



Brookville

Guest Information



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I first visited Combe Martin 45 years ago, and I have many cherished childhood memories of a place I consider my second home. Year after year I return, each time finding something new and interesting.

In my late teens, I introduced my then girlfriend, now my wife, to this beautiful part of North Devon and ever since we have come back time and time again.

In early 2017, during one of those regular visits, we stumbled across *Brookville*, and we knew instantly we wanted to buy it.

After many months, we became proud owners and embarked on a long renovation and refurbishment project which finished in February 2018.

We have done our utmost to make your stay as enjoyable and comfortable as possible and hope you enjoy *Brookville*, Combe Martin and North Devon as much as we do.

Thank You.

Mark & Julie

Owners

Combe Martin is a little gem at the heart of the beautiful coastline of the North Devon Coast and is the perfect place to visit and stay whether for a short break or a family holiday.

Cheerful, friendly and fun, it offers something for everyone including hours of fun rock pooling with the children, fishing, walking the southwest coastal path which runs through the village, visiting the local Dinosaur & Wildlife Park, Watermouth Castle, coasteering and rock climbing, horse riding and much more.

Combe Martin is located on the western edge of Exmoor National Park in a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is a perfect base for exploring all that North Devon has to offer.

General Information

This Guest Information folder should provide basic details about *Brookville* and the local area.

If you feel there is additional information that would be useful to be included for other guests, then please feel free to email us.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your stay at *Brookville*.

Contact Information

Whilst we make every effort to ensure *Brookville* is in full working order, occasionally something goes wrong. We want your stay to be as enjoyable as possible and therefore if you have any issues or queries then please let our caretaker know and he will work with you to resolve the problem as quickly as possible. Our friendly housekeeper, Clair, lives in the village and has a wealth of information, so please do not hesitate to contact her should you need help.

Clair +44 (0) 7535 977856

Should you wish to contact us to let us know about your stay, report a non urgent issue, want to make suggestions for improvement or just want to say 'hello' then please feel free to email us

owners@brookville-cottage.co.uk

The property address is :-

Brookville, Western Gardens, Combe Martin, Ilfracombe, Devon, EX34 0EY

Brookville also has its own website and Facebook pages where you can find additional useful information. Why not visit the site and like our Facebook page for the latest information.



www.facebook.com/BrookvilleCottage



www.brookville-cottage.co.uk

General Information

Internet & Wifi

We are lucky to have a super fast broadband link with unlimited use, and the wifi signal can be found in all areas of the house.

Please feel free to connect your devices but please only use for personal and legal purposes.

Wifi Name: **TNCAPA97C8D**

Password : **E91580C50B** (case sensitive)

Smoking

You are respectfully reminded that *Brookville* is a non-smoking establishment and we request that you refrain from smoking whilst in the house.

Fire Safety

In the event of a fire the smoke detectors will sound an alarm.

There are fire extinguishers located on each floor, which may be used, **ONLY IF SAFE TO DO SO**

Please evacuate the building as quickly and calmly as possible. Please close all doors and do not stop to pick up belongings.

Please familiarise yourself with your means of escape which is as follows:

Front Door & Back Door on the ground floor, and via the french windows on the top floor.

Call the emergency services on **999**

Contact our housekeeper :

Clair +44 (0) 7806 445 977

General Information

First Aid

A first kit can be found in the cupboard under the kitchen sink.

Emergency medical information can be found elsewhere in this folder.

Heating & Hot Water

We have a combi-boiler system which means hot water is available on demand at all times.

The heating is on a timer and comes on in the morning and evening, however, if you wish to have the heating on then the timer can be overridden by using the NEST thermostat.

If you have any issues with the heating, please call our caretaker, who can control the heating remotely.

Maintenance

We make every effort to ensure that everything is in good working order, but occasionally you might find something that requires some attention. For major issues please contact our caretaker who will be happy to assist, however, if its something minor then please complete a maintenance request slip and leave on the dining table at the end of your visit so it can be rectified ready for the next guest.

Garden & BBQ

The garden can either be accessed via the french doors in the top bedroom, or via the footpath to the right of the car park.

Please do not use the steps by the ground floor rear door as they are old and unsafe. This access route has therefore been blocked for your safety.

The garden has a charcoal BBQ which you are welcome to use, however, we do ask that you leave in an appropriate state after use ready for the next guest.

