a local firework display on the village green, enjoy the fireworks and be prepared if visiting with your four legged friend. The King Arthur Hotel also hold an annual firework display.
- December
- Book your Christmas dinner at The Ship Inn.

# Welcome Tray – Part 1

We thought you might like to know where you can find all the lovely goodies on your welcome tray!

**Gower Chocolates** – Currently changing hands – we hope to have more information in the future – or perhaps a different goodie on our tray.

## **Gower Brewery -**

Their story - Crafting ales of outstanding natural beauty in the heart of Gower, Wales since 2011, each handcrafted brew inspired by the wonder of hazy morning mist over the estuary, sea-kissed sand-filled vistas, clean surf and miles of rugged coastlines. As the Gower Peninsula was named the first area of outstanding natural beauty in the UK, we continually brew quality beers that echo the magnificence of the landscape around us. As a multi-award winning brewery, that's our heritage.

If you would like to drink one straight from the tap, The Ship Inn is your closest pub for trying the different brews, as are many of the pubs in the local area. I know that you can purchase cases of beer through their website and you can also find them locally in many of the local and larger chain food stores. If you are staying for a few days their delivery is normally the next day and you are very local to them whilst staying in the cottage. Please check with them first, you don't want your delivery arriving after you have left! Although I wouldn't mind 😊

You can also book guided tours of the brewery in Penclawdd (only available on a Friday evening).

<https://gowerbrewery.com>

## **Welsh Brew –**

Perhaps not as niche as our chocolates, coffee and marmalade. Everyone has their favourite tea and if yours is Welsh Brew or you have been converted during your stay, you can purchase in many of our local and large chain food stores.

## **Gower Coffee –**

Their story - Gower Coffee is all about slowing down; savouring. We cultivate tasty blends that echo the landscape and surf breaks around us.

Our blends are the taste of our land. Of coastal paths, salt air and sunrise surfs. We know what a privilege it is to live in our cosy corner of Wales. Our coffee aims to bring you that slow-morning-good-conversation-breathtaking-beach-feel in a mug.

# Welcome Tray – Part 2

Grown from our roots as Italian restaurateurs in the heart of Swansea, we know how important people and places are. For such a small peninsula, the Gower offers an incredible variety of surf breaks and landscapes; there is something to suit everyone.

We've echoed this in our range offering organic blends, whole beans and commercial packages.

In the cottage we have a small supply of the coffee capsules for your enjoyment. Check their website for every other kind of coffee! If you are in Swansea town centre don't miss out on sitting down and enjoying a cup @ Kardomah Restaurant, 11 Portland Street. You will also spot the coffee in local stores – we hope you enjoy your first coffee of the day!

<https://www.gowercoffeecompany.co.uk>

## **Tan Y Castell Welsh Cakes –**

My favourite Welsh cake! You will see them in lots of places alongside other brands. Eat them hot or cold, plain or topped with jam. Personally, I eat them straight from the packet, normally on the way home from my weekly shop!

## **Welsh Lady Marmalade –**

Their story - Welsh Lady Preserves was established in 1966 in Pwllheli, North Wales. Founded by Dio and Marion Jones the company is now run by the second and third generations of the family- son John with his wife Carol and their daughter Hannah. Taste and quality are our number one priorities so much so that we have won a number of awards for various different products that we produce. This includes winning the Supreme Champion on two different occasions at the Great Taste Awards for our All Butter Lemon Curd and our Apple & Cinnamon Curd.

Our products are traditionally handmade, with carefully chosen ingredients, and cooked in copper-bottomed open boiling pans. Making it as close to homemade as possible for the best possible taste.

Look at their website for chutneys, preserves, marmalades, mustards, curds, jellies and much more. You can purchase online (sometimes a 3 jar minimum, check their website for more details). You can often find the Welsh Lady team at local markets and their products in local food and gift stores in the Gower, plus at least one large food chain.

<https://www.welshladypreserves.com>

# Checking out

## CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

We hope you enjoyed your stay!

**As a reminder, check-out is by 10.00am on the day that your booking ends.**

Exit Checklist prior to vacating the cottage –

1. Please strip used beds of duvet covers, sheets and pillowcases and place in the large red or blue sacks (which can be found on your bathroom door) together with used towels and bath mats. **Please DO NOT remove the protectors from the pillows or beds.**
2. Tie up securely any remaining rubbish and place in the black bin at the top of the driveway. Please do not put loose rubbish, ensure all rubbish is placed in a black sack before disposal. If you have food waste from your small food bin (in the kitchen), please place this in the green bin outside your cottage.
3. Ensure any dirty crockery/utensils are placed in the dishwasher on a wash cycle before leaving the property.
4. Check all drawers to make sure you haven't left anything behind.
5. Make sure you have all personal belongings with you when you leave.
6. Please leave the cottage in the condition in which you found it.
7. Leave a note of any breakages. You will not normally be charged for these, but we do need to know so they can be replaced/fixed for future guests.
8. Please close windows and lock all doors (including patio doors). Ensure keys are left in doors and not in pockets!
9. Please return the main front door key to the lockbox outside the property.
10. Please drop us an email at [enquiries@haelfarmcottages.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@haelfarmcottages.co.uk) with a note of anything not entirely to your satisfaction together with any suggestions that could have improved your experience.

Have a safe journey home!



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# Cottage Referral Scheme

If you enjoyed your stay why not recommend us to a friend or member of your family!

Please make a recommendation, upon a confirmed booking of a friend or family member you will receive a £50 gift voucher for long stays booked or £25 for short stays.

You can redeem the gift as a discount on a future booking or as a discount for the guests you have recommended. The choice is yours.

All you have to do to collect your gift is email us the name and contact details of the party you are recommending the cottages to, or alternatively get them to claim the gift by reference to yourselves.