Log Burner

There is nothing nicer on a cold day than to snuggle in front of the fire, so please feel free to light the log burner for which we have provided a basket of logs for your use. Additional logs can be used from our log store located in the Brookville car park.

Log burners get extremely hot, so please ensure you use the fireguard provided and keep the children safely away from the area immediately surrounding the stove.

Pillows and Blankets

Additional pillows and blankets can be found in the top of the bedroom wardrobes.

Entertainment

A selection of DVDs, games and books can be found in the lounge bookcase.

All TV's have Amazon Firesticks installed which allow access to all the major channels and radio stations via an app. Terrestrial Freeview channels are only available on the lounge TV.

In addition, we have provided Netflix which can be accessed by all TV's, either via the Amazon Firestick or via the Netflix button on the TV remote control.

A CD player / bluetooth speaker can also be found in the lounge, unfortunately FM and digital radio signals are too weak to be picked up. However, radio stations can be found on the TVs via the app on the Amazon Firestick.

Instruction Manuals

Appliance instruction manuals can be found at the back of this folder.

Guest Book

We love reading your comments in the guest book so it is always appreciated when people take the time to write their messages.

Had a fabulous meal somewhere? Found a great location to visit? Got a great tip or hint for other guests? These are the type of things everyone enjoys reading.

Refuse & Recycling

Our refuse and recycling is collected on a Monday.

Please leave any rubbish to be collected by the Front garden wall.

Departure

After a great holiday, its always sad to leave, but when the time comes, here is a useful checklist :

- Please leave by 10am on day of departure
- Leave any comments in the Guest Book
- Complete a maintenance slip for any maintenance issues
- Place the door key in the key safe by the front door
- Place any other keys on the kitchen table
- Check to ensure you have taken all your belongings
- Place dirty crockery etc in the dishwasher and start
- Like the Brookville Facebook page !

Travel

Bus

The local public bus service, provided by Filers Travel, is the **301** which operates Monday to Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays), travelling from Combe Martin to Barnstable, via Ilfracombe, and back again.

A timetable and route information can be found at :

www.filers.co.uk/bus.htm

www.traveline.info

or call Traveline on 0871 2002233

Train

The nearest train station is in Barnstable, operated by Great Western Railways.

Time table and route information can be found at :

www.nationalrail.co.uk

or call National Rail on 03457 48 49 50 / +44(0)20 7278 5240 (24hr)

Taxi

Andys Cabs +44 (0) 1271 889200

Bag-a-Cab +44 (0) 7890 972578

Ace Taxis +44 (0) 7780 065798

Fire, Ambulance, Police

dial **999**

Medical

In a medical emergency dial 999



For free 24 hour medical assistance dial the NHS on 111

www.nhs.uk

Combe Martin Health Centre

Castle Street, Combe Martin, EX34 0JA
01271 882406

Standard Opening Hours

- Monday: 08:30 – 12:30 -14:00 – 18:00
- Tuesday: 08:30 – 12:30 -14:00 – 18:00
- Wednesday: 08:30 – 12:30
- Thursday: 08:30 – 12:30 -14:00 – 18:00
- Friday: 08:30 – 12:30 -14:00 – 18:00

Hospital



The nearest 24 hour Accident and Emergency hospital is :

North Devon District Hospital, Raleigh Park, Barnstaple, EX31 4JB

Pharmacy



Boots Chemist

Borough Road, Combe Martin, EX34 0AN

Walks

The South West Coast Path literally passes our door at Combe Martin. As you descend from the Great Hangman, (tallest cliff in mainland Britain) there are magnificent views across to Wales and as far round as Lundy Island, as well as deep into beautiful Watermouth Bay, before descending a grassy slope overlooking the village.

There are so many walks of breathtaking beauty; the frozen lichen at Tarr Steps in winter can bring to mind Narnia; the sunken miners' trails over Knapp Down lead to stunning views over our valley with its Norman church sitting in the village; from the end of January through February, the snowdrop valleys nearby; the short walks through Old Combe Martin to discover packhorse bridges, lime kilns and narrow lanes; the wide miles of sand and dunes a few miles away, rethought by many to be among the five best beaches in the world.

So whether you're looking for an afternoon stroll to take you to a beautiful view, or for a challenge like no other in hiking some of the South West Coast Path National Trail you've come to the right place in Combe Martin.

For detailed information on the Southwest Cost Path visit www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk

The following are a selection of walks that can be found on southwest website. Either follow the weblink below each walk, or visit the Southwest coast path website and search for the walk name. It

Holdstone Down

START:Overhead barrier car park at Holdstone Down

FINISH:Overhead barrier car park at Holdstone Down

LENGTH:2.3 miles (3.7 km)

SUMMARY:A short walk through a high-level wilderness with ancient settlements, plans for an ambitious Victorian housing estate which fortunately came to nought, and a history of spaceships and extra-terrestrial forces.

Difficulty - Easy

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/258/

Trentishoe Down

START:Elwill Bay, 'Glass box' car park north west of Trentishoe Down

FINISH:Elwill Bay, 'Glass box' car park north west of Trentishoe Down

LENGTH:2.4 miles (3.9 km)

SUMMARY:Moorland, heathland and woodland, with coastal views over dramatically plunging hillsides and across the Bristol Channel

Difficulty - Easy

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/264/

Cherryford Hill

START:Hunter's Inn

FINISH:Hunter's Inn

LENGTH:6.1 miles (9.8 km)

SUMMARY:A bracing walk around a rocky headland high above the sea and into ancient hanging oak woods, then up onto Martinhoe Common, with a breathtaking coastal waterfall, unusual rocks and a tale of a mythical fish along the way.

Difficulty - Challenging

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/249/

Heddon's Mouth

START:Hunter's Inn

FINISH:Hunter's Inn

LENGTH:2.1 miles (3.4 km)

SUMMARY:A gentle stroll through ancient woodland, along a babbling stream to a tiny secluded shingle beach strewn with boulders and shadowed by steep, scree-clad hillsides, with dramatic cliffs of geological importance and tales of smugglers and U-boats.

Difficulty - Easy

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/252/

Little Hangman

START:Kiln Car Park, Combe Martin

FINISH:Kiln Car Park, Combe Martin

LENGTH:2.1 miles (3.3 km)

SUMMARY:A breathtaking walk in both senses of the word, with tremendous views over Combe Martin Bay and inland, and a gentle stroll downhill through an area once famous for its silver mines. A great walk in autumn, when the rusty bracken bristles with banks of purple heather.

Difficulty - Moderate

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/260/

Hillsborough's Sleeping Elephant

START:Car Park, Hillsborough Road, Ilfracombe

FINISH:Car Park, Hillsborough Road, Ilfracombe

LENGTH:1.4 miles (2.3 km)

SUMMARY: A short but demanding walk around Ilfracombe's Hillsborough Nature Reserve, known locally as 'The Sleeping Elephant'. There are far-reaching views to Lundy Island in one direction and the South Wales coast in the other. It also has a bird's-eye view of Ilfracombe, harbour, along with a fourteenth century chapel and the Landmark Theatre.

Difficulty - Moderate

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/104/

The Hangman Hills

START:Combe Martin - Kiln Car Park

FINISH:Combe Martin - Kiln Car Park

LENGTH: 4.7 miles (7.5 km)

SUMMARY: An inspiring walk that amply rewards the effort involved, with far-reaching views over coast and hills, through an area rich in history. A good walk in spring, when primroses and violets surround the new bracken unfurling below bushes covered in blossom. Listen out for warblers, as well as nesting seabirds on the cliffs and ravens on the hillside.

Difficulty - Challenging

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/259/

Sherrycombe and Girt Down

START:Overhead barrier car park at Holdstone Down

FINISH:Overhead barrier car park at Holdstone Down

LENGTH:4.9 miles (7.9 km)

SUMMARY:A high-level walk on coastal heathland, with far-reaching views and a fascinating variety of archaeological remains.

Difficulty - Challenging

www.southwestcoastpath.org.uk/walksdb/262/

Local Amenities

Banks



Lloyds Bank

High Street, Combe Martin, EX34 0EB

Barclays, Natwest and Nationwide can be found in Ilfracombe High Street.

All major banks can also be found in Barnstaple.

Post Office



Nisa Newsagent, King St, Combe Martin, EX34 0AD

Cashpoints

Cashpoints can be found at the Postoffice, Lloyds Bank, and most local convenience shops

Library

Westbourne Terrace, High Street, Combe Martin EX34 0EQ

Open hours

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 – 13:00
- Wednesday: 10:00 – 14:00
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 14:00 -17:00
- Saturday: 10:00 -12:00

Local Food & Drink

Exact locations of the following can be found on the Combe Martin Map in this pack.

Please note that opening hours of all vary depending on time of the year.

Cafe's

Galleon Tea Room

Seating inside or out on the roof terrace overlooking the sea. Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Tea

www.visitcombemartin.com/galleon-tea-room

Harbour Deli

Selection of food and snacks to eat in or takeaway. Breakfast, Baguettes, Salads, Jacket potato, Soup, etc

www.visitcombemartin.com/harbour-deli

Takeaway's

Black and White Chip Shop

A traditional family run fish & chip shop

www.visitcombemartin.com/black-and-white-chip-shop-2

The Top Chippy

Fish and chips, pizzas, burgers

www.visitcombemartin.com/the-top-chippy

Local Food & Drink

Pubs & Restaurants

Dolphin Inn

A traditional pub and bistro with sea views

www.thedolphininnbarandbistro.com

Pack of Cards

Historic listed pub who serve a range of good food in the restaurant including a Sunday Carvery (booking recommended),

www.packocards.co.uk

Castle Inn

Traditional English pub with regular live entertainment

www.thecastleinncombemartin.co.uk

Ye Olde Globe inn (Berryarbor)

Traditional English pub from 1665, who serve good homemade food

www.yeoldeglobe.co.uk

Hunters Inn (Heddons Mouth)

Famous restaurant and pub in the Exmoor National park

www.thehuntersinnexmoor.co.uk

Sawmills (Watermouth)

Newly refurbished restaurant serving burgers, chilli, ribs, chicken, curry, etc

www.oldsawmills.co.uk



Wildlife & Dinosaur Park

www.cmwdp.co.uk

Exmoor Zoo

www.exmoorzoo.co.uk



Watermouth Castle



The Big Sheep

www.thebigsheep.co.uk



Combe Martin Museum

www.combemartinmuseum.co.uk



Arlington Court

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/arlinton-court-and-the-national-trust-carriage-museum



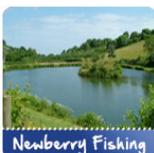
The Milky Way

www.themilkyway.co.uk



Ilfracombe Princess Boat Trip

www.ilfracombepincess.co.uk



Newberry Fishing

www.newberryvalleypark.co.uk/pages/explore-newberry-valley/t:7



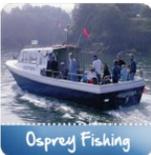
Chambercombe Manor

www.chambercombemanor.org.uk



Tarka Trail By Bike

www.tarkabikes.co.uk



Osprey Fishing Trips

www.ospreycharters.co.uk



Lets Go Bowling

www.letsgobarnstaple.co.uk



Woody Bay Station

www.lynton-rail.co.uk



Ilfracombe Golf Club

www.ilfracombegolfclub.com



Lundy Island

www.landmarktrust.org.uk/lundyisland



Ultimate Adventure Centre

www.ultimateadventurecentre.com

Places to Visit

North Devon is renowned for its pretty villages and superb beaches.

The following are a selected sample of our personal favourite places to see and visit.

These and many more can be found at www.devonguide.com

Combe Martin - Great beach for rock pooling, sunbathing or Kayaking in the summer

Ilfracombe - A harbour town with fishing trips, crazy golf, shops and places to eat and drink.

Lynton & Lynmouth - Pretty village on the coast. Pasties, tourist shops, food and drink. Don't forget to try out the cliff railway which connects the two villages.

Woolacombe - Long sandy beach, with small shops and cafes.

Saunton Sands - Long sandy beach.

Croyde - Sandy beach that is a surfers paradise.

Clovelly - A must see if you like picture postcard villages. Park at the Heritage Centre and walk down a steep hill to the fishing harbour (transport available locally if you can't make the hill!)

Heddons Mouth - Heddons Mouth is a small secluded cove with a stoney beach. To get to it, you have to park at the Hunters Inn pub and walk a couple of miles, but the effort is well worth it. (Not suitable for those who can't walk distances).

There are so many more places to see (including Watersmeet, Lee Bay, Exmoor, Westward Ho!, Woody Bay, Bideford, and of course Exmoor) but part of the fun is discovering these places for yourselves, often by accident.